



*The Cathedral Church of*  
**SAINT PETER** *and*  
**THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY**  
*Gloucester*

# **The Holy Eucharist**

*The Eight Sunday after Trinity*

Sunday, 10 August 2025  
10.15 a.m.  
The Nave

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## Welcome

A very warm welcome to Gloucester Cathedral, whether you are joining us on site or online. All you need for the service is included in this booklet and you are invited to join in the words printed in **bold**. When the congregation is invited to stand, please feel free to remain seated if this is more comfortable for you. Families and children are warmly welcome. Please feel able to move around in the North or South Aisle if you need to. An easy access toilet and changing facilities are available in the Cloister.

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*The musical setting of the Eucharist is*  
COMMUNION IN F BY HAROLD DARKE 1888-1976  
*Sung by The Senior Choir of St James the Greater, Leicester*

*The president is The Canon Chancellor*  
The Reverend Dr Canon Rebecca Lloyd

*The preacher is The Cathedral Curate*  
The Reverend Debbie Orriss

## About the Eucharist

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.

Today’s service has four important elements. Firstly, the **GATHERING** draws the community together in the name of the Trinity, reminding us of our true identity as children of God. We then recall our failings in the *Prayers of Penitence*; this is an important part of our efforts to become more Christlike. We always do this in the certain knowledge that God forgives our sins, and this is made plain in the words of the absolution, given by the president. The *Gloria in excelsis*, a hymn of praise addressed to God, follows as a joyful response to God’s mercy. The *Collect* brings this part of the service to a close, drawing everyone together in a special prayer, said in all churches across the world.

The **LITURGY OF THE WORD** invites us to engage with the words of Scripture and consider what they might mean in our own lives. The *Gospel Reading* is the high point of this part of the service, for in these words we hear of the life of Jesus. A *sermon* follows, which aims to assist us in our application of God’s Word. The *Prayers of Intercession* then give us an opportunity to bring our concerns to God in the certain knowledge that God hears and answers prayer.

The **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST** begins with the *Peace*. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells us that before we offer our gifts at the altar, we should be reconciled to one another, because the Eucharist is the meal which unites the Church. Then the altar is prepared for the *Eucharistic Prayer*, which is a thanksgiving for all that God has done in creation. The president then recalls the Last Supper, using the words of Jesus himself, thereby consecrating or making special the bread and wine. The congregation comes forward to receive communion or a blessing, which is followed by a prayer of thanksgiving.

The **CONCLUSION** brings the whole service to a close with a *blessing* and *dismissal*, reminding us that God is with us always and sends us out into the world so that others may come to know his love too.

# ¶ *The Gathering*

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



**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee where they come,  
and going, take thee to their home.**

**Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.**

*Words, William Cowper 1731-1800*

*Tune, WAREHAM, William Knapp 1698-1768*

*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.**

*The president gives a welcome and introduces the service.*

## **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*

As we prepare to celebrate  
the presence of Christ in word and sacrament,  
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

*All* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*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*

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the bidding*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
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 congregation sits.*



# ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

## **New Testament Reading**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

*11.1-3, 8-16*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation stands to sing*



**Ye servants of the Lord,  
each in their office wait,  
observant of his heavenly word,  
and watchful at his gate.**

**Let all your lamps be bright,  
and trim the golden flame;  
gird up your loins as in his sight,  
for awful is his name.**

**Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,  
and while we speak, he's near;  
mark the first signal of his hand,  
and ready all appear.**

