

Christ Church Cathedral

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AFTER EIGHT – from 15 January

After Eight services resume at 8pm on **Sunday 15 January** with a series on 'God and the Cosmos'. In the first service, Canon Angela Tilby will be in conversation with the physicist and philosopher, Danah Zohar (right). Other speakers in the series are Allan Chapman, Roger Davies (President of the Royal Astronomical Society) and astrophysicist Jocelyn Bell Burnell. This will be followed by a series on 'Saints in Art' in which Henry Mayr-Harting will speak about St Frideswide; painter-sculptor Nicholas Mynheer will discuss Mary; actor Paul Alexander will perform from his one-man show *Francis*; and composer Nick Bicât and others will talk about writing a new cantata about St Perpetua. Further details can be found on the website and separate leaflet.



LENT COURSE

This year's Lent course will be held in the Priory Room from 7.30-9.00pm on Thursdays during Lent, starting **23 February**. The course is based on the book *Power and Passion: Six Characters in Search of Resurrection* by Sam Wells, who was recently appointed as Rector of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. *Power and Passion* is described by Archbishop Rowan Williams as 'a distillation of real wisdom'. Further information can be found on the website and separate leaflet. To book a place on the course, please contact the Cathedral Office.

INSTALLATION OF HONORARY CANONS – 14 January

Five new Honorary Canons will be installed during Evensong at 6pm on **Saturday 14 January**: Rita Ball, Paul Ballantine, Judy French, Bruce Gillingham, Olivia Graham, and Richard Hancock. All are welcome to this service, which is followed by a drinks reception in the North Transept.

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE – 22 January

A special service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, organised in association with Churches Together in Central Oxford, will take place at 6pm on **Sunday 22 January**. This service replaces Evensong.

CANDLEMAS SERVICES – 26 & 29 January

There will be a Sung Eucharist for the Feast of Candlemas at 6pm on **Thursday 26 January**. At 6pm on **Sunday 29 January** there will be a special Candlemas Carol Service in aid of the West Oxfordshire Vetka Association. WOVA is a charity which supports schools, hospitals and sustainable developments in Vetka District in Belarus which was badly affected by the Chernobyl disaster. This service replaces Evensong.

CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING – 11 February

The Cathedral Annual Meeting takes place at 7.00 for 7.15pm on **Saturday 11 February** in the North Transept, following Evensong. This meeting provides an opportunity to find out more about the ministry of the Cathedral, as well as for regular members of the congregation to meet and to have their say about cathedral matters. All are welcome, and refreshments will be served from 7pm.



'FAITH SCHOOLS – RIGHT OR WRONG?' – 20 February

The third annual Richard Harries Lecture, organised by the Oxford branch of the Council for Christians and Jews, will be given by the Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend John Hall (left), with a response by Rabbi Jonathan Romain, at 7.30pm on **Monday 20 February**. The lecture will be preceded by a drinks reception at 7pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22 February

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, 22 February**. It is traditional for Christians to mark the beginning of this penitential season by receiving a sign of the cross in ash on their forehead. Services on Ash Wednesday are: 7.15am Morning Prayer; 7.35am Eucharist with Ashing; 1pm BCP Holy Communion with Ashing; 6pm Service of Music and Readings for Ash Wednesday with Ashing.



BBC CHORAL EVENSONG – 7 March

Choral Evensong will be broadcast live from Christ Church at 3.30pm on BBC Radio 3 on **Wednesday 7 March**. The broadcast includes an anthem from the recently published *Choirbook for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee*. All are welcome, but members of the congregation will need to arrive between 3 and 3.15pm when the doors will be closed.

OXFORD LITERARY FESTIVAL – 24 March-1 April

The cathedral will again be involved in the Sunday Times Oxford Literary Festival. Cathedral events include a special *After Eight* service, *Beyond Words*, on **Sunday 25 March** at 8pm, featuring musician Adrian Snell, who will explore the effect of music therapy on those who cannot use words, drawing on his work with children and adults with severe learning disabilities. The reader at the Festival Evensong at 6pm on **Wednesday 28 March** is the Nigerian poet and novelist, Ben Okri (right), and Festival Matins takes place at 10am on **Palm Sunday 1 April**. Full information about the festival can be found at www.oxfordliteraryfestival.com.



MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL



The sixth annual *Andrew Chamblin Memorial Organ Concert* will be given by Susan Landale (left) at 7.30pm in the Cathedral on **Tuesday 13 March**. The programme includes works by Bach, Buxtehude, Couperin, Mendelssohn and Schumann. Admission is free.

This year's *Christ Church Arts Week* takes place from 6-10 February. Concerts in the Cathedral include a guitar recital by Ben Kearsley at 8.15pm and a performance of Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater' at 10pm on **Wednesday 8 February** and a concert by Ensemble 45 including works by Brahms, Strauss and Bach at 9pm on **Friday 10 February**. Festival tickets cost £5/£3. Other events this term include the College Choir's performance of Handel's Coronation Anthems at 8.30pm on **Wednesday 29 February**, and the College Orchestra

concert on 8.30pm on **Wednesday 7 March**. Please contact the President of CCMS, Leach Broad, in leah.broad@chch.ox.ac.uk for further information. Also, the choir of Vassar College, New York, will be giving a lunchtime recital on **Monday 5 March**.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

A special e-newsletter for Holy Week and Easter will be published in March.

EVENTS DIARY

January

- 14 Installation of Honorary Canons, 6pm
- 15 *After Eight* services resume, Sundays 8pm
- 22 Christian Unity Service, 6pm
- 26 Eucharist for Candlemas, 6pm
- 29 Candlemas Carol Service, 6pm

February

- 6-10 Christ Church Arts Week
- 11 Cathedral AGM, 7pm
- 20 Richard Harries Annual CCJ Lecture, 8pm
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 23 Lent Course begins, Thursdays 7.30-9pm

March

- 5 Vassar College Choir Recital, 1pm
- 7 BBC Choral Evensong, 3pm
- 13 Andrew Chamblin Memorial Concert, 7.30pm
- 25 OLF *After Eight* with Adrian Snell, 8pm
- 28 OLF Evensong, 6pm

April

- 1 OLF Matins, 10am

