

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 24th February 2019

The Second Sunday before Lent (CW)

Sexagesima (BCP)



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

The service begins on **page 293** of the Prayer Book. The Collect and Readings for the Sunday called Sexagesima can be found on **page 122**.

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

President: Canon Clare MacLaren

Preacher: Katherine Govier, Cathedral Reader

12noon The Big Sunday Lunch – with students from the city

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

Welcome

We warmly welcome all who are with us for today's services. If you are visiting, or are here for the first time, please introduce yourself to one of the clergy.

Crèche

During the Sung Eucharist on Sunday mornings, there are books and toys for young children in St George's Chapel, for parents and carers who would like to take their child/children for a few minutes during the service. The service is relayed into the chapel, to enable parents and carers to continue to follow what is going on in the Eucharist.

Junior Church

There is no Junior Church today. Junior Church dates for the rest of this term are: Sundays 3rd and 17th March, and 7th April.

Palm crosses needed

Ash Wednesday this year falls on 6th March. The ash is always made from the previous year's palm crosses. Please bring in your old palm crosses by **next Sunday, 3rd March** – and give them to one of the Vergers. Thank you.

The Institution and Induction of The Revd Canon John Sinclair as Rector of the Parish of Upper Coquetdale

Thursday this week, 28th February, at 7.30pm, at Rothbury Parish Church

Members of the congregation are warmly invited to this service, and to refreshments afterwards in Rothbury URC Church.

House Group

The House Group, to which all are welcome, is intended to help us grow in our Christian faith and life and to get to know each other better. The next meeting will be at **8.00pm** on **Wednesday this week, 27th February**, at Ruth Lunn's home. We will be continuing our study of John Pritchard's recently published book *Five events that made Christianity*. If you would like to know more, please speak with Canon Harvey or Ruth Lunn.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study Group will meet again on Thursday this week, 28th February, at the usual time of 11.00am. We will be having a look *A Letter of Paul to Titus*. To enable the group to attend the Thursday Lent conversations (see below), and because of the Easter break, the group will not meet again until **Thursday 25th April**.

Next Sunday – 3rd March

The Sunday next before Lent (CW)

Quinquagesima (BCP)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sung by the Cathedral

President: Canon Steven Harvey

Preacher: The Dean

12noon The Big Sunday Lunch – with students from the city

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

Lent at the Cathedral

School of Prayer

On **Thursday 28th March**, Fr George Guiver CR will lead a School of Prayer at the Cathedral. Fr George is a monk, and was until recently the Superior, of the Community of the Resurrection, the Anglican monastic community at Mirfield. He is the author of several books on prayer and worship, and is an excellent, engaging and accessible speaker. The theme of the day will be 'Prayer and other people'. Fr George writes: 'We think a lot about 'me and my prayer', but that's not quite the right question to ask. When we ask the right questions, we find doors start opening.'

Time: 10.30am (Coffee from 10.00am) to 4.00pm

Cost (including refreshments and buffet lunch): £20.00

Booking: <https://school-of-prayer2019.eventbrite.co.uk>

The aim of the day is to help us review how we pray, and to explore how we might refresh and enrich our prayer life. We hope that this will be one of the opportunities 'for deeper engagement with God in prayer', which is one of the aims of our Diocesan Strategy.

Lent course

Canon Clare MacLaren and the Revd Thomas Sharp will be leading a film-based Lent Course this year. It is based on the hugely popular film *The Greatest Showman*, the 2018 Golden Globe-nominated movie about the founder and stars of the Barnum & Bailey Circus. This is a Lent course written by the priest and poet Rachel Mann, exploring Christian themes of hope, redemption and new life.

The five-week course will include lots of opportunity for discussion, questions, biblical reflection and prayer based on short excerpts from the film. You don't have to have watched the whole film to enjoy this, but an opportunity to do so will be made available beforehand.

Every session will take place in the Education Centre at the Cathedral, where hot drinks and cake will be available. We will start each session at 5.30pm and be finished by 7.30pm at the very latest.

Dates: Sundays 3rd March (film screening), and then Sundays 10th, 17th, 24rd and 31st March and 7th April. All are welcome.

Faith development: Canons in conversation

For the last five years, we have offered a series of Lent talks under the overall heading of 'Inspiring.....' (Anglicans, Places, Texts, Images and Words). This year, we would like to offer something a little different. On **Thursdays 21st March (the Dean), 4th April (Canon Jean Skinner) and 11th April (Canon Steven Harvey)**, each of us will be interviewed by a colleague about our faith development – how our journey started, what has encouraged us, what has challenged us, and what has changed in our understanding and practice as we have travelled as Christians and as priests.

The format will be the same on each occasion. There will be a Eucharist in St George's Chapel at 11.30am; the conversation will begin at 12.15pm; and this will be followed by discussion over coffee and biscuits (although people are very welcome to bring a packed lunch). All are welcome.

Bookstall

The Bookstall has been replenished. Books to help our observance of Lent and our preparation for Holy Week and Easter include: Muthuraj Swamy's *Reconciliation* (the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2019 Lent book); Justine Allain Chapman's *The Resilient Disciple*; Stephen Cherry's *Barefoot Prayers: A meditation a day for Lent and Easter*; Sister Wendy Beckett's *The Art of Lent*; William Vanstone's *Icons of the Passion*; and several titles from Bishop Stephen Cottrell. There are also new books for children.

Confirmation

The Bishop of Newcastle will be presiding at a Service of Confirmation in the Cathedral at 10.00am on Sunday 16th June. If anyone would like to explore this step in the Christian life, please have a word with one of the clergy.

Organ Recitals – Mondays at 1.05pm

These recitals, on the Cathedral's Lewis/Harrison/Nicholson organ, last for 40 minutes. Admission is free, but there is a retiring collection (suggested donation: £5). The recital tomorrow, **25th February**, will be given by **Michael Haynes** (Hexham Abbey).

Newcastle Cathedral Choir in Concert: Fauré's *Requiem* and other French choral works – Saturday 16th March at 7.30pm

During 2019, our Cathedral Choir will be presenting a number of concerts. As well as seeking to enrich the city's cultural life, we are hoping that these concerts will attract a wide audience, leading new people to experience and engage with the life of the Cathedral. Proceeds from the concerts will go towards the *Sponsor a Chorister Fund*, and will therefore directly enable children from all social and cultural backgrounds to benefit from the unique education of being a Newcastle Cathedral Chorister. On 16th March, Gabriel Fauré's popular and beautiful *Requiem* is coupled with *Messe cum júbilo* by Fauré's pupil Maurice Duruflé, and two works by the colourful Francis Poulenc: *Litanies à la Vierge Noire* and *Quatre motets pour un temps de pénitence*. Tickets (£10) are available via Eventbrite at <https://faurerequiem.eventbrite.co.uk> or on the door.

Car park code

On Ash Wednesday, 6th March, the padlock (and therefore the code) for the barrier in the car park will change. If you need to know the new code, please speak to the Head Verger, Carys Underdown.

Sunday parking permits

A letter has been received from Newcastle City Council regarding Sunday parking permits due to expire in March 2019. These permits can be renewed at an annual cost of £20 per permit. They allow up to four hours' parking at any pay and display bay on public roads and within Council operated car parks on Sundays. Permits should be ordered through the Cathedral Office; if you require one, please give your name, address and car registration details, along with your £20 payment, to Ellie Robertson by **Sunday 10th March**. (If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to 'The Cathedral Church of St Nicholas'.) **Please note that after 10th March your name will not be able to be added to the list.**

*If you would like to include an item on this notice sheet please contact
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