WHAT'S ON

Lent and Easter 2020

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A Year of Pilgrimage

The Association of English Cathedrals has declared 2020 a Year of Pilgrimage. Here and in cathedrals and churches across the country hundreds of events are being organised, all of which draw on our island’s great tradition of pilgrimage which, despite the destruction of shrines and relics at the Reformation, never quite died out.

Over recent years pilgrimage has grown exponentially and it is now a cultural phenomenon that is hard to miss, practised for both religious and secular reasons. Whatever a pilgrim’s motivation, journey and arrival alike invariably bring surprises. As countless diaries testify, the journey sheds new light on self, relationships and priorities. And very often, looked for or not, God finds a way in too.

Not all visitors to Christ Church Cathedral come consciously as pilgrims, but my prayer is that everyone who enters this place, however briefly, will experience something of the re-orientation that pilgrimage so frequently enables. To re-orientate yourself is, literally, to point yourself back towards the oriens, the east.

For Christians, especially over this season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter, this means to align ourselves to Jerusalem, the place of Christ’s saving death and resurrection, which is the heart and the goal of all the events and services that are described in these pages.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Sunday 17 May
Cathedrals at Night
Sunday 13 to Tuesday 15 September Festival of Christian Pilgrimage
Saturday 17 October
St Frideswide Pilgrimage

For more information see www.chch.ox.ac.uk/pilgrimage
Service

Candlemas Carols

Sunday 2 February • 6pm

On the Feast of Candlemas we will be celebrating the ten years of Anna Chaplaincy. Anna Chaplaincy, which is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship, offers spiritual support to older people who are living in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, their relatives and staff who look after them; and promotes the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community, particularly those facing challenges living independently.

Talk

I Thought There Would Be Cake

A conversation with Katharine Welby-Roberts

Wednesday 5 February 5.30pm • Thatched Barn

Growing up, blogger and writer Katharine Welby-Roberts imagined that being an adult was one big party. It didn’t turn out that way. She talks honestly about her struggles living with depression and anxiety.

FREE. Organised by Christ Church Chaplaincy. For more information contact clare.hayns@chch.ox.ac.uk or 01865 276236
Lent

We spend our lives surrounded by statistics: rising temperatures, declining birth rates, frightening percentages of people facing a range of challenges to their health, education or wellbeing. Reliable statistics are hugely important, but the plethora of figures that confronts us daily often brings paralysis rather than empowerment.

In Lent the Church offers us just one statistic: forty days. In times past the Church would often demand strict discipline; nowadays we talk not of imposition but of invitation. As the minister says at the opening of the Ash Wednesday liturgy:

_I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy word._

How we respond to that invitation is very much up to us. But, whether it’s through a new commitment to waste less or to volunteer more, the offer open to us all is to encounter God, the world and one another afresh, learning what it is to be a Christ-like people: united in contemplation, compassion and courage.

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Services for Lent

Eucharist for Ash Wednesday with ashing

Wednesday 26 February
6pm • All welcome

We mark the beginning of Lent with a special service, including the imposition of ashes. Sung by Frideswide Voices and the Clerks of the Cathedral Choir.

Compline for Lent

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18 and 25 March and 1 April • 9pm

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 22 March • 11am
All welcome

Do join us for Choral Eucharist with the presentation of flowers at 11am.

The Sixteen conducted by Harry Christophers

The Choral Pilgrimage 2020

21 March 2020 • 8pm • Christ Church Cathedral

2020 marks the 20th anniversary of the Sixteen’s annual Choral Pilgrimage tour. This year’s tour focuses on Rome, a city which has inspired countless pilgrimages, and where each of the four composers in the programme created some of their finest work.

Tickets from www.thesixteen.com 0333 010 2850
Easter

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week... Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you. When he had said this he showed them his hands and... Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you’. (John 20:19–21)

Peace is perhaps the least expected of the gifts of Easter: joy, transformation, the hope of new life, these are wondrous blessings, but perhaps ones that we can observe also in the rhythms of the natural world. Peace is of a different order and takes us by surprise. Peace is the first gift that the risen Jesus brought to his disciples and he brings it to us too.

