



**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 11th February 2024
Sunday before Lent

Services in Truro Cathedral today

- 8:00am Holy Communion – The Book of Common Prayer, The Dean
10:00am Sung Eucharist – President Dean Simon Robinson, Preacher Canon Sue Wallace
4:00pm Choral Evensong – Preacher: Canon Elly Sheard

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST

This morning's hymns are:

- Processional hymn: 176 O Vision blest of heavenly light
Offertory hymn: 343 Bright the vision that delighted
Post Communion hymn: 389 Jesus, these eyes have never seen

Music for this morning's service:

- Introit: *Benedictus es Domine Palestrina*
Mass setting: *Missa Brevis Palestrina*
Motet: *Locus iste Bruckner*
Voluntary: *Praeludium in D minor Buxtehude*

Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading 2 Kings 2, 1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you

know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Responsorial Psalm 50, v 1-6

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

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The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth; our God comes and will not keep silence.

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

Consuming fire goes out before him and a mighty tempest stirs about him. He calls the heaven above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

'Gather to me my faithful, who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'

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Second reading 2 Corinthians 4, 3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for

Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading Mark 9, 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News, notices and the diary for the week beginning 11th Feb 2024

Monday 12th	09:00 Holy Communion (<i>The Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 16:00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Tuesday 13th	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>The Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 16:00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Wednesday 14th	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>All Saints' Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 17:30 Ash Wednesday service followed by Meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Thursday 15th	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 12:10 Christian Meditation at the Finn Cross 16:00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Friday 16th	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>Jesus Chapel</i>) 09.30 Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>) 11.00 BCP Holy Communion (<i>All Saints' Chapel</i>) 16:00 Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Saturday 17th	09.00 Holy Communion (<i>The Jesus Chapel</i>)

	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
	16:00	Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Next Sunday, 18th February		
8.00 am	Holy Communion: The Dean	
10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (<i>Live streamed</i>) President: The Dean Preacher: The Dean	
4.00 pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Live streamed</i>) Preacher: Canon Sally Piper	

YOUR HELP WITH OUR SAFEGUARDING AUDIT

Thank you for completing the national safeguarding audit surveys. Your view will be helpful in this important aspect of our life. The audit will be taking place in April.

This week we are praying for: *Those who are sick:* Philip Sharp, Christine Lidgeley, Pat Crowle, Albert Jackson, Margaret, Jo, Andrew May, May Kincaid, Alison, Ann Churchill, Tracey M, Juliana, Canon Simon Griffiths, Veronica, John James, Fiona Davie, June Parnell, Barbara Cowdry, Clive Gough, Jill Jacobs, Pam Smith, Roger Nicholls, Elisabeth Sheard.

RIP Gill Matthias, Stella Philips, Sally Stephens

Dean Simon's newsletter for February 2024:

It is now three weeks since I was installed and inducted as the Dean of Truro and the Rector of St Mary's, Truro. Several of you have asked me if I feel any different. I do. It may sound a little strange because I am someone who commits fully to what I do, however, I feel **more fully here**, as if I have now **fully arrived**. Being invited to be interim Dean was a real surprise and a real honour. Being called to be Dean of Truro and Rector of St Mary's is a most wonderful situation to find myself in.

We all know that there is much work to do as we, together, build the mission of God here in this place. That work for me is led by and underpinned by our life of worship and prayer. I have the privilege of being able to come into the cathedral at any time of the day and usually try to spend some time before the day commences, praying in the cathedral. I would like to invite you to four 'prayer walks' around the cathedral during the great season of Lent. The details of these are contained in this newsletter.

Other information in this newsletter provides information about the next Friends of Truro Cathedral coffee morning, high-level tours, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week and Easter details.

On Ash Wednesday, there will be an opportunity to spend some silent time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This will take place immediately after the Ash Wednesday

service that takes place at 5:30pm. After the main Ash Wednesday service we will reset the High Altar and the Quire with seating for anyone who wishes to stay for silent prayer. I will lead you through this moment of silent reflection and we will end with Benediction.

Canon Sue Wallace

Prior to Bishop Philip leaving for Winchester, he had agreed to installing Canon Sue Wallace as Canon Succentor. Canon Sue will be installed into St Endelienta at Choral Evensong on Sunday 17th March by Bishop Hugh Nelson, the acting Diocesan Bishop who also fully supports this decision. Traditionally, the Succentor supports the Precentor in the leadership of the liturgical life of the cathedral. Canon Sue has been working with the cathedral for a year and a half and is an experienced priest, musician and Precentor. I am personally, delighted that Canon Sue is being installed and will continue to be part of the team, as together, we worship Almighty God in psalm, song and scripture.

Early morning prayer walks in Truro Cathedral

During Lent, there will be the opportunity to pray in the cathedral early morning from 08:00-08:30. The cathedral has a particularly special and 'still' feeling at this time in the morning. You will be encouraged to pray in different places around the cathedral for the mission of God here in this sacred space.

