

Bath Street Pastors: Every Friday and Saturday night, teams drawn from churches across Bath and beyond, patrol our city centre, meeting people where they are and responding to their needs. Street Pastors are not there to evangelise, but to practice their faith by providing support to the vulnerable. Giving a blanket to a rough sleeper... a casual conversation, or a lengthy chat... helping young people after a night out; just some of the ways Street Pastors make a difference. Have you ever considered joining Street Pastors, serving once a month as part of a team? There's a good balance of men and women of all ages - from 20s to 80s. It can be an insightful and hugely rewarding experience.

Derek Smith or Rob Carver from our congregation will be happy to tell you more or to take you out as an observer. Alternatively contact Dennis Pearson or Angela Jameson at bstreetpastors@gmail.com. Training is provided and commences 25th April. You would be most welcome.

The Abbey Men's Group: The meeting planned for 18 March has been cancelled due to public concerns about the 'Corona Virus'. Andrew Fletcher will make available a copy of his planned talk to those interested. We will look to reschedule his talk later in the year.

For your prayers

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

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Focus – From the Sabeel Wave of Prayer: Homes are demolished leaving families homeless, Gaza is at breaking point, olive groves are uprooted by settlers, farmers are prevented from tending their land and Covid -19 is impacting Palestine and Israel too.

Dear Lord, we are all guilty of judging others. This keeps us from connecting with others in loving, healthy ways. We see threat from many angles, from others within our community, from those of different religions and from internationals. Help remove this tendency from our hearts. Help us to see our brothers and sisters the way you see them and to see the person rather than being led by fear. Amen.

Pray for Home Group Leader: Roger Clifton
Pray for Contact Group Leader: Rose Amphlett
Pray for Revd Canon Guy Bridgewater, Revd Stephen Girling and the team of clergy

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 15th March 2020

The Third Sunday of Lent

Through Lent, as an Abbey we are considering the use of our 'time, talents and treasure' in the context of our 2020 Vision. We continue to be vigilant and offer care and prayer regarding Coronavirus

8.00 am Holy Communion

New Testament Romans 5:1-11 (p 151)
Gospel John 4:5-42 (p 91)
Preacher The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson

10.15 am Holy Communion with the Abbey Choir of Boys and Lay-Clerks

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

New Testament Romans 5:1-11 (p 151)
Gospel John 4:5-42 (p 91)
Preacher The Revd Canon Nigel Rawlinson
*The Kyrie and Agnus Dei are from Mass in G by Schubert;
The Sanctus is from The London Eucharist by Huw Williams*

3.00 pm Choral Evensong with the Abbey Choir of Girls and Lay-Clerks

Introit Glory to thee my God, this night Tallis
Responses Radcliffe
Psalm 126, 127
Old Testament Joshua 1:1-9 (p 199)
New Testament Ephesians 6:10-20 (p 192)
Canticles The Jesus College, Cambridge Service Mathias
Anthem Surely, And with his stripes, All we like sheep Handel
Hymn 214 (tune ii)

6.30 pm Informal Evening Service

Leader: The Revd Narinder Tegally
*A short reflective service with scriptures and prayers to end the day.
Everyone welcome.*

BathAbbey



This week we welcome school groups to the Abbey for 'Experience Easter'

Mon 16 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 10.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tues 17 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Wed 18 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Morning Prayer
5.30 pm Evening Prayer

Thurs 19 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 Choral Evensong

Fri 20 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-5.30pm
8.30 am Holy Communion
5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Sat 21 The Abbey will be open for visiting from 9.00am-6.00pm

Sunday 22 March - Mothering Sunday

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

Today, Sunday, our Abbey Team are running the Bath Half Marathon. If you would like to sponsor them there is a form in the South Transept. All sponsorship will be doubled by the Brownsword Charitable Foundation, towards the Abbey's Footprint Project. Thank you