The peace of Christ is more than the absence of conflict, noise or dissent. Christ’s peace is ‘the dearest freshness deep down things’ of which the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote. It does not deny suffering and hatred – ‘he showed them his hands and his side’, still bearing the marks of the nails and the spear – but it puts those afflictions in their place. Evil and its effects do not have the last word: the last word belongs to the Word made flesh, who died and rose again for us. May the deep peace of the risen Christ be with us all this Eastertide.

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Holy Week and Easter at the Cathedral

Palm Sunday 5 April
11am  Choral Eucharist with procession

Tuesday 7 April
1pm  Walk the Stations of the Cross as part of your Holy Week devotions
7.30pm  JS Bach St John Passion
    Christ Church Cathedral Choir will perform Bach’s St John Passion as part of our devotions for Holy Week. Accompanied by the Wolsey Ensemble. Choir and orchestra conducted by Steven Grahl. FREE event, no tickets required.

Wednesday 8 April
8pm  Organ Meditations for Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, 9 April
11am  Chrism Eucharist
    Clergy from the Diocese of Oxford come to the Cathedral to renew their commitment to ministry and receive oils blessed by the Bishop.

7.30pm  Liturgy of the Upper Room
    A Choral Eucharist, marking Jesus’s Last Supper with his disciples, in which he washed their feet. Our service is followed by a Vigil until Midnight.

Good Friday, 10 April
10am  Good Friday Liturgy
12noon  Journey to the Cross (for families)
6pm  Good Friday meditation

Easter Eve, Saturday 11 April
9pm  Easter Vigil with baptism, confirmation and the first Eucharist of Easter. With the Bishop of Oxford.

Easter Day, Sunday 12 April
8am  Holy Communion
9.45am  Choral Matins
11am  Choral Eucharist
6pm  Choral Evensong

As is our custom in the Cathedral, a series of daily Reflections will be offered during Holy Week. This year the speaker will be the Revd Canon Dr Emma Percy. See p.9.
Reflective Study Day: Interior Pilgrimage

Friday 13 March • 10am to 4pm
McKenna Room and Christ Church Cathedral

With Canon Robin Gibbons and Revd Georgie Simpson. Canon Robin Gibbons is a Melkite priest and Ecumenical Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. Revd Georgie Simpson is Director of the Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth.

Many of us may have been on pilgrimage, perhaps to Assisi, Jerusalem or Santiago de Compostela or somewhere closer to home. However, it is also possible to make an interior pilgrimage. During this reflective quiet day, we hope to provide some sacred space, the opportunity to rest and relish some quiet time, to look at some key images in the Cathedral, to listen to some reflective music.

Tickets £20 (£22 for guests) by post from the Hon. Secretary of the Friends, Priory Room Office, Christ Church Oxford OX1 1DP

Following Leonardo: Two Madonnas Examined

12 December 2019 to 6 April 2020
Christ Church Picture Gallery

£4 Adults/ £2 Concessions/ Free for members of the University and National Art pass holders. Please check the Gallery’s website for opening hours: www.chch.ox.ac.uk/gallery. 01865 276172 picturegallery@chch.ox.ac.uk
Special Events and Services

**FEBRUARY 2020**
Saturday 1 February
Be a Chorister for a Day
Details 01865 260650

Feast of Candlemas
Sunday 2 February
6pm Candlemas Carols celebrating Anna Chaplaincy

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 26 February
6pm Eucharist with the imposition of ashes. With Frideswide Voices and Clerks

**MARCH 2020**
Wednesday 4 March
9pm Compline

Wednesday 11 March
9pm Compline

Wednesday 18 March
9pm Compline

Saturday 21 March
8pm The Sixteen concert

**APRIL 2020**

Mothering Sunday
Sunday 22 March
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Choral Matins
11am Choral Eucharist with presentation of flowers
6pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 25 March
9pm Compline

Wednesday 1 April
9pm Compline

Palm Sunday
Sunday 5 April
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Choral Matins
11am Choral Eucharist with procession
6pm Choral Evensong with reflection*

HOLY WEEK
Monday 6 April
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
6pm Choral Evensong with reflection*

Tuesday 7 April
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
1pm Stations of the Cross
6pm Said Evening Prayer
7.30pm JS Bach *St John Passion*

