

“Strawberries and cream, anybody???”

Wimbledon fortnight is, at least for sport fans, a time of intense emotion and unexpected outcomes. Who will make it through each round of the draw? How will the seeds fare? And will any of the British players get to the second week, or even the final? As I write this that is still unclear.

The whole thing is done within a spirit of cheerfulness and good sporting behaviour, exhibited most greatly in the cheers for both players in a match and in the remarkable resilience in the crowd when the weather turns bad.

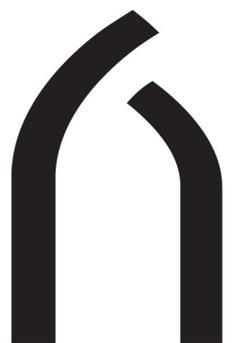
One thing is clear at Wimbledon – the seeding committee don’t get it all right and the fortnight is full of upsets and surprises. It is definitely worth always expecting the unexpected.

Gerard Hughes wrote a book some years ago now entitled “God of surprises” in which he explored the way God doesn’t always do what we expect or even desire, but invites us to engage with the unexpected and to be prepared to run risks for the sake of the Gospel.

The invitation to each of us to be bold and imaginative and to be open to how God may be calling us is present for us each day – whether Wimbledon is playing or not. We are continually invited to look for the unexpected and to work as creatively as we can to make the Gospel known and shared in our current age.

So whether you have strawberries and cream lined up for the finals over this weekend or not, remember that we are always invited to be ready for the unexpected and to respond with open and faithful hearts.

Canon Christopher Burke
Vice Dean and Canon Precentor



Please remember in your prayers:

- **The Anglican Church of Ontario, Canada**
 - **The Area Deanery of Wath**
 - **Refreshment during the holiday season**
 - **Bishop Pete in his preparation to lead the Sheffield diocese**
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In Residence from Monday 17 to Sunday 23 July is Canon Keith Farrow. The Cathedral clergy are always very happy to make arrangements for individual conversations with people, or to hear Confessions. Please ring the main Cathedral switchboard (0114 275 3434) or ring the Canon in Residence mobile (07534 653 333) and we will ensure that one of the clergy rings you back within 24 hours.

Cathedral IT System Update. Between 13 and 17 July some of the Cathedral's IT will be getting a much needed upgrade. This will mean however that we will have intermittent access to emails during that time. Please do bear with us whilst these essential works take place.

The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage 2017: The Olive Branch. Thursday 19 October at 19.30. Featuring Music by Palestrina and Poulenc. Tickets are available from www.tickets.ncem.co.uk or via the National Box Office on 01904 651 485.

South Yorkshire Community Foundation. The foundation administers the Deakin and Withers fund, which supports single, divorced or widowed women over 40, who are in hardship or facing financial difficulty. They must be a member of a church. Most awards are around £500. For more information and an application form, visit www.sycf.org.uk or telephone Karen Alsop on 242 90 03.

Collections. If you are a UK taxpayer you can increase the value of your gift to the Cathedral by up to 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

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Date	Total
W/E Sunday 25 June	£433.63
W/E Sunday 2 July	£2594.92*
W/E Sunday 9 July	£974.75

**This collection is to be given to the Diocese of Sheffield Growth and Opportunities Fund*

Vergers for Sheffield Cathedral

We have a vacancy for a vergers to work on a shift basis of 20 hours per week over a 7 day rota.

Vergers work with Clergy and Management to ensure that all services and events are organised and executed to the highest possible standard, and that the day to day activities of the Cathedral are carried out in a safe, secure and efficient manner.

The post will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Salary: £17,576 FTE

A detailed information pack is available from our website:

www.sheffieldcathedral.org

What's on this week?

Sunday 16 July

The Fifth Sunday After Trinity

- 08.00 Holy Communion
- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 The Cathedral Eucharist
- 16.00 Evening Prayer with Hymns

Monday 17 July

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 13.00 Guided Meditation
- 16.30 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 18 July

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 16.30 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19 July

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 Holy Communion, BCP
- 14.00 History and Heritage Talk by Barbara Hickman:
Ancient and Modern -
The Sheffield Church
Burgesses
- 16.30 Evening Prayer

Thursday 20 July

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Cathedral Toddler Group
(Nave)
- 11.45 Archer Project Weekly Prayers
(Crypt Chapel of All Saints)
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 16.30 Evening Prayer

Friday 21 July

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 13.15 Lunchtime Recital:
Rachel Shirley and Tim Knight [flute, organ and harpsichord]
- 16.30 Evening Prayer

Saturday 22 July

Mary Magdalene

- 10.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 Eucharist
- 15.00 Evening Prayer

Sunday 23 July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

- 08.00 Holy Communion
- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 The Cathedral Eucharist
Preacher: The Revd Dr Beth Keith
Readings:
Romans 8. 12 - 25;
Matthew 13. 24 - 30,
36 - 43
- 16.00 Evening Prayer with Hymns
Preacher: The Revd Captain Ian Maher CA
Readings:
1 Kings 2. 10 - 12,
3. 16 - end
Acts 4. 1 - 22

For a full details of all our services, including music, please pick up a 'Liturgy and music at the Cathedral' booklet from the Welcome Desk.