



News for the Pews... on the move!

Today's Service

4.00pm Family Communion (Emmanuel)

President and Preacher: John Horan

Readings: Jonah 3.10 – 4.end (Valerie Harris) and Matthew 20. 1-16

Hymns: 569 The kingdom of God

497 Lord of the Church

587 Amazing grace

641 Glorious things of thee are spoken

Intercessions: Peter Cottingham

Anthem: God be in my head – Rutter

Today's hymns are printed after the notices.

The Collect

**Merciful God,
your son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

News and Notices

Next Sunday's Service

27th September, 4.00pm: Holy Communion at Emmanuel

Jade Scholes

Jade Scholes was ordained deacon in Gloucester Cathedral yesterday, 19th September. Please do hold her in your prayers as her ministry develops at St John's, Churchdown & Innsworth, and in her continued work at A&E in Cheltenham General Hospital.

Where's Wally? – Ordinations 2020

This afternoon Nick, as training incumbent, will be attending Eddie Carmichael's ordination as deacon at the Cathedral. Eddie is licensed to the South Cheltenham Team, and will be based at Emmanuel. Please do keep both him, and Jacqueline Henson (who was ordained as deacon yesterday) in your prayers. Jacqueline is also licensed to the South Cheltenham Team, and is based at St Peter's.

Revised Booking System

From next Sunday, 27th September, we will not be taking service bookings through Eventbrite, but instead will be asking all individuals/households to bring a slip of paper with the names of all who are attending, together with contact details (phone number and email address). These will be held securely for Track & Trace purposes for four weeks, then destroyed. We hope that this will simplify the process of returning to in-person Church services.

A Message from Revd Ken Shill

I wanted you to know the shock news that we have recently heard about my health. To our surprise I have just had a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, which is not at an early stage. I am about to begin hospital treatment of some kind, probably chemotherapy. I am on long term sick leave, and Celia is also stepping back from her church role as she supports me.

As Team Rector, Nick Davies will be looking after Emmanuel, with the help of our wardens and other leaders in the church. We don't want Emmanuel to stand still but to go forward in God's purposes for the church and community, with all the new exciting challenges and opportunities of these strange times. I realise that this will be a great shock to you as it was to us. But God is with us and helping us to adapt our trust in Him to these new circumstances, which are, humanly speaking, quite bleak.

We're not hibernating, so do be in touch if you'd like to. We are open to the odd visit, email or phone call (please leave a message if it goes to answerphone and Celia will get back to you) but I am finding I need to rest quite a bit. I hope you understand that we will need space as well. Your prayers of course would be very welcome! With our love in Christ, *Ken and Celia*

Job Advert: Anna Chaplaincy Coordinator

A new charity, CaBiC, has been launched to bring Anna Chaplaincy to Cheltenham and Bishop's Cleeve. Anna Chaplaincy is a Christian movement providing spiritual care to older people of all faiths and none. CaBiC are seeking to appoint a part time (10 hours a week) Anna Coordinator to develop and lead this ministry. For further details, please contact Brian Dunlop at info@cabic.co.uk before Friday 2nd October.



People of Pilgrimage Appeal

Just to say a big thank you to those who contributed so generously last Sunday. The jam, jellies and chutneys went like 'hot cakes'! By the way, the chutney really needs 2-3 months to mature before being consumed... maybe just in time for Christmas! We'll let you know the total sum raised when we've completed the business! In the meantime, if you can provide any empty jars with clean lids, please contact us on 530051. *John and Rachael Willard*

Come and Hear the Music: St Peter's Music Festival

This is taking place on Saturday 10th October 2020 between 12.00pm and 7.00pm at St Peter's Church, Leckhampton, in front of a live, socially distanced audience. There will be continuous musical performances by singers and instrumentalists of all ages. We are raising funds, by voluntary donations, for the work that the music therapy charity, 'MusicSpace', does with children in Gloucestershire. Please join us to celebrate the return of live music to churches! *Revd Gary Grady*

A Festival of Everyday Faith: Saturday 3rd October

You are invited to be part of a special online Festival of Everyday Faith bringing Christians together from every worshipping community to equip them to live out their faith any time, any place. This Diocesan festival will explore different ways to become confident in what it means to be a Christian in everything we do. The event is free and will take place on Zoom; the schedule for the day is as follows:

9.30am – 10.30am | Opening webinar: Telling our stories from everyday life (Bishop Rachel)

10.45am – 11.45am | Workshop 1: Growing together in faith in the home (Rachel Howie with Andy Wolfe)

12.00pm – 1.00pm | Workshop 2: Faith in the changing workplace (Neil Hudson and Ruth Walker)

2.00pm – 3.00pm | Workshop 3: Praying with your eyes open (Jo Wetherall, Alexandra Dyer, Jennifer Fellows and Barrie Voyce)

3.15pm – 4.15pm | Workshop 4: Life isn't fair (Karen Czapiewski, Takisha Sargent and Will Mansell)

4.30pm – 5.30pm | Closing webinar: Conclusions and commissioning (Bishop Robert and Bishop Rachel)

Spaces can be booked here:

<https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/your-ministry/everyday-faith-2/>

Today's Hymns

569. The kingdom of God

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

497. Lord of the Church

1. Lord of the Church, we pray for our renewing:
Christ over all, our undivided aim.
Fire of the Spirit, burn for our enduing,
wind of the Spirit, fan the living flame!
We turn to Christ amid our fear and failing,
the will that lacks the courage to be free,
the weary labours, all but unavailing,
to bring us nearer what a church should be.
2. Lord of the Church, we seek a Father's blessing,
a true repentance and a faith restored,
a swift obedience and a new possessing,
filled with the Holy Spirit of the Lord!
We turn to Christ from all our restless striving,
unnumbered voices with a single prayer:
the living water for our souls' reviving,
in Christ to live, and love and serve and care.
3. Lord of the Church, we long for our uniting,
true to one calling, by one vision stirred;
one cross proclaiming and one creed reciting,
one in the truth of Jesus and his word.
So lead us on; till toil and trouble ended,
one Church triumphant one new song shall sing,
to praise his glory, risen and ascended,
Christ over all, the everlasting King!



587. Amazing grace

1. Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

641. Glorious things of thee are spoken

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age?

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion's children know.

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