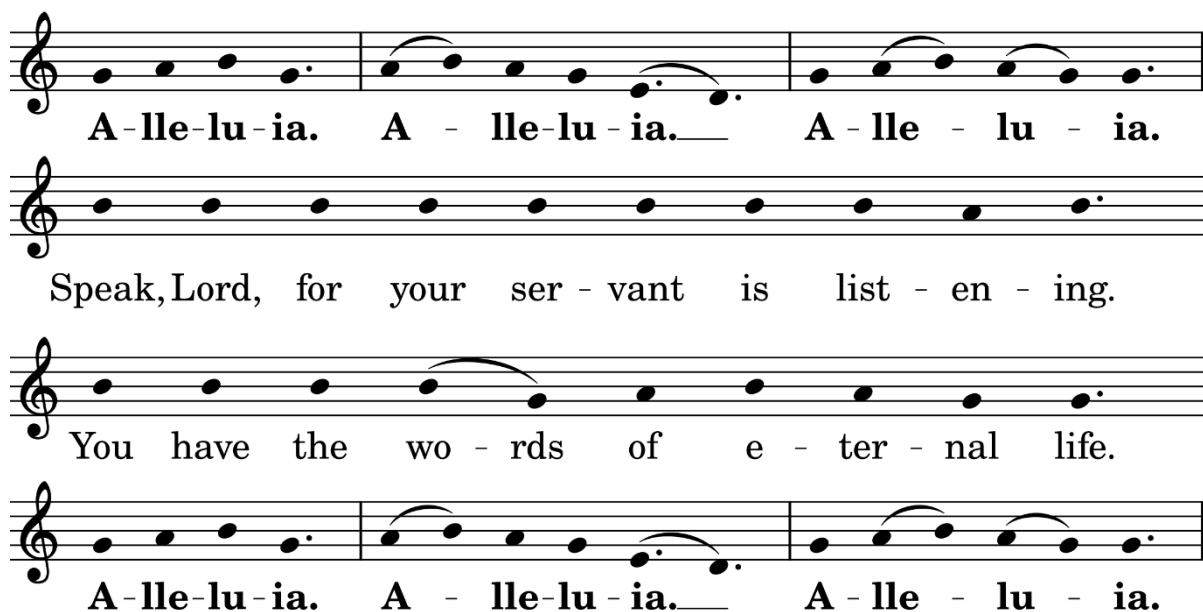
**O happy servant, when  
in such a posture found!  
They see their Lord with rapture then,  
and be with honour crowned.**

**Christ shall the banquet spread  
with his own royal hand,  
and raise that faithful servant's head  
amid the angelic band.**

*Words, Luke 12.35-38, Philip Doddridge 1702-1751  
Tune, NARENZA; adapted from J. Leisentritt, Catholicum  
Hymnologium Germanicum 1584*

## Gospel Reading

*The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat*



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

Speak, Lord, for your ser - vant is list - en - ing.

You have the wo - rds of e - ter - nal life.

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

*When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says*

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak.

‘But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.’

12.32-40

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*

In the power of the Spirit,  
and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*The congregation sits.*

*After each prayer, the response is used*

Lord, in your mercy

*All* **hear our prayer.**

*At the end, the president says*

Merciful Father

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

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

### The Peace

*The congregation stands.*

*The president introduces the Peace*

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

*cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19*

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 Taking of the Bread and Wine

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*As the altar is prepared, the congregation remains standing to sing the offertory hymn*



**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.*

**Perfect communion, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.  
Angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*This is my story &c.*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.  
I in my Savior am happy and bless'd,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

***This is my story &c.***

*Words*, Fanny Crosby (Frances Jane van Alstyne) 1820-1915

*Tune*, BLESSED ASSURANCE; Phoebe Palmer Knapp 1839-1908

*When the altar is prepared, the president says*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness, we have this bread to set before you,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
through your goodness, we have this wine to set before you,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**



# The Eucharistic Prayer

*President* *All*

The Lord be with you and also with you.

*President* *All*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

*The president says*

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest.

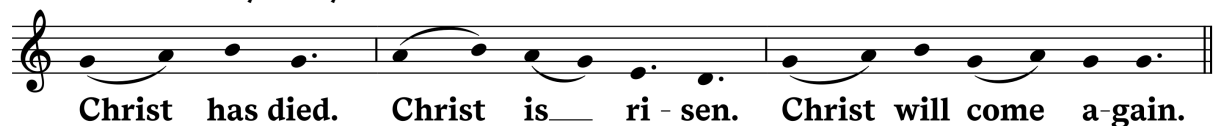
Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:



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,  
 Peter, Benedict, Kyneburga, 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.



