

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 or calling the Abbey Office on 01225 422462.

One Good Friday – a Passion Play by Bath and for Bath. Thank you for all your support and prayers for One Good Friday Bath 2020. We still need a few members of cast and lots of stewards to help on the day of the performance. We also need someone to play a shofar during the performance - if you think you might be able to help with these please contact Caroline by email - caroline.sa.deakin@gmail.com.

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 (if work commitments make it difficult for particular days, that can be worked around).

For your prayers

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

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Focus – Wycliffe Bible Translators: The Old Testament translation work in the Iife language of Togo and Benin, spoken by over 200,000 people, is well underway. In tandem with this translation work, the project team are undertaking basic literacy training in village communities and are promoting small study groups where portions of the scriptures are read and interpreted by trained leaders. Komi, the senior consultant is still in need of more reliable transport than his motorbike – which on more than one occasion has proved something of a liability in the light of bad roads and unpredictable weather. Our ongoing prayers are appreciated by the whole ACTABLI translation team.

Pray for Contact Group Leader: Alison Long
Pray for the Churchwardens, Liz Westbrook and James Playfair, and their Deputies

Ministers: Every Member
Rector: The Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater

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

Associate Minister: The Revd Ken Madden

Youth & Families Minister: Tim Norton

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ABBEY OFFICE OPENING HOURS

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

Welcome

Sunday 23rd February 2020

The Sunday next 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 Exodus 24:12-end (p 72)

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 (p 17)

Preacher Mr Jeremy Key Pugh

10.15 am Holy Communion with Sine Nomine Visiting Choir

Crèche and children's groups will meet in the South aisle from the start of the service

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*The Gloria and Agnus Dei are from Mass in E flat by Rheinberger;
The Sanctus is from The Salisbury Service by Grayston Ives*

3.00 pm Choral Evensong with Sine Nomine Visiting Choir

Introit Resplenduit facies ejus Victoria

Responses Tunnard

Psalm 84

Old Testament 2 Kings 2:1-12 (p 342)

New Testament Matthew 17:9-23 (p 18)

Canticles Ēriks Ešenvalds

Anthem And I saw a new heaven Bainton

Hymn 192

6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

Leader: The Revd Ken Madden

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

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Mon 24 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.30am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tues 25 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Prayer for Bath

Wed 26 - Ash Wednesday The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
10.30 am Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

Thurs 27 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

Fri 28 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Holy Communion
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sat 29 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm

Sunday 1 March - The First Sunday of Lent

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 the Abbey Choir
3.00 pm Choral Evensong with the Abbey Choir
6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

NOTICES

'Come and See!' was Jesus' own invitation to his first followers. You are warmly invited to a special '**Come and See!**' Evening on Thursday 5th 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.

Bath Half Marathon sponsorship – Guy, Stephen, Steve Chamberlain and Louise Perry are running the Bath Half on 15th 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 Thank you.

Journeying through Lent. The following are offered as resources

- **Bath Churches Lent Prayer book** – a page a day to pray for a different aspect of the life, work and worship of the city. Available in the Abbey.
- **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 4th 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
- **Mission and Stewardship** – launching on 5/3, a month long focus on the Abbey's Vision and Mission Action Plan and our response in the stewardship of our money, time and talents. Themes of The Gift of Grace, Faith, Joy and Life will be supported by our Sunday morning preaching.
- **Visio Divina – a resource booklet** using the practice of 'divine seeing' a series of fine art paintings from the National Gallery have been selected to use as a tool for reflection, contemplation and prayer Lent. Instructions provided! Available from the office or electronically from pparfrey@bathabbey.org
- **Lectio Divina – a resource booklet** using the ancient practice of 'sacred reading' a series of prayers and scriptures with suggested artwork to illustrate the gospel readings; an alternative way of slowing down for Lent. Available from the office or electronically from pparfrey@bathabbey.org
- **Lent books** available from the front desk. 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 lblythe@bathabbey.org

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.

A big thank you from the Boys Choir for buying cakes after the 10.15am service last week which raised £96 towards the cost of their forthcoming Tour where they have been invited to sing concerts and Evensongs at various venues in Belgium and Holland. They raised a further £330 on the Saturday. The next fundraising event is on Bank Holiday Monday 13th April at 11am - do come along to hear the boys sing and play and enjoy some delicious home-made cakes.