Wednesday 8 April
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
1pm Holy Communion
6pm Choral Evensong with reflection*
8pm Organ Meditations

Maundy Thursday
Thursday 9 April
7.15am Morning Prayer
7.35am Holy Communion
11am Chrism Eucharist
7.30pm Choral Eucharist with foot-washing and vigil**

Good Friday
Friday 10 April
7.15am Morning Prayer
10am Good Friday Liturgy
12noon Journey to the Cross
6pm Good Friday Meditation with reflection*

Easter Eve
Saturday 11 April
7.15am Morning Prayer
9pm Easter Vigil with baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist of Easter**

Easter Day
Sunday 12 April
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Choral Matins
11am Choral Eucharist
6pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 16 April
6pm Choral Evensong with RSCM choir

* Holy Week reflections will be led by the Revd Canon Dr Emma Percy, Chaplain of Trinity College and one of our Honorary Canons and Honorary Cathedral Chaplains.

** Our evening liturgy replaces Evening Prayer.
SCHOOL VISITS

Christ Church Cathedral offers local schools a wide range of cross-curricular educational experiences, for pupils aged 5-18 who are in full-time, British education.

For more information: www.chch.ox.ac.uk/schools

Understanding Easter

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
10am to 12noon or 12.30 to 2.30pm

Bring your school pupils to the Cathedral to learn more about the Easter story and the Christian concept of salvation.

The children will engage in costumed role play as they follow the road to Jerusalem. They will learn about Jesus’s life and journey to the cross and about the significance of each stage of that journey, including the Resurrection. The visit will include a guided tour of the Cathedral.

Cost £3 (plus VAT) per pupil. Contact Jackie Holderness jacqueline.holderness@chch.ox.ac.uk or 01865 286003

Victorian Oxford: The story of Alice in Wonderland

Thursday 20 February • 1pm-4pm
(Meet at Tom Gate at 12.45pm)

In May half term, we invite children aged 5-11 to join us for another ‘History of Oxford’ family event. There will be crafts to make, costumes to try on, artefacts to handle, a chance to meet the White Rabbit through our new multimedia guides, and see behind the scenes at Christ Church. Previous family events (Saxons, Middle Ages, Tudors, Stuarts) have been very popular so please book early!

Places strictly limited so booking is essential. £5 per child. Book online via the Museum of Oxford, or via bit.ly/2LGkc90
Our regular pattern of worship at Christ Church Cathedral

The daily offering of worship to God is at the heart of Christ Church. Everyone is welcome to join the worshipping community of Christ Church Cathedral, whether for a single service, or more regularly.

Sundays
- 8am: Holy Communion (1662)
- 9.45am: Matins and Sermon (1662)
- 11am: Choral Eucharist (CW)
- 6pm: Choral Evensong (1662)

Weekdays
- 7.15am: Morning Prayer (CW)
- 7.35am: Holy Communion (CW)
- 1pm: Holy Communion (Wednesdays only) (1662)
- 6pm: Evening Prayer – Choral Evensong (1662)

On Mondays, Evening Prayer is either a said service or, during university term time, sung by the College Choir. On Thursdays, the evening service is usually a Choral Eucharist.

Please note that our services begin five minutes later than ‘normal’ time, because the Cathedral keeps the old ‘Oxford Time’ (i.e. five minutes west of Greenwich). This means 6pm Oxford Time is 6.05pm GMT or BST.

Book a parish pilgrimage to your Cathedral

The Dean and Canons of Christ Church warmly invite parishes in the Diocese of Oxford to visit the Cathedral, to share in its worship and discover its history. The programme for the day includes: a guided tour of the Cathedral; a visit to the Upper Library or Picture Gallery; afternoon tea in the Great Hall; followed by Choral Evensong or Choral Eucharist.

There will be a charge for tea but guided tours are FREE.

For further information go to www.chch.ox.ac.uk/cathedral or email Miranda Hockliffe at miranda.hockliffe@chch.ox.ac.uk.

To find out more about visiting the Cathedral, and free passes for parishioners in the Diocese of Oxford, see www.chch.ox.ac.uk/yourcathedral
Who’s who at Christ Church Cathedral

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