If you would like to join in praying for the mission and the witness of Truro Cathedral, please let Dean Simon know and I will give you the details of where to meet.

Friday 16 th of February	08:00-08:30
Friday 23 rd of February	08:00-08:30
Friday 15 th of March	08:00-08:30
Friday 22 nd of March	08:00-08:30

High level tours

You might be interested to know that, building on the success of the high-level tours during Gaia, we are now offering high level tours to the general public. These are an opportunity to experience part of the cathedral that is not normally open to the public. They give an insight as to how the cathedral is constructed and offer different views of this amazing building. These can be booked via the cathedral website.

Restructuring the verger team

You may have noticed that we have been advertising for caretakers recently. This is part of a restructuring of what was previously referred to as the Verger team and our cleaning team. The changes we are making will enable greater flexibility, more effective cover during our opening hours and more resilience while also reducing costs. Joe Bray leads this team in his new role as Facilities Lead, he will continue with liturgical duties as before and has a broader remit focused on caring for the building and managing this new team. Robert Preston has been appointed as Dean' verger and will primarily focus on liturgical duties, preparing the cathedral for worship, Ian Raymer is our Properties & Facilities Officer and now has an expanded role which also includes caretaking and cleaning duties. We are in the process of recruiting three Caretakers who will focus on caring for the cathedral, minor maintenance and cleaning the cathedral. They will be trained in basic liturgical duties should I, as the Dean need them to be part of any services. I am delighted with this development, given that we have increased capacity for caring for this great Cornish cathedral. We will also be recruiting voluntary liturgical vergers to add capacity to this team.

The Friends of Truro Cathedral

Wednesday 14 February 10:00AM to -11:30AM Friends Coffee Morning in the Assembly Hall of the OCS.

All are very welcome to join The Friends of Truro Cathedral for fellowship and friendship and help raise funds for the life and work of the cathedral.

'Thruppeny bit sale' - if you'd like to purchase a 'thruppeny bit' as a keepsake or gift for a friend please come to the Friends desk. These are in decorative bags with a slip indicating the year in which they were made. £1 a bag

To clarify.....

Renewing the step-free entrance to the cathedral to make it truly accessible and welcoming is one of our main aims this year. Making a sliding door and replacing the ramp with one that is less steep will mean that people with mobility disabilities can come and go independently, without struggling with the heavy wooden door.

This capital project will be funded through grants, not donations. Applications are being prepared to raise the whole of the estimated cost of £223,000 (excluding VAT). Planning permission has already been granted, but the work can only start once all the funding is in place. Your prayers are requested for the success of the project and that through it, every person visiting the cathedral will feel that they are held in high regard.

Ash Wednesday 2024

Wednesday 14th of February **The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with the imposition of ashes** at 5:30pm. This service will be approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

Followed by silent meditation in front of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at the High Altar for 30 minutes (likely to start at 7.00pm.)

On Ash Wednesday, the church marks the beginning of the season of Lent, in which, through prayer, self-examination and repentance, we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ's Passion and Resurrection, through the services of Holy Week and Easter.

The title 'Ash Wednesday' derives from the use, during this service, of ashes made from the burning of last year's palm crosses. These ashes are imposed in the form of a cross on the forehead as an outwards sign of penitence.

St Mary's Singers will be singing the musical aspects of this service of reflection.



Holy Week and Easter 2024

Please find the dates and times of the many devotions

Palm Sunday

08:00 Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer

10:00 The Liturgy of Palm Sunday with the blessing of palms. There will be a procession from the top of Pydar Street. There will also be a blessing of the palms in the cathedral at the same time for anyone who does not feel able to walk from the top of Pydar Street.

16:00 Solemn Evensong

Holy Monday

09:00 Holy Communion

09:30 Morning Prayer

11:00 MU Lady Day service: 'Mary, the mother of Jesus kneels at the cross.'

19:00 Service of meditation led by Another Way, Kres

Holy Tuesday

09:00 Holy Communion

09:30 Morning Prayer

17:30 Choral Evensong

Holy Wednesday

09:00 Holy Communion

09:30 Morning Prayer

17:30 Choral Evensong

Maundy Thursday

09:00 Holy Communion

09:30 Morning Prayer

10:30 Chrism Mass

19:00 The Maundy Thursday Liturgy and The Watch

Good Friday

10:00 The Good Friday Liturgy

12:00 The Three Hours Devotion led by The Dean: 'At the foot of the cross'

17:00 Choral Evensong

18:00 St John's Passion sung by St Mary's Singers

Holy Saturday

09:30 Morning Prayer

16:00 Evening Prayer

Easter Sunday

06:00 The Easter Vigil to coincide with the sunrise at 06:57

08:30 BCP Holy Communion

10:00 Easter Sunday Festal Eucharist

16:00 Solemn Evensong