

THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our Services on 9th December 2018

The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion BCP – High Altar

The Service begins in the Book of Common Prayer page 237. The readings are on pages 49-51.

If you wish to receive Communion without the need to climb the steps to the High Altar, please take a seat at the bottom of the steps during Communion and the sacrament will be brought to you.

9.30am Matins – Nave The King's School Preacher: The Reverend M J Kramer, Precentor

11.00am Sung Eucharist - Quire

Preacher: The Dean

3.15pm Evensong - Quire

Advent Prose in procession

Responses: Ernest Walker (1870-1949)

Psalm: 75 Book of Common Prayer page 440

First Reading: Isaiah 40.1-11

Canticles: William Whitbroke (c 1501-69) in D

Second Reading: Luke 1.1-25

Anthem: Wachet auf *Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

Sung in German – an English translation can be found at AM 54

Hymn: 50 during which a collection is received

6.30 Compline and Sermon

Preacher: The Reverend M J Kramer, Precentor

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE BAGS UNATTENDED AT ANY TIME INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL OR IN THE PRECINCT. THANK YOU.

TODAY AT THE CATHEDRAL

CATHEDRAL SUNDAY CLUB meets in the North Quire Aisle during today's Eucharist. Children of all ages are welcome. Parents/carers should stay with children who are under school age. Do ask the Stewards for directions.

Today, there will be a 'Messy Church' style session for Sunday Club, from 3pm to 5pm, in the Schools Department lunchroom, to include a sandwich tea. We will be making stars for children to carry into the Cathedral in the procession on Christmas morning, linking to the Church of England's #FollowtheStar Christmas campaign.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER BASED VIOLENCE began on Sunday 25 November, which was International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ends tomorrow, 10 December, which is Human Rights Day. This is a global campaign, of which the Anglican Communion is part, to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls around the world. One in three women worldwide experience gender based violence. Christmas is a time of great stress for many and of over consumption of alcohol. It is therefore a time when incidents of violence increase. Please pray for those individuals and families who find this time of year very stressful and for their safety. Thank you for the prayers you have prayed during these 16 days, and please don't stop – as together we seek to make our world one in which every human being is safe and encouraged to reach their potential.

Jo Kelly-Moore, Archdeacon

THIS WEEK

SACRED SPACE This Wednesday **12th December** at 7.30pm there will be shared food and conversation at Number 5, The Precincts. All students and young adults welcome.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FUTURE SACRED SPACE EVENTS Every Wednesday from **12**th **December** at 19.00 there will be shared food and conversation at Number 5, The Precincts. Every Wednesday from **30**th **January** Sacred Space meets in the Crypt at 7pm. All students and young adults welcome.

THE FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL Membership of the Cathedral fan club makes an ideal Christmas gift that lasts the whole year. Contact the Friends' Office for more information and we can even send it to your chosen recipient with a personal message from you. No trip to the shops required! The Friends have a busy month ahead and invite you to join them for our events. On 12th December at 10.30, we will have our Christmas Coffee Morning in the Cathedral Lodge and tickets are £4. All are welcome to attend The Friends' Carol Service which will be at 19.00 on Wednesday 19th December; tickets for our Christmas Dinner to be held afterwards are now sold out and we apologise for any disappointment. For more information about The Friends, please visit us at the Friends' Office, 3 The Precincts, 10am-12 noon and 2-4pm (Mon-Fri) or phone 01227 865292. www.canterbury-cathedral.org.friends.

FILM CLUB CHRISTMAS SPECIAL- **Sunday 30th December 'The Polar Express'.** Meet in Cathedral Lodge, Kentish Barn at 4.15pm for tea and cake. The film starts at 4.30pm and bring a plate of food to share during the interval. Get up, get on, and get ready for the ride of your life! It's Christmas Eve and you're about to roller-coaster up and down mountains and be served hot chocolate by singing waiters more astonishing than any you can imagine! 'A traditional Christmas tale and a classic for all ages. Climb Aboard!' 'More fun than unwrapping your pressies under the tree.' Running Time 96 minutes. Viewing Category U –suitable for all.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH The next lunch is on **Sunday 6th January** and will feature a festive menu. Tickets are available from Cathedral Lodge Reception following this morning's Eucharist and until 23rd December. Good food, good company and a great opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation and clergy. All welcome.

ADVENT SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

NO ROOM AT THE INN The Dean has written a nativity play (with four carols to be sung by the Girls' Choir) which will be performed on **Sunday 16th December** at 17.00 in the Nave. Children aged 5 and above who would like to take part should contact Claire Harland (<u>claireharland49@gmail.com</u>) or The Friends' Office (01227 865292 or <u>friends@canterbury-cathedral.org</u>). There are no speaking parts and only three rehearsals! Everyone is welcome to attend the performance – there is no charge and no tickets are required. If younger children would like to come dressed as angels, shepherds, Kings, etc, on the night to join in at the end of the play it would be lovely. There will also be congregational carols.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES For a full list of Advent and Christmas Services at the Cathedral please see the website. A brochure is available to pick up in the Cathedral.

NOTICES

CAN YOU HELP? A volunteer is sought to enable a wheelchair user to attend 11am Sunday Eucharists. This could be by means of a car or by pushing from home. Please speak to Canon Tim if you might be able to help. Thank you.

RIVER WALKS DOCUMENTARY: Look out for the Cathedral which is due to feature in a BBC One programme on Monday (**10**th **December**) at 7.30pm. It is the first in a series called River Walks and BBC presenter and farmer, JB Gill, takes a stroll along the River Stour from the Kent Downs, through Canterbury and on towards the Cinque Port of Sandwich and Pegwell Bay. He visits various locations along the way including the Cathedral (where filming took place in early November); a house pictured on the £10 note, a giant crown carved in chalk on a hillside and a section of the river walk designed specifically for wheelchair users.

CATHEDRAL PRECINCTS PARKING We are moving forward with the Canterbury Journey Landscaping project as quickly as possible to keep disruption

to a minimum, but the works are having an impact on the space available for car parking. Unfortunately, this is inevitable and it means that we are now obliged to reserve the spaces along the south wall facing the Cathedral for use by guests of the Cathedral Lodge who have pre-booked and paid for them, with the exception of two spaces for disabled use. Parking for Cathedral Services will be on the main (Oaks) car park, but this is very limited and cannot be guaranteed. Once it is full, our Constables will guide congregation members to use public car parks. We ask for your understanding and particularly for your support to our Close Constables in making this work for everybody's safety.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CDs The full range of the Cathedral Choir's CDs are available from The Cathedral Shop including The Cathedral Choir's newest CD, 'The Canterbury Voice Live USA', recorded throughout the seven states tour of America in April 2018 and 'Christmas with Canterbury Cathedral Girls' Choir'.

SUNDAY NOTICE SHEET ONLINE

Go to the home page of www.canterbury-cathedral.org. Select 'Worship & Music', then 'Music list & Notice Sheet' and follow 'For detailed information on the week's Sunday service, as well as Cathedral congregational activities and events, see the weekly Notice Sheet'

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Large print copies of the orders of service are available from the stewards. They will be pleased to help you.