

**Celebrating Difference** – a 5 week course in the lead up to Easter. In an increasingly polarised world it's crucially important for us to be curious about differences between us, to put ourselves in each other's shoes and re-imagine a better future. The Archbishop's course will help us explore and embrace difference and help us to support reconciliation. Led by Revd Stephen Girling and Caleb Mallard on the five Wednesdays from 4<sup>th</sup> March inclusive, 7pm-9pm, at 'The Bubble' lounge next to the Cross Baths in the city centre. Spaces limited – to book contact Lynn on 01225 422462 or [office@bathabbey.org](mailto:office@bathabbey.org)

**Touch Base:** Ladies, you are very welcome to meet for coffee at the Rectory, 12 Cleveland Walk BA2 6JX on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10am-12noon. Please contact Jebb on 01225 949181 for parking details and directions.

**Volunteers needed:** We are currently recruiting for new welcome volunteers to join the Visitor Services Team. Our welcome volunteers provide a warm, friendly and sensitive welcome to all who enter the Abbey and are the first face a visitor will see. They give brief initial information to visitors and encourage entry donations. To find out more about joining the team please contact Sarah Fielding (Visitor Services Manager) or Jess McKenzie (Deputy Visitor Services Manager) on [visits@bathabbey.org](mailto:visits@bathabbey.org) or 01225 303315.

#### For your prayers

**'...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God,' Philippians 4. 6**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

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**Prayer Focus – Wycliffe Bible Translators:** In the Ife project in Togo, the revised text translations of Ezekiel and Deuteronomy are now complete and ready for the next stage of checking and the first drafts of Psalms and Proverbs are nearing completion. We thank God for continued steady progress. Pray for the whole nation of Togo, against troubled times during the presidential election taking place on 22 February. Pray for the witness of the church, to truth and reconciliation.

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Pray for Home Group Leader: Roger Clifton  
Pray for Contact Group Leaders: Rosemarie and David John  
Pray for the Office Team: Phili, Sue and Lynn

Ministers: Every Member  
Rector: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

Abbey Missioner: The Revd Stephen Girling  
Associate Priest: The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

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**ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**Monday 10.00am – 3.30pm, Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.30pm**

# Welcome

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

## The Second Sunday before Lent

At the beginning of this week we gather to worship God before going to serve him in the city and wider world or here at the Abbey

### 8.00 am Holy Communion

Old Testament Psalm 136:1-9, 23-end (p 587)

Gospel Matthew 6:25-end (p 6)

Preacher The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

### 10.15 am Holy Communion with Baptism of Ranulph Aristides John Allsop Sung by the Abbey Singers

*The Crèche will meet in the South aisle from the start of the service*

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Gospel Matthew 6:25-end (p 6)

Preacher The Revd Evelyn Lee-Barber

*The Gloria is from The Salisbury Service by Grayston Ives;*

*The Sanctus and Agnus Dei are from Darke in E*

### 3.00 pm Choral Evensong with the Choir of St. Mary's, Bathwick

Introit Locus iste Bruckner

Responses Sanders

Psalms 148

Old Testament Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 (p 602)

New Testament Revelation 4 (p 245)

Canticles Murrill in E

Anthem O Lorde, the maker of all thing Joubert

Hymn 343

### 6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

Leader: The Revd Stephen Girling

*A short reflective service with scriptures and prayers to end the day.*

*Everyone welcome.*

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<b>Mon 17</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.30am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
<b>Tues 18</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
<b>Wed 19</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
<b>Thurs 20</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Morning Prayer 10.30 am Holy Communion 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
<b>Fri 21</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm 8.30 am Holy Communion 5.30 pm Evening Prayer
<b>Sat 22</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm 5.30 pm Choral Evensong sung by Sine Nomine Visiting Choir
<b>Sunday 23 - The Sunday next before Lent</b>	The Abbey will be open for visiting 12.15pm-1.45pm and 4.00pm-6.30pm 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.15 am Holy Communion with Sine Nomine Visiting Choir 3.00 pm Choral Evensong with Sine Nomine Visiting Choir 6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

## NOTICES

**Bath Half Marathon sponsorship** – Guy, Stephen, Steve Chamberlain and Louise Perry are running the Bath Half on 15<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for Footprint, if you are able to sponsor them please do so on the form near the coffee station on a Sunday, in the Abbey office or on <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/bath-abbey-marathon-team/>. Juliet Newton, member of the Abbey, is running to raise money for the RUH New Cancer Centre Appeal, to sponsor Juliet go to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/juliet-newton1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/juliet-newton1). Thank you.

