



**Truro
Cathedral**
sacred space, common ground

Sunday 25th February 2024
Second Sunday in Lent
'The Generosity of God'

Today, we are thinking about the Generosity of God. Dean Simon will be preaching. In his preparation for today, Dean Simon came across this from Charles Spurgeon, the great Baptist preacher: ***'In all of my years of service to my Lord, I have discovered a truth that has never failed and has never been compromised. That truth is that it is beyond the realm of possibilities that one has the ability to out give God. Even if I give the whole of my worth to Him, He will find a way to give back to me much more than I gave.'*** After the service today, please join us for refreshments in the North transept and then make your way to the Chapter House for a short film (3 minutes) from Christian Aid and a short conversation with Dean Simon, continuing the theme of 'The Generosity of God.'

Services in Truro Cathedral today

8:00am Holy Communion – The Book of Common Prayer, The Dean

10:00am Sung Eucharist – President: Canon Elly Sheard
Preacher: Dean Simon Robinson

12.00noon Lent Vigil for Climate Justice

4:00pm Choral Evensong – Preacher: Canon Elly Sheard

10:00am CHORAL EUCHARIST

This morning's hymns are:

Processional hymn: 76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said
Offertory hymn: 148 – omit* verses The God of Abraham praise
Post Communion hymn: 420 O Jesus I have promised

Music for this morning's service:

Introit: Keep me as the apple of an eye Cox
Mass setting: Cantus Missae Rheinberger
Motet: Ubi Caritas Durufle
Voluntary: Passacaglia (Sonata No 8) Rheinberger

Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading Gen 17: 1 – 7, 15 – 16 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me,

and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Lent Prose

Hear us good Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against thee

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To thee redeemer, on thy throne of glory, lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings, listen O Jesu, to our supplications

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Second reading Romans 4: 13 – end For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel Reading Mark 8: 31 – end Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and

said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

News, notices and the diary for the week beginning 25th Feb 2024

Monday 26th	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 27th George Herbert, priest	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>All Saints Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
	17.30	Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Wednesday 28th	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>The Jesus Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
	11.00	Funeral of Sally Stephens
	17:30	Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Thursday 29th	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
	14.00	Funeral of Billy Hunter
	17.30	Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Friday 1st March David, patron of Wales	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>All Saints</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
	11.00	BCP Holy Communion (<i>All Saints' Chapel</i>)
	17.30	Choral Evensong (<i>Quire</i>)
Saturday 2nd March Chad, bishop	09.00	Holy Communion (<i>All Saints Chapel</i>)
	09.30	Morning Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
	16:00	Evening Prayer (<i>St Samson's Chapel</i>)
Next Sunday, 3rd March, third Sunday of Lent		
8.00 am	Holy Communion: The Dean	
10.00 am	Choral Eucharist (<i>Live streamed</i>) President: The Dean Preacher: Canon Elly Sheard	
4.00 pm	Choral Evensong (<i>Live streamed</i>) Preacher: The Dean	

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** Sally Stephens, Billy Hunter, Canon Michael Geach

The funeral of Sally Stephens will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 11.00am. All are welcome.

The funeral of Pat Ince will take place on Tuesday 5th March at 13:00 hours at St Euny church. **Canon Michael Geach** Many of you will have known and loved Canon Michael Geach. Canon Michael was ordained in the 1950s and served his entire ministry in Cornwall. He died peacefully on Friday 16th of February at the amazing age of 98. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Canon Sue Wallace will be installed as Canon Succentor into the stall of St Endelienta at Choral Evensong on Sunday 17th March by Bishop Hugh Nelson. Canon Sue has been working with the cathedral for a year and a half and is an experienced priest, musician and Precentor. It will be delightful to welcome her to this role.

During Lent, there will be the opportunity to pray in the cathedral early morning from 08:00-08:30, when the cathedral has a particularly special and 'still' feeling. Join Dean Simon in praying around the cathedral for the mission of God here in this sacred space. If you would like to join in these prayers, please let Dean Simon know and he will give you further details. The dates are Fridays 15th, 22nd March, 8:00-8:30am

No Faith in Fossil Fuels – pray for climate justice during Lent

In conjunction with a number of other Christian development charities, Christian Aid is this year leading a 24/7 vigil at Westminster through the first 10 days of Lent, calling the UK government to work urgently to tackle the climate crisis. In solidarity with this initiative, Canon Elly will lead a short act of prayer and reflection **every Sunday during Lent at 12noon in All Saints' Chapel**, for a maximum of 30 minutes. All are welcome.

Donations for Truro foodbank will be welcome at the 10am service at Truro Cathedral next Sunday, 3rd March.

Our café, Common Grounds closed at the end of 2023. We have said that we are keen to develop an updated offer in the future. What we have also been keen to do is to find a way to offer hospitality to our visitors until that becomes the case. To that end, we can let you know that we are in discussion with a private operator who all being well will begin operating the space as a café in May.

'So what do I do now? (responding to the sermons heard in Truro Cathedral.)' A collection of reflections written by Canon Alan Rowell. There is a new edition of Canon Alan Rowell's book on the past year's ten o'clock sermons. If you would like a copy, please ask Alan Rowell after the service. There is no charge.