



Truro  
Cathedral  
*sacred space, common ground*

**Sunday 8 February 2026**  
**2nd Sunday before Lent**

**Worship in Truro Cathedral today**

08:00	BCP Holy Communion	President Revd. Keiren Marwood
10:00	Choral Eucharist	President Revd. Keiren Marwood Preacher Revd. Canon Sue Wallace
16.00	Choral Evensong	Preacher Revd. Joanna Abecassis

**10.00am Hymns for this morning's service**

263 (omit\*) 285, 258

**Music for the 10am Eucharist**

Introit Ubi Caritas	Durufle
Cantas Missae	Rheinberger
Motet Seek him that maketh the seven stars	Dove
Voluntary Pastorale (Sonata No.3)	Rheinberger

**The Collect:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First reading: Genesis 1.1—2.3.** In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So, God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So, God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and

female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

### Psalm 136

#### Response

Andrew Moore

*v. 1b* For his mer - cy en - dures for e - ver.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "For his mer - cy en - dures for e - ver." The word "endures" is marked with a triplet of eighth notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious,  
**for his mercy endures for ever**

Give thanks to the God of Gods,  
**for his mercy endures forever.**

Give thanks to the Lord of Lords,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who alone does great wonders  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who by wisdom made the heavens,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who laid out the earth upon the waters,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

Who made the great lights,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

the sun to rule the day,  
**for his mercy endures for ever;**

The moon and the stars to govern the  
night,  
**For his mercy endures for ever.**

### **Second reading: Romans 8.18-25**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Gospel reading: Matthew 6.25 – end**

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the

kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Music for Choral Evensong**

Blair in B minor

Anthem My soul, there is a country *Parry*

Voluntary Fantasia and Fugue in G *Parry*

Responses *Shephard*

Psalm 148

Hymns 439, 476

**This week we are praying for:** May Kincaid, Fiona Davie, Mary Prior, Elliot Wills, Laura Bushell Hawke, Ruth Robathan, Jill Staplehurst, Claire Burgess, Colin Bradley, Sophia Jenkins, Belinda Stafford.

**RIP:** Tricia Pilkington, Judith Larham, Ann Churchill, Paul Hewson.

**Next Sunday, 15 February, Sunday next before Lent**

8.00 BCP Holy Communion

Dean Simon Robinson

10.00 Choral Eucharist

President Dean Simon Robinson

Preacher Revd. Keiren Marwood

16.00 Choral Evensong

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## Services for the week beginning: 9 February 2025

Monday 9 February	09:00 09:30 17.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Choral Evensong
Tuesday 10 February <i>Scholastica, abbess, c.543</i>	09:00 09:30 17.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Choral Evensong
Wednesday 11 February	09:00 09:30 17.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Choral Evensong
Thursday 12 February	09:00 09.30 12.10 17.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Christian Meditation Choral Evensong
Friday 13 February	09.00 09.30 11:00 17.30	Holy Communion Morning Prayer BCP Holy Communion Choral Evensong
Saturday 14 February <i>Valentine, martyr at Rome, C269</i> <i>Cyril &amp; Methodius, 869 &amp; 885</i> <i>Missionaries</i>	09:00 09:30 16:00	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Prayer

## Notes from the Office

- **Accessible entrance.** You will have noticed that work has commenced at the front of the cathedral. The work is to replace the accessible entrance with a modern, fit for purpose entrance. The work is expected to run until June. We are incredibly grateful to the funders without whom the work not have been possible.

- **Young Adults.** The Young Adults group meet after coffee next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, for their Bible Study.
- **New appointment.** On Monday 9 February, we welcome Paul Critchlow to our team as Head of Philanthropy (music). The purpose of this role is to fundraise for Truro Cathedral Music, building and cultivating relationships with potential donors. This is a funded position. Paul joins us with a wealth of experience, including previously being in the role of Head of Fundraising for Church Army.
- **Volunteer receptionists.** We're delighted that we have new volunteers staffing the reception desk in the Cathedral office. These volunteers will be welcoming visitors to the office, answering the phones and general enquiry emails. Please welcome them when you visit the office.
- **Memorial Garden.** We are mindful that folk have not been able to visit their memorials since the recent roof damage. It is likely to be at least another four weeks before access is restored, so please do come into the cathedral to light a candle or leave a prayer request on the board. Prayer requests are read at the 9 am daily celebration of Holy Communion. If you need to speak to us about this, please come to the Office in the Old Cathedral School. The barriers on the path are simply to re-direct walkers looking for Wilkes Walk.

## **Together for the Church of England**

### ***Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 5pm in the Cathedral Chapter House***

Are you one of the many who want to see a more inclusive Church of England? You are invited by members of Truro Diocese Together group to gather over refreshments and find out more about the organisation. A great opportunity to build relationships and meet other Christians who want the church to be more inclusive and diverse. For more information speak to Andrew Yates

### **Friends Coffee Morning: Wednesday 11 February - 10-1130**

Friends coffee morning in the Cathedral Chapter House. Hot drinks, homemade cakes on sale, a raffle and plenty of chatter. Everybody welcome.

### **Baptism & Confirmation at Easter**

If anyone is interested in Baptism or Confirmation, you are invited to contact Canon Sue for preparation during Lent.

### **Good News - Award!!**

The Truro Civic awards recognise and celebrate the great work that people and organisations do for their communities. Before Christmas Susie Merelie, Volunteer

Manager, nominated the Truro Cathedral Volunteers and we have won. We will attend the award ceremony at the Methodist Church in March. Wonderful news and well-deserved recognition.

### **Audio Tour**

On Monday we launched the new Truro Cathedral audio tour. This tour was funded by the Friends for which we are very grateful. Our volunteer guides were also involved in the content and testing. The tour is downloadable onto smart mobile phones for £5.

**Cathedral Shop:** Stocktaking has now been completed and the shop has re-opened this week. Easter cards, books, Cathedral choir CDs, and lots more. *Come and browse !!!*

**Scissor Lift:** The Caretakers are delighted with this new equipment, kindly donated by the Friends of the Cathedral. Training has taken place and it has already been used it extensively.

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