**Baptism and confirmations on Easter Sunday:** Are you considering baptism and confirmation? If so we would like to know as Evelyn will run preparation classes starting in March: [evelyn@bathabbey.org](mailto:evelyn@bathabbey.org) (if work commitments make it difficult for particular days, that can be worked around).

**A reminder that you can listen again to our Sunday sermons** at your own leisure at the following link <https://www.bathabbey.org/worship-and-music/listen-again/>

**Easter Experience:** Thank you to all volunteers who have stepped forward to help with Easter Experience, however, we are still in need of more help. We are inviting schools to come to the Abbey between 16 - 27 March for hands on activities which explore the main events of the Easter Story. We have three roles available, activity lead, activity support and hospitality. If you are able to help contact Jess, Deputy Visitor Services Manager, by emailing [jmckenzie@bathabbey.org](mailto:jmckenzie@bathabbey.org) or calling the Abbey Office on 01225 422462.

**Lent books 2020:** Due to the temporary closure of the Abbey Shop, a full range of Lent books will not be available this year, but never fear – a limited stock of three exciting new titles will be available to browse and buy for £9.99 from the Welcome Desk. The available titles are *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020), *The Grace-filled Wilderness* by Magdalen Smith, and *My Sour-Sweet Days* by Mark Oakley. Any queries, please email Lorna Blythe [lbythe@bathabbey.org](mailto:lbythe@bathabbey.org)

**Home for Good**, a charity which supports fostering and adoption in BANES, is looking for eleven more families so that no vulnerable child needs a loving home. Please join us in prayer for the right people to come forward and pray for those Churches where people are being prompted to adopt or foster. For more details contact Dave Kingswood [batharea@homeforgood.org.uk](mailto:batharea@homeforgood.org.uk)

**Tom Grendon is a member of the Abbey currently at Durham University.** The Christian Union is putting on a week of mission-focussed events from 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February, seeking to lovingly present God's vision for every sphere of life. Now into the final stages of the preparation, they long for friends to know the breadth and depth of hope that they have in Jesus and for hundreds to take steps towards knowing Him. We are asked to pray for this week, for organisation and energy of the whole team, to speak with humility and love, and ultimately that God would be given glory.

**The Abbey Men's Group** will meet on Wednesday, 19 February at 10am at St Michael's Without. Our speaker will be Canon John Crowe and his subject is "*Making contact with the history of 5 generations of Lutheran Pastors, from the Kingdom of Hanover, from 200 years ago*". We will gather in the cafe area and then go down to the crypt for the talk at 10.30am. We will conclude at 11.30am sharp. Do come and hear a most interesting talk.

**Prayer for Bath in the Abbey, Tuesday 25 February** at 7.30pm-9pm followed by pancakes. This is a free event, everyone is welcome. This is an opportunity for us to come together to pray for our city.

**'Come and See!'** was Jesus' own invitation to his first followers. You are warmly invited to a special **'Come and See!'** Evening on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Abbey, for 3 exciting celebrations rolled into 1:

- An **Introduction to the Abbey's Mission Action Plan for 2020-25** - following our series of 2020 Vision consultations last year
- A **Celebration of Completing Phase 2 of Footprint**, as we move into Phase 3 and on towards the end of the build phase of the project
- A **Launch of our Abbey Stewardship Campaign** being held during Lent, inviting us each to commit practically to the Abbey's Vision and Mission priorities

**All Most Welcome.** Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start, 9pm finish.