

The Conversion of Saint Paul

The Cathedral Eucharist

**Sunday 28 January 2024
10.30**



Welcome to Sheffield Cathedral

The Cathedral is a community gathered round Christ in prayer, committed to practical caring and living well with God. Its doors are open every day, and our work and worship continue through the year.

The Cathedral clergy are pleased to make arrangements for individual conversations with people, or to hear confessions. Please ring the Canon in Residence mobile (07534 653 333) and we will ensure that a priest will contact you within 24 hours. The notes to kneel, sit, and stand are only suggestions: please feel able to adopt whatever posture you wish.

Please take your service booklet away with you.

Livestreaming

This service will be livestreamed. If you do not wish to appear on the livestream, please sit in the seats in the south aisle. Signs will direct you to these seats.

Music during the service

At this service the choir will sing the *Missa Brevis in C (KV 220) "Spatzenmesse"* (Sparrow Mass) by Mozart, 1756-1791. The anthem is *Tantum ergo* by Anton Bruckner 1824-1896.

Giving to Sheffield Cathedral

The ministry at Sheffield Cathedral is only possible because of the generous support we receive from the congregation who give to the Cathedral in a variety of ways and for which we are very grateful. A collection will be taken during the offertory hymn to support the ministry of the Cathedral. Please use the gift aid envelopes provided if you are a UK tax payer. For more information please see the section on giving towards the back of the order of service.

Practicalities, accessibility and sustainability

You are kindly requested to refrain from making any audio or visual recording of any part of this service without the written permission of the Dean of Sheffield. This enables us to ensure that we are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulation.

Our service sheet is printed on paper which comes from sustainable forests.

Lavatories, including accessible provision (using a RADAR key), are situated through the 1554 Coffee Shop, and on the left.



An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

**Large print copies of this booklet
are available. Please ask the Stewards.**

The Gathering

Please stand as the procession enters to sing:

Everton



Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
for thine own dost ever plead,
fill us with thy love and pity,
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have thy gifts been granted,
freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
thine the wealth of land and sea,
we but stewards of thy bounty,
held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace,
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;
by thy patient years of toiling,
by thy silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Dark the path that lies behind us,
strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
but before us gleams the vision
of the coming brotherhood.
See the Christlike host advancing,
high and lowly, great and small,
linked in bonds of common service
for the common Lord of all.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race.
Thou who prayedst, thou who willest
that thy people should be one,
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth thy will be done.

Somerset Corry Lowry (1855-1932)

Please remain standing.

President In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The Greeting

President Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All **and also with you.**

The president introduces the service and we then send our Diddy Disciples out with a prayer as the Little Lights children's' choir sings 'We are Marching in the Light of God'.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon We were once dead through the trespasses and sins in which we
lived but now we are alive together with Christ.
Through him we have access in one Spirit to the Father,
to whom we humbly confess our sins.

cf Ephesians 2.1,5,18

We kneel or sit.

Open our eyes to your presence in our midst.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Turn our hearts from selfish ends.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon Draw us into your company on the way.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand as the Choir sing the Gloria:

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te,
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus Rex coelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus;
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.
We give thanks to you
for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly king,
God the Father almighty.
Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you who take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You who take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You who sit at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone, Jesus Christ, are the most high
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

President Let us pray.

We remain standing.

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

The New Testament Reading: Acts 9. 1 – 22

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But

the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

Reader
All

Let us wait upon the Lord;
in whose word is our hope.

We keep silence together.

Please stand and turn to face the book of the Gospels.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 19. 27 – end



Al-le-lu-ia, Al - le-lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia

Choir
All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

cf Matthew 19.30

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon
All

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Deacon
All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Canon Justin Dodd
Canon Missioner

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

President Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please kneel or sit.

The Prayers of Intercession

The Deacon introduces the prayers, after each petition:

Intercessor Lord, hear us
All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Intercessor Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

cf. Philippians 4.7

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing to sing, during which the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine. All are welcome to make a gift to support the ministry of the Cathedral. Please use the gift aid envelopes provided if you are a UK tax payer and place your gift in the baskets when they are offered by the stewards. There is further information about regular giving towards the end of this service sheet.



Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
 leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
 come into the daylight's splendour,
 there with joy thy praises render
 unto him whose grace unbounded
 hath this wondrous banquet founded:
 high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
 yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Now I sink before thee lowly,
 filled with joy most deep and holy,
 as with trembling awe and wonder
 on thy mighty works I ponder:
 how, by mystery surrounded,
 depth no mortal ever sounded,
 none may dare to pierce unbidden
 secrets that with thee are hidden.

Sun, who all my life dost brighten,
 light, who dost my soul enlighten,
 joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth,
 fount, whence all my being floweth,
 at thy feet I cry, my Maker,
 let me be a fit partaker
 of this blessed food from heaven,
 for our good, thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee,
 let me gladly here obey thee;
 never to my hurt invited,
 be thy love with love requited:
 from this banquet let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
 through the gifts thou here dost give me,
 as thy guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck (1618-1677)
 Translated by Catherine Winkworth

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this day he called to his service
the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.
Saul, who had resisted your grace,
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.
Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,
you made him an example of patient service,
to instruct in the way of eternal life
all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.
Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument
for the salvation of the nations
has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,
and sing in union with all the powers of heaven
the joyful hymn of your praise:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth: pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon
All

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

President

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saint Peter, Saint Paul and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All

Amen.

We keep silence. Please kneel or sit.

The Lord's Prayer

President Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us::

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

President Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

<i>Choir</i>	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
	Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</i>

We welcome all Christians, including baptized children of any age, to receive Holy Communion at Sheffield Cathedral. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask the priest as you approach to receive Holy Communion. The common cup is now being administered to those who wish to receive from it.

It is strongly advised that communicants do not dip their wafers into the cup in order to receive from it (the method known as intinction). The possibility of spreading infection is much greater if this method is used.

If you do not wish to receive Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you and hold it so that it can be clearly seen by the ministers.

During communion the Choir sings:

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui;
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui

Genitori Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen

*Therefore, so great a Sacrament
Let us venerate with heads bowed
And let the old practice
Give way to the new rite;
Let faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.*

*To the Begetter and the Begotten,
Be praise and jubilation,
Hail, honour, virtue also,
And blessing too:
To the One proceeding from Both
Let there be equal praise. Amen.*

Words: Thomas Aquinas
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

The Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Please stand.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Notices

The Dismissal

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

President May Christ who called Paul to his service,
and to preach the good news to the world,
strengthen you to witness to his grace and love.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
All **In the name of Christ, Amen.**

Fulda



**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim:
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suffering on the cross
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free;
he broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand
by all creation glorified;
he sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
this gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Edward J. Burns (b. 1938)

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in D BWV 532/1

J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Sheffield Cathedral Notices

Services

From Tuesday 6 February 2024, our service times are changing. Our new pattern will be:

Monday to Friday

Morning Prayer - 08.30

Eucharist - 12.30 (including Wednesday Eucharist)

Evening Prayer - 17.30 (including Tuesday Choral Evensong)

The Archer Project are in desperate need of sleeping bags and gloves. If you are able to donate these items please either take them to the Archer Project (open Monday-Friday, 08.30 - 13.00) or drop them into the Cathedral Office (open Monday-Friday, 09.00 - 17.00). Thank you.

Volunteers Needed! We are looking for people to volunteer at the Sunday morning services by welcoming the congregation into the Cathedral, and serving tea and coffee after services. Please get in in contact with Rowan at MESintern@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk, or speak to Canon Justin for more information or if you think that you may be able to help out.

Update: Kumi Primary School, Uganda, Porridge Project

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the porridge appeal. So far the Cathedral community has raised just over £500 – a great achievement! I will update you in February as to the total amount raised. In the meantime, I am happy to receive any more gifts before the end of January.

Angela Rees, Church Warden

Evening Eucharist, Sunday 28 January, 18.00, in the nave. In our next Evening Eucharist, we will be responding in worship to the magnificent 'Threads through Creation' exhibition in the cathedral. Inspired by the creation story of Genesis, the 12 panels (1.5m/8ft high by as much as 4m/13ft wide) have been crafted using layers of silk, hand-dyed materials, metallic leathers and gold leaf, miles of thread – and more than eight million stitches! Likewise, this service will blend liturgy from around the world with contemporary sacred music in an intimate candlelit atmosphere. Join us for an act of worship that is at once earthy, holy, and inclusive. Everyone is more than welcome - and welcome to bring friends.

