

GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

The Holy Eucharist

Creation in Christ

Sunday, 6 September 2026

10.15 a.m.

The Nave

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Welcome

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral. There has been a place of worship on this site for over 1,300 years. Today, we join with the generations of people who have gone before us and with the whole company of heaven in the worship of God.

The Eucharist, which means ‘thanksgiving’, is perhaps the most important act of worship for Christians because it recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling his command at the Last Supper to remember him. Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of sharing bread and wine; inwardly, Christ is made present to us in a special way, and we are given a taste of the heavenly banquet, which God has prepared for those who love him.

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The musical setting of the Eucharist is
MASS IN G MAJOR BY FRANZ SCHUBERT
Sung by the Cathedral choir

The president is the Dean of Gloucester
The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni

The preacher is the Canon Chancellor
The Reverend Canon Dr Rebecca Lloyd

¶ *The Gathering*

At 10.15 a.m., the congregation stands to sing the processional hymn



**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:**

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:**

*Words, William Henry Draper 1855-1933; based on St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226
Tune, LASST UNS ERFREUEN; from an Easter hymn in Geistliche Kirchengesang 1623*

The president says

**+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.**

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon says

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it.
Let us confess our failure
to receive with gratitude God's gift of creation,
and repent of the ways in which we have caused it harm.

You laid the foundations of the earth,
but we have claimed your world as our own.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

All things were created through you and for you,
but we have not lived as those who belong to you.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You make all things new,
but our hope has grown dim.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
✚ pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The choir sings

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 cælestis,
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 in earth peace,
goodwill to all people.
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,
almighty God and Father,
Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us,
who takes away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer,
who sits at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, singing

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Holy and eternal God,
you are the Maker of heaven and earth,
you are the Word through whom all things were made,
and you are the Spirit, the giver of life:
draw us into the mystery of your love,
that with all creation we may proclaim your praise,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

New Testament Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

1.15-20

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing



**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
shewn in earth and sky and sea,
burning sun and moonlight tender,
hill and river, flower and tree:
lest we fail our praise to render
touch our eyes that they may see.**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
mighty waters ebb and flow,
while unhasting, undelaying,
planets on their courses go:
in thy laws thyself displaying,
teach our minds thyself to know.**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining
all below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
sun and stars sublimely move:
in our earthly spirits reigning,
lift our hearts that we may love.**

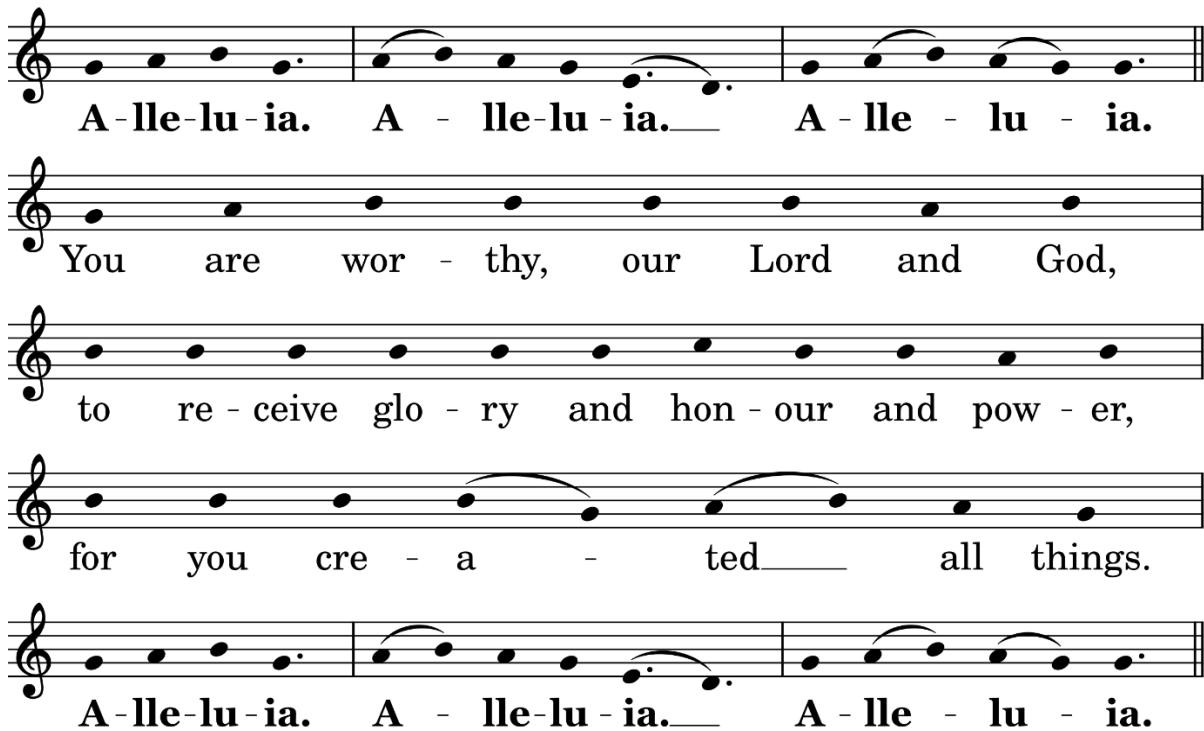
**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
and, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
thou in all art glorified.**