Friday Footprint Concerts: 1 May, 15 May, 5 June and 3 July at 6.30pm. Join us for an evening filled with the beautiful sound of choral music. Each choir brings their own style and passion for singing and is sure to delight audiences in equal measure. All money raised goes to the Abbey's Footprint Project and is doubled by the Brownsword Charitable Foundation. Tickets from Bath Box Office: £10 Adult, £5 Child/Concessions. The concert schedule is available at www.bathabbey.org/whats-on/friday-footprint-concerts/all/

Date for your diary - Reaching the Unreached (RTU): There will be a presentation by members of the Abbey congregation who visited Reaching the Unreached in southern India recently, with stories about our experience of having been there. This will be on the evening of Saturday 9th May. If all goes to plan, we should have Fr Antony, Director of RTU, as our guest on that evening. Further details will follow nearer the time. *James Playfair*

Bath Abbey Mothers' Union members and friends. A reminder that Mothering Sunday is on 22nd March, so help is needed please for making the bunches of flowers on Saturday 21st. Time and venue tba. Please contact Margaret Jupp if you can help (Tel 01225 311390 or mag.jupp@btinternet.com).

Double Your Footprint Donation: As we move into the final phase of the Abbey's Footprint Project, we would gratefully welcome any financial support you feel able to give us, as we continue fundraising to bring the inspirational Footprint vision to life. The Brownsword Matchfund will double your Footprint donation, ensuring your gift has twice the impact on this innovative project. To discuss supporting Footprint, please contact our Development Manager, Cath Foxwell, at cfoxwell@bathabbey.org or 01225 422462. Thank you.

Stainer's Crucifixion, Saturday 4th April at 7.30pm, Tickets £10: Do join the Abbey Boys and Lay-clerks for this annual popular event. Please note this is a different day and time to usual – in the past it was performed on Good Friday. Tickets are available from Bath Box Office at www.bathboxoffice.org or Tel: 01225 463362.

The new Bath Abbey Music 2020 leaflet giving details of Organ Recitals and our Abbey Choirs' concerts for 2020 is now available to download from our website from the Worship & Music page: <https://www.bathabbey.org/worship-and-music/>. A hard copy can be collected at the back of the Abbey, the Welcome desk or the Abbey Office. We hope you will find time to come to one of our wonderful concerts or recitals this year.

Way of the Cross – Friday, 10th April 2020: There are 2 walks this year, starting in the south at 9.30am at Saints Peter & Paul Church, Combe Down and the other starting in the north at 9.30am at Larkhall URC and 9.30am at St Stephens, Lansdown. They will reach Bath Abbey at about 11am in time for a short reflection before the Passion Play in Parade Gardens starting at 12 noon with a further performance of 'One Good Friday' at 3.30pm.

Please collect a 2020 Vision Pack from the back of Church, to find out about the new Mission Action Plan for Bath Abbey. If you are a member of the Abbey Electoral Roll, please collect an envelope and tick your name off the list so that we know you have received it (and if you can possibly hand deliver anyone else's to them, please help us save postage!) The Rector's address launching our 2020 Vision, given at the Come and See event, is available on the Abbey website. Please pray about your own response to the Abbey Vision and return the two response forms to the Abbey Office by Easter Day. Thank you.

Coronavirus – The Abbey remains open to everyone as a place of worship, heritage and prayer. The Abbey leadership are reviewing, on a daily basis, our response to Coronavirus. We follow advice from the government and the national church and with regard to our work with schools and children in choirs, we will be following advice issued to schools by BANES. We encourage all members of the Abbey congregation, staff and volunteers to strictly follow the government's advice around handwashing and self-isolation. We also encourage everyone to keep an eye out for the 'neighbour' who may be fearful, confused or self-isolating and to offer appropriate support. We ask everyone not to shake hands and have offered alternative ways to 'share the peace' in services. At Holy Communion the shared communion cup has been withdrawn. Daily prayer is offered in the Abbey for those affected by and combatting the virus, we remain vigilant and especially concerned for the weak and vulnerable. *"When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them."* Psalm 91v15