A Healing and Wholeness Service will be held in the Cathedral Crypt on Saturday 3 February at 15.30 and will be a reflective quiet space with the opportunity to receive prayer and/or anointing for healing if you wish.

Young Adults' Group. Our Young Adults group is designed to connect, equip, and encourage those between the ages of 18-30.

The group meets twice a month: once for Bible study and once for an informal social gathering. Meetings are on Sunday evenings from 17.30 to 18.45, following on from Evensong in the Cathedral. The next session is on Sunday 4 February. All are welcome to all sessions, whether you've ever been to the Cathedral before or not. There is no preparation or prior knowledge required for the Bible study; please join the group at any time if you're interested to learn more about the Bible and the Christian faith. If you have any questions about the group, please email justin.dodd@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk

The Meditation Group which stopped meeting following COVID, has now reconvened but in a different format. We meet in the Crypt Chapel on the second Monday of each month at 13.00 for half an hour's silent meditation. We no longer have a Guide so use a gong at the beginning and end of the half hour. Anyone is welcome to join us. There is no commitment or registration, just come when you can. The next meeting is on 12 February at 13.00.

Orders of Service We have changed the way we send out our communications. For those of you who receive our weekly orders of service you will need to sign up through the link below to continue to receive them: <http://eepurl.com/iw8Mil> . If you would like to start receiving the orders of service via email, please use the link above or scan the QR code.



Lent 2024

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (14 February). Our main service will be at 19.30 and will include the imposition of ashes. Ashing will also form part of the 12.30 Eucharist that day.

Confirmation and Baptism groups will begin on 4 February at 12 noon on Sundays until Easter. These are for anyone new or returning to church and interested in learning about the Christian faith. Please contact the Cathedral office or see Canon Justin Dodd or Revds Richard or Ann Walton.

Silent Prayer Lent is a time for stripping things back to the bare essentials in order to focus more fully on God. Silence is a spiritual discipline that has long been used for this purpose, and thus a feature of Lent. For Lent 2024, Rev Dr Casey Strine will be leading a time of silent prayer on the Fridays after Ash Wednesday (starting 16 Feb) until Holy Week, allowing you to engage in a discipline of abstinence and to draw nearer to God.

These times of silence will follow the outline of the Stations of the Cross in Common Worship. Starting at 12.00 noon and lasting until 12.25 in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit, each one will be followed by the usual midday Eucharist, to which all are welcome. Feel free to attend any sessions you can make.

Questioning God - Transformative conversations from the Bible. Throughout the Bible, many of the conversations between God and humanity revolve around questions. God both asks and is asked. This 4-session course will reflect on some of those conversations, inviting us to consider how they invite us to explore and deepen our own faith. Led by The Revd Captain Ian Maher CA (Minor Canon) the first session is on Thursday 22 February, 13.30 - 14.30 in the Town Trust Room, and continuing on Thursdays 29 February, 7 and 14 March. For programme details please pick up a leaflet from the welcome desk or visit our website. Places are free but limited. To book your place please contact: ian.maher@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk - mobile 07791 639 820 - or speak to him in person after the Sunday 10.30 service.

Spiritual MOTs. This Lent, we would like to offer members of the congregation the opportunity to come and have a Spiritual MOT. No oil or spanners will be involved! Members of our clergy team will be available to spend up to an hour with you to help you think about your spiritual journey – your prayer life, questions that you have about faith, where you are with God... If you are interested, please email nicola.burgin@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk or pick up a card from the welcome desk and put it in the post box provided. One of our clergy team will be in touch to

arrange an appointment. Please note we are happy to either do this on Zoom or in person, whichever suits you best.

Music at the Cathedral

Our Wednesday Lunchtime Recitals series is back!

On 31 January at 13.00 there will be an exciting opportunity to hear a group of MA students from the University of Sheffield perform in the Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection for the Schools Singing Programme. All are welcome.

Organ Recitals, Sundays at 17.15.

Admission is free with voluntary donations to our School Singing Programme appreciated. The next Recital will be on 4 February when we look forward to welcoming Simon Mercer.