Words, C A Alington 1872-1955

Tune, REGENT SQUARE; Henry Smart 1813-79

Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat



A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia.

You are wor - thy, our Lord and God,

to re - ceive glo - ry and hon - our and pow - er,

for you cre - a - ted all things.

A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia. A - lle - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of five staves. The first staff contains three measures of the acclamation 'A - lle - lu - ia.' with a repeat sign at the end. The second staff contains the words 'You are wor - thy, our Lord and God,' with a repeat sign at the end. The third staff contains the words 'to re - ceive glo - ry and hon - our and pow - er,' with a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff contains the words 'for you cre - a - ted all things.' with a repeat sign at the end. The fifth staff contains three measures of the acclamation 'A - lle - lu - ia.' with a repeat sign at the end.

When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single staff with six measures. The first measure contains the word 'Glo', the second 'ry', the third 'to', the fourth 'you,', the fifth 'O', and the sixth 'Lord.'.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

1.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

The congregation sits.

The Creed

The congregation stands and the president says

Let us declare our faith in God.

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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

The president says

Let us pray to God the almighty,
the King of creation..

The congregation sits.

After each prayer, the response is used

God of life:

All hear our prayer.

At the end, the president says

Heavenly Father,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors

The pastoral Visitors stand before the Dean, who says

Pastoral Visitors are called and trained to serve others in the name of Christ and his Church through the exercise of pastoral care. In being commissioned for this task you have committed yourselves to join with others in serving after the pattern of Christ and to the glory of God.

We believe that you have been called to serve in your church and community, and to endeavour by word and deed to be faithful in showing God's love to God's people. We hope that you will undertake this task with gratitude to God and with humility, seeking the grace that transforms our weakness into God's strength. We trust that you will work to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace in the church and communities you serve, persevering together with the clergy and people in this task.

The risen Christ has entrusted his ministry to his Church, the whole people of God. The Holy Spirit equips us for work in his service enabling us to discover and use our particular gifts through ministry within the Church.

Will you undertake to work with your fellow Christians, doing all to the glory of God building up of his Church and the extension of his Kingdom?

The Pastoral Visitors reply

I will, with the help of God.

The Dean addresses the congregation

Will you, the congregation support these Pastoral Visitors in their ministry here among us?

All **We will, with the help of God.**

The Dean addresses the Pastoral Visitors

I commission you as a Pastoral Visitor in this congregation.

Receive this ministry confidently.

Serve Christ joyfully.

Put your trust in God for he is faithful.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

The president introduces the Peace

You shall go out in joy and be led back into peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55.12

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

As the altar is prepared, the congregation stands to sing



**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.**

**Here would I feed upon the Bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

**I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.**

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
by your goodness the world was formed and filled with plenty.
As we set before you this bread and wine,
teach us gratitude for your gifts
and make us faithful stewards of your creation.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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The president recalls God's mighty acts

It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For by your word the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of your mouth.
You formed us in your image, the crown of your creation,
and entrusted us with the works of your hands.

In your great goodness you sent your Son,
the firstborn of all creation,
who holds all things together in himself,
and through whom you make all things new.

