

Notices this week

An Advent Journey: A service of preparation for the coming of Christ - TODAY, Sunday 5 December, 5.00 pm: The InHarmony project is joining forces with the Royal School of Church Music and Cantus Firmus Trust to present a special service for Advent. The service will explore four Advent themes - Hoping, Waiting, Fearing and Preparing - using a blend of words and music.

Family Eucharist TODAY, 10.30 am: This morning's Eucharist will be a shorter service, led by our young people. Please note that there will be no Junior Church this week.

Christmas Market - THANK YOU: Valerie Wilde and Christine Andrews would like to say a huge thank you to all our cake and preserve contributors to the cathedral Christmas Market cake stall last week. It was an amazing array of sweet and savoury goodies and a great variety of jellies, jams, curds and chutneys too. Thanks as always to our band of helpers who cheered us through the days and shared in the happy conversations with our customers. We think we raised in excess of £1,000 but we will let everyone know the final figure in due course. And **Felicity Stemp** wishes to say a big thank you to all who donated nearly 100 items for Plant and Garden stall. Also thanks to regular helpers and two new volunteers who enjoyed being part of the event. It was good to meet new people and be part of the wonderful atmosphere in the cathedral.

First Tuesday Lunch: will be in Pilgrims' Kitchen from 12 noon on 7 December. People buy lunch at the counter - it will be served at a reserved table. Tea/coffee is provided. Do come to join others from the cathedral community for lunch and a chat.

Planned Giving - weekly envelopes: Many thanks for members' continued support during this difficult year; it is greatly appreciated. Boxes of weekly envelopes for next year 2022 are ready for collection from the back of the Cathedral this Sunday 5 December. If members would prefer the convenience of monthly bank transfers through the Parish Giving Scheme please contact Christopher Barlow on 01284 702935 or Liz Steele at lizsteele@stedscathedral.org

Pastoral Support: Please let us know if someone in the Cathedral community is unwell and would like a visit or is in hospital. Home Communion can be arranged: contact either Canon Matthew Vernon (01284) 748720 or Pam Pitts (01284) 763020, email pastoral.coordinator@stedscathedral.org or leave a note in the Pastoral pigeon-hole in the Office.

As well as the Cathedral's own services and events, we are delighted to be hosting several other carol services which you are very welcome to attend:

West Suffolk Civic Carol Service: Monday 6 December, 7.00 pm
Churches Together Advent Service: Tuesday 7 December, 6.30 pm
Emergency Services Carol Service: Monday 13 December, 7.00 pm
Addington Fund Carol Service: Saturday 17 December, 3.00 pm

Christmas turkeys, geese and guineafowl: To repeat the shameless plug last week... My partner and I have become small-scale, heritage breed, free range turkey farmers this year, and have plenty of birds still available for those yet to order - please spread the word! If you are interested, you can have a look and order via our website: www.suffolkheritageturkeys.co.uk. Do let me know if you're in the Bury area - we plan to do a delivery run to the cathedral community on 23/24 December which would remove the need for you to pay for any carriage - so leave this off your order and send us an email at info@suffolkheritageturkeys.co.uk if this applies to you. Huge thanks for your support! Naomi

This weekly bulletin is available by email. If you are not receiving the bulletin this way, and would like to, please email Naomi Sturges on the email address below.

Weekly Bulletin: copy deadline is **12 noon every Thursday**, send to Naomi Sturges at liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 5 December 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the Cathedral. Whatever your background, it is good that you are here. If you are new to church, please make yourself known to the clergy or the wardens.

Babies and children: Families are very welcome. There are toys and books in the corner at the back of the Cathedral - just ask a steward. Toilets and baby changing facilities are in the Cathedral Centre - ask stewards for directions. Feel free to move in and out of church during the service.

Junior Church normally meets each week (in term time) during the first half of the service in the Cathedral Centre. All children and young people are warmly invited to join in - follow the procession with other children during the first hymn.

Holy Communion: If you do not normally receive Communion, please come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing. During Communion, please keep any valuables with you.

Gluten Free: If anyone requires a gluten free communion wafer, please speak to a warden - before the service if possible.

A hearing aid loop system operates in the Cathedral.

Photography and video: No photos or videos by members of the public are permitted during services and events, due to Safeguarding and Data Protection. The Cathedral may use photographs, video or livestream in which you may appear, and which could be used in the public domain including social media. If you or your family do not wish to be viewed on the livestream video feed for a service at which you are present, please let a warden know before the service.

SERVICES IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Full details of this week's services are printed on the separate Service Schedule sheet or can be found on the Cathedral's website

Cathedral Giving: One of the ways we express our response to God and love of the Cathedral is by committing ourselves to regular giving. This is vital to our flourishing. If you are not already in our scheme for giving, please contact Liz Steele lizsteele@stedscathedral.org who will help you decide how best to contribute, and explain about tax-efficient giving.

OPENING TIMES

Cathedral

Monday - Friday
10.00 am - 5.30 pm
Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Sunday 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm

Cathedral Shop

Monday - Saturday
10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Sunday 11.30 am - 4.00 pm

Pilgrims' Kitchen

Monday - Saturday
9.00 am - 4.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

The Cathedral Office, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS
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SERVICES TODAY

8.00 am Holy Eucharist BCP
The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

9.00 am All-Age Eucharist
The Reverend Sarah Geileskey

10.30 am Family Advent Eucharist
President: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean
Hymns: 75, 411, 712, 45
Setting: Missa Brevis *Picton-Turbervill*
Anthem: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Poston*
Voluntary: Prelude in B minor BWV 544 *Bach*

3.30 pm InHarmony/RSCM Advent Service

For today's service our liturgy uses the following order instead of the one in the Advent booklets.

After the Hymn, the President greets everyone and then says

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus be with you

All and also with you.

The Lighting of Advent Wreath

In this season of Advent, we watch and wait and pray
for the coming of the Light into the world. We long
for the day when the things of darkness - selfishness
and greed, suffering and oppression - shall be no more.

A candle on the Advent wreath is lit

Holy God, we light this candle and remember
that you sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our saviour, Mary's child.

**All Come, Lord Jesus, enter our lives, our church
and our world, this day and every day. Amen.**

The Prayer of Penitence

As we journey to Bethlehem with Mary and Joseph,
we open our hearts in penitence and faith.

Everyone kneels

Lord, you come to bring light into our darkness,
yet we sometimes turn away from the light.
In your mercy,

All save us and help us.

Lord, you come to bring us wholeness and peace,
yet we do not always bring peace to others.
In your mercy,

All save us and help us.

Lord, you come to bring love to the world,
yet we do not always care for the earth as we should.
In your mercy,

All save us and help us.

The Choir sings the Kyrie Eleison.

The Prayer of Absolution

The president declares God's absolution saying

May almighty God who sent his Son into the world
to save sinners, bring you his pardon ✠ and peace,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

The Nativity Play

The play ends with the choir singing:

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

*Words: 18th C.
Music: Elizabeth Poston, 1905-1987*

After the Play the president invites everyone to stand and leads

The Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father
who made the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
Jesus Christ, who redeemed us all?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our Faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Young people lead the prayers of intercession.

The following sung response is used in the prayers today:

Choir We ask you, Lord,
All listen to our prayer.

At the end of the prayers the president invites everyone to stand and leads

The Peace

President May the God of peace
make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.
May the peace of the Lord be with you always.
All and also with you.

Deacon We offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone exchanges a sign of peace.

*The service continues from the blue booklets (page 16) as the Offertory
hymn is sung and the altar prepared with bread and wine.*