Little Lights Choir: our exciting new choir for children aged 4-7 takes place every Sunday starting at 09.30. If your little one loves to sing, why not sign up for our mailing list and be the first to know more about Little Lights Choir via this link <http://eepurl.com/ivRv3o> or by using the QR code on the right.



Community Choir: new members to our Community Choir are very welcome. The choir sings a wide variety of musical styles, both sacred and secular. The choir meet in the nave after the Sunday morning service at 12.15 leaving plenty of time for coffee after the service. No previous singing experience necessary! If you would like to find out more do speak to Dean Abi or Tom.

Rhythm Time Music makes music fun for both you and your little one with plenty of singing, dancing, and lots of noise! These drop-in classes are specially designed to aid your little ones learning and development during the most important stages of their lives, through sensory musical activities as they grow with confidence and creativity. These weekly drop-in classes will be run by Beth who, prior to running Sheffield and North Derbyshire's Rhythm Time Classes, was a professional singer and Head of Music at a secondary school. These sessions will run at **10.30** (please note new start time) and 13.00 every Thursday during term time. Parents are welcome to get involved and join the session for some musical fun or relax with a coffee.

Environmental News

We are a bronze Eco Church! We are delighted to announce we have been awarded with a bronze Eco Church award following our recent application, assessing how our church makes positive impacts on the environment in all aspects of cathedral life.

We are now making plans to become a silver and eventually gold Eco Church, but we need your help! If you have any ideas or are passionate about making an environmental difference, please email enquires@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk - we'd love to hear your suggestions! To find out more about the Eco Church scheme please visit: <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

Appointments & Vacancies

Neil Riley is our first Senior Non Executive Member of Chapter, a new role arising from the Cathedrals Measure. He joins Chapter after 4 and a half years as Chair of the Cathedral Archer Project and having worked in Sheffield since 1995 in a number of senior roles in NHS leadership and management. He was Assistant Chief Executive at Sheffield Teaching Hospitals from 2002 to 2016 prior to his retirement.



He worships at Doncaster Minster and has a close connection with Ampleforth Abbey, both as an adviser and chair of the Governance review in 2017, and as an Associate of the Abbey. Neil is

passionate about social justice and serves as a Trustee of the Doncaster Foodbank. He was educated in Blackpool and studied PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) at Oxford University.

Dean Abi says 'I'm delighted that Neil has agreed to come and be our first Senior Non Executive Member of Chapter. With his wealth of experience in understanding governance structures, a track record of helping organisations through periods of transition, a clear desire to support the Cathedral's intention to work more closely with the Archer Project, and a Christian faith made visible through his commitment to social justice, Neil is excellently placed to support us in this next phase of our journey. I very much look forward to working and praying with him.'

Organ Scholarships

Sheffield Cathedral are looking for two Junior Organ Scholars (aged 14-18) and one Senior Organ Scholar (aged 18+), starting immediately, in an exciting time of growth and development for the new Cathedral music department.

Are you a pianist who is keen to start learning the organ? Are you an organist who would like to develop your skills to a high level? If so, then a Sheffield Cathedral organ scholarship could be for you.

Junior Organ Scholarships: Two Junior Organ Scholarships are available to students aged 14-18. This role is aimed both at organists as well as pianists who are keen to start learning the organ. Benefits include free organ tuition and a bursary for purchasing organ music.

Senior Organ Scholarship: The Senior Organ Scholarship is aimed at an undergraduate or postgraduate organist, likely studying at one of the Sheffield universities. The Senior Organ Scholar would accompany the Cathedral Choir for evensong on Tuesday evenings, as well as receiving professional development support tailored around the individual candidate.

For more info please visit: <https://www.sheffieldcathedral.org/recruitment/2023/10/17/organ-scholarships>

Schools Engagement Officer

Sheffield Cathedral welcomes approximately 800 children and young people from 20 primary and secondary schools each year. We are now seeking a Schools Engagement Officer to help us expand and deepen this work. We are looking for someone who sees the tremendous potential for the learning and development of children in this ancient and iconic place of worship. In particular, you'll take the lead in developing a rich and imaginative education programme which compliments the national curriculum in Key Stages 1- 4. This will include building strong relationships with headteachers, staff and other opinion leaders, offering new and innovative learning opportunities, and inspiring the next generation with the beauty and wonder of the Christian faith. Come join our growing team that is ambitious and energised about making our vision 'A Place for All People' become a reality.

