

Weekly notice sheet

Sunday 17th March 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent



8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

The service begins on **page 293** of the Prayer Book. The Collect and Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent can be found on **page 131**.

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

President: The Dean

Preacher: Canon Steven Harvey

12noon The Big Sunday Lunch – All welcome, especially students

4.00pm Choral Evensong

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

5.30pm Lent course – Education Centre

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

Junior Church meets today. The children and their leaders leave for the Education Centre during the first hymn. The next Junior Church will take place on Sunday 7th April.

A message from the Dean - Prayer for the HLF application

As we wait in anticipation to hear the results of our Heritage Lottery Fund application, I thought it would be good to spend some time in prayer and reflection. Accordingly, from the lunchtime Eucharist on Tuesday 26th

March up until Evensong that day, and then again for the morning of 27th March, I will be at prayer in St George's Chapel. You are most welcome to join me at any point. Geoff Miller.

Audrey Graham RIP

We were all very saddened by the death of Audrey Graham on 8th March. Her Funeral will take place at West Road Crematorium at **12.45pm on Thursday 21st March.**

Next Sunday – 24th March

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8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

President: Canon Steven Harvey

Preacher: David Exham, Reader in the Diocese of Oxford

12noon The Big Sunday Lunch – All welcome, especially students

4.00pm Choral Evensong and Installation of the Archdeacon of Northumberland

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

5.30pm Lent course – Education Centre

Bible Study Group

To enable the group to attend the Thursday Lent conversations, and because of the Easter break, the group will not meet again until **Thursday 25th April.**

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 27th March**, at Ruth Lunn's home. We will be continuing our discussion of David Ford's book *The Shape of Living: The Spiritual Directions for Everyday Life*. If you would like to know more, please speak with Canon Harvey or Ruth Lunn.

Two requests: Please might you be able to help?

1. Members of the congregation may be aware that, during the week, we seek to offer visitors a hot drink and biscuits – which are served at the back of the Cathedral and for which donations are invited. Our ability to

do this does, of course, depend on the willingness of volunteers to give some time to enable this service to be available. If you have a couple of hours to spare – weekly, fortnightly, or even monthly – please have a word with one of the clergy. Thank you.

2. An Italian Law lecturer, who has been visiting Newcastle University for several years – and, when he is in Newcastle, worships with us at the Cathedral – will be here again in May (4th to 11th) and, when his family will be with him for a few days, for the month of July. He has been in touch to ask: ‘Do you know if there are any flats available for rent in the city centre? I’ll be working at the Newcastle University Law School, and the most suitable place to stay will be around the centre.’ If anyone knows of such accommodation, please have a word with the Dean. Thank you.

Annual Meetings – Sunday 7th April 2019

The Annual Vestry Meeting and Parochial General Meeting of the Cathedral will take place on **Sunday 7th April 2019** after the Sung Eucharist. At the Vestry Meeting, the Churchwardens are appointed. This year, Sandra Hood will be stepping down after many years of loyal and devoted service, for which we are all grateful. I am therefore asking if (at least) five members of the congregation would be willing to volunteer to be a Deputy Churchwarden. I must stress that while it sounds a daunting office, the role of a Cathedral Warden is very different to that of a Warden in a Parish Church, and principally involves being on duty on a Sunday morning and an occasional Sunday Choral Evensong. Two Wardens usually cover the Sunday morning service, and one the evening service. But, if more people volunteer, there will be less for each to do. If we had eight people on the team, it would mean each person having to be on duty for only one Sunday morning per month, and to cover one Evensong every two months. So, could you spare just **one Sunday morning** each month to help out in this important role? If you think you could, please have a word with me or with one of the other Wardens. Many thanks in advance for your support. Timothy Wigglesworth.

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, **18th March**, will be given by **Francesca Massey** (Durham Cathedral).

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.

Sunday evenings: Lent course based on the film *The Greatest Showman*

Full details on the flyers available on the Welcome Desk at the back of the Cathedral.

Thursday lunchtimes: Canons in conversation about faith development

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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.

If you would like to include an item on this notice sheet please contact Canon Steven Harvey on 0191 232 1939 or email steven.harvey@stnicholascathedral.co.uk