You have given us the first-fruits of the Spirit,
as creation itself waits with eager longing
to obtain the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all that you have made,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>Lord God of power and might,</i>
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon says

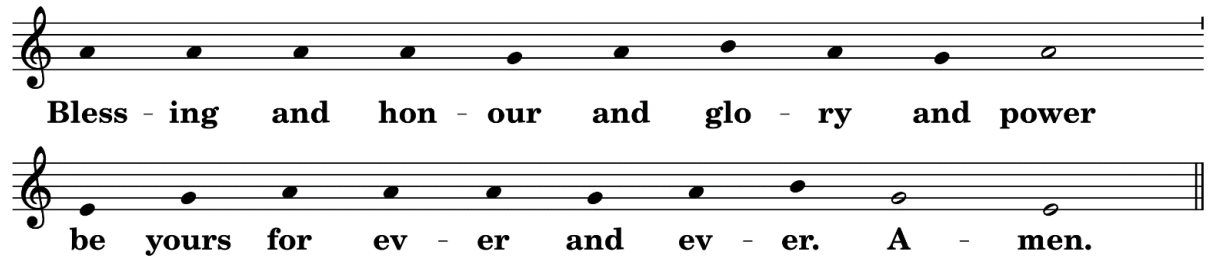
Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is ris - en: Christ will come — a - gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:



The congregation sits.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,
each in our own language

<i>All</i> Our Father,	Notre Père...
who art in heaven,	
hallowed be thy name;	Vater Unser...
thy kingdom come;	
thy will be done;	Onze Vader...
on earth as it is in heaven.	
Give us this day our daily bread.	Padre Nuestro...
And forgive us our trespasses,	
as we forgive those who trespass against us.	Ojcze Nasz...
And lead us not into temptation;	
but deliver us from evil.	Baba Yetu...
For thine is the kingdom,	
the power and the glory,	E to matou Matua...
for ever and ever.	
Amen.	Ein Tad...

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying

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.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The president and people receive Communion.

If it is your custom to receive Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so today. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring this order of service with you so that we may know how to minister to you.

Communion is offered in both bread and wine, though you may wish to receive the bread only. For hygiene reasons, intinction (dipping the bread in the wine) is prohibited. If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the ministers.

Those watching the live stream may wish to use this prayer

Lord Jesus, you made yourself known in the breaking of the bread,
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul:
since I cannot at this moment receive Communion,
come at least spiritually into my heart;
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you,
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The choir sings the Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*O Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

*O Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

The choir sings the Communion motet

Panis angelicus
fit panis hominum;
Dat panis coelicus
figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
pauper, servus et humilis.

*Thus angels' bread
is made the bread of man today;
the living bread from heaven
with figures dost away:
O wondrous gift indeed!
the poor and lowly may
upon their Lord and Master feed.*

*Words, St. Thomas Aquinas
Music, César Franck 1822-1890*

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

God our Creator,
by your gift the tree of life
was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through 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 Dismissal*

The congregation stands to sing



For the fruits of his creation,
 thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
 thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
 thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

Words, F Pratt Green 1903-2000

Tune, EAST ACKLAM; Francis Jackson 1917-2022

The Blessing

The president says

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
✙ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The organist plays

Choral Song and Fugue

S S Wesley 1810-76

The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.

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Notices

Curacy Placement

Reverend Sister Debbie will be away from the Cathedral from 1 October until the new year while she undertakes a placement at St James Barton and Tredworth as part of her curacy training. We wish her well.

Cathedral Book Club

Monday 14 September, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room

This month we will meet for a discussion of *A Glass of Blessings* by Barbara Pym.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group

Tuesday 15 September, 2.30 p.m.–3.45 p.m., Prinknash Abbey

Join our monthly gathering using Lectio Divina to reflect on Scripture. Arrive any time from 1.00 p.m. for lunch, coffee or cake. No previous experience needed. Contact Dorothy Marshall congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Prayers for Peace and Justice

Tuesday 6 October, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and WhatsApp

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for issues of peace and justice. The principal focus in October will be on homelessness and poverty as Homelessness Sunday and Church Action on Poverty Sunday fall respectively on Sunday 5 and Sunday 19 October. If you cannot join in person in the Lady Chapel, to join using WhatsApp email reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk with your mobile phone number and, to submit a prayer, email clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 7 October, 10.30–11.30 a.m., Monk's Kitchen

All welcome for coffee and friendly conversation. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