This post would ideally suit someone with teaching experience or experience of school life. The work pattern will be focussed on school terms with lighter periods in the holidays.

For more information, and to download an application form, please visit <https://www.sheffieldcathedral.org/recruitment/2024/1/2/schools-engagement-officer> or contact Nicola on nicola.burgin@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk . To arrange an informal discussion about the role before applying please email The Canon Missioner, justin.dodd@sheffield-cathedral.org.uk

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Threads through Creation

Friday 19 January - Saturday 2 March 2024



Threads through Creation is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breath-taking. Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures!

The exhibition is one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever. It has taken Jacqui nearly three years. It follows on from 'Threads through Revelation', her first huge exhibition which visited 14 cathedrals from 2016 to 2018 and was seen by more than 500,000 visitors.

Threads through Creation is touring cathedrals throughout 2023 and 2024. If your school or community group would like to visit there is a free teacher PDF guide on our website (www.sheffieldcathedral.org) and our guides will be on hand to give walking tours throughout the exhibition. There will also be craft activities to engage little ones in their learning about God's creations.

For those who would like to reflect on the biblical, theological, and artistic content of the panels with some guidance, our Minor Canon Theologian Casey Strine will be leading **'theological tours'** of Threads through Creation. The remainin tours will happen on:

Friday 9 February, 10.30 to 11.30

Tuesday 20 February, 18.30 to 19.30 (after Evensong)

These are free, and you need not sign up. Consider bringing along a friend or colleague who does not normally attend the Cathedral (or church at all) but might enjoy this sort of intellectual and artistic discussion.

Safeguarding

Sheffield Cathedral Chapter is committed to making the Cathedral a safe place for everyone. If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or a vulnerable adult in the Cathedral, please speak directly to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser, Siân Checkley (07741 013 775), the Assistant DSA, Elina Penttila (07871 796 682) or the Canon Precentor, Canon Geoffrey Harbord (0114 263 6066), or contact one of the following confidential services:

Childline, for young people and children, 0800 1111

Sheffield City Safeguarding, 0114 2734567

South Yorkshire Police, 101

Thirtyone:eight, 0303 003 11 11 (urgent out of hours Safeguarding advice)

Sheffield Cathedral Chapter and all who serve here seek to promote the wholeness of every person within God's loving purpose for us all. We want to make this a safe place for every member of the church community, whatever their age. We understand that it is the responsibility of each one of us to protect children, young people and adults from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, and from neglect. Together we can build a community where everyone can flourish.

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Cathedral Diary

Sunday 28 January

The Conversion of St Paul

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion
- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 The Cathedral Eucharist
President: The Very Revd Abi Thompson, The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Canon Justin Dodd, Canon Missioner
- 16.00 Choral Evensong
Officiant: The Revd Canon Geoffrey Harbord, Canon Precentor
Preacher: The Very Revd Abi Thompson, The Dean
- 18.00 The Evening Eucharist

Monday 29 January

- 10.00 Morning Prayer
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 10.30 Chaplains' Meeting
- 17.00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 30 January

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 17.45 Evensong

Wednesday 31 January

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 BCP Holy Communion
- 13.00 Lunchtime Recital:
MA Students from the
University of Sheffield
- 14.00 Community Chatter Group
- 17.00 Evening Prayer

Thursday 1 February

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 Rhythm Time
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 13.00 Rhythm Time
- 17.00 Evening Prayer

Friday 2 February

- 08.45 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mothers' Union Coffee Morning
- 12.30 Eucharist
- 17.00 Evening Prayer

Saturday 3 February

- 10.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 Eucharist
- 15.00 Evening Prayer
- 15.30 Healing and Wholeness Service

Sunday 4 February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

- 08.00 BCP Holy Communion
- 09.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 The Cathedral Eucharist
President: The Revd Canon Justin Dodd, Canon Missioner
Preacher: The Revd Canon Geoffrey Harbord, Canon Precentor
- 16.00 Choral Evensong
Officiant: The Revd Canon Justin Dodd, Canon Missioner
- 17.30 Young Adults Group