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

## 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

*The president says the invitation to 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 choir sings the Angus Dei*

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*In the Cathedral, 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 Communion motet*

Do not be afraid,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by your name; you are mine.  
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;  
you will never sink beneath the waves.  
When the fire is burning all around you,  
you will never be consumed by the flames.  
When the fear of loneliness is looming,  
then remember I am at your side.  
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,  
remember you are precious in my eyes.  
You are mine, O my child,  
I am your Father,  
and I love you with a perfect love.

*Words, from Isaiah 43  
Music, Philip Stopford 1977-*

## Prayer after Communion

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

Strengthen for service, Lord,  
the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word  
be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love  
shine with the light of hope;  
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body  
be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

*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*



**Thy kingdom come! On bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.**

*Words, F. L. Hosmer 1840-1929*

*Tune, IRISH; A Collection of Hymn Dublin 1749*

## The Blessing

*The president says*

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
✠ the Father, the Son, and the 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 congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.*

*The organist plays*

Offertoire in B Minor, op. 450, no. 2

Édouard Batiste 1820-1876

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and of your own do we give you.’**

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# Notices

## **Sunday Eucharists in the Quire: Advance Notice**

During August and September, the organ builders will be restoring our beautiful organ case in preparation for the full rebuild in January. To enable this work, scaffolding will be erected over the screen on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August. This will necessitate a move of the Sunday Eucharist to the Quire on the following Sundays: 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August; 14<sup>th</sup> September.

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## **Crafts that Built the Cathedral**

**Discover the skills that built Gloucester Cathedral with our exhibition and hands-on workshops**

Crafts that Built the Cathedral celebrates the heritage skills behind Gloucester Cathedral. Throughout 2025, participants have been taking part in specialist workshops led by experts in the field. These include: stone carving, monument lettering, painting and stained glass. In partnership with the NHS, we have been offering specialist workshops supporting mindfulness and wellbeing for patients and staff. Some of the artwork created is featured in the summer exhibition, giving participants the chance to display their work. We invite you to discover the exhibition located in the Cloister and Lady Chapel and learn about the many hands and creative minds who have worked together to create this magnificent building that, even after several centuries, still amazes visitors from near and far.

**There are more workshops still to come! If you would like to take part in a workshop, visit the website: <https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/crafts-that-built-the-cathedral-1>**

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## **Sip and Study: Cathedral Community Lectio Group Tuesday 12 August 2025, 2.30pm, Prinknash Abbey**

The Cathedral's Sip and Study group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Prinknash Abbey, following the ancient process of Lectio Divina to reflect on a passage of Scripture. Anyone is welcome to come along; you don't need prior experience as we learn the process through experiencing it. Lectio begins at 2.30 p.m. and finishes at 3.45 p.m. but we arrive any time from 1.00 p.m. for lunch or coffee and cake together in the café. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376, or [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

**Prayers for Peace and Justice**  
**Tuesday 2 September, 12.00 noon, the Lady Chapel**

Prayers for Peace and Justice are offered for about 20 minutes on the first Tuesday of each month in person in the Cathedral and online using Zoom. You are warmly invited to join these prayers and contribute your own prayers, silently or spoken, in the Chapel or online, about peace and justice issues locally, nationally or internationally. If you wish to speak, please let the leader know before the prayers begin so that the microphone can be made available to you at the appropriate time. If you would like to join via Zoom, please email the Cathedral Reception to request the Zoom link: [reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:reception@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

On Tuesday 2 September, we will continue to offer prayers for the restoration of a lasting and just peace to the many areas of conflict. We will also offer prayers for all aspects of God's creation as Creationtide starts on 1 September and runs until 4 October. If you are not able to attend Prayers for Peace and Justice in person or online, your concerns about social justice, locally, nationally or internationally can nonetheless be covered in the prayers by emailing Canon Rebecca on: [clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk)

**Please note:** *Due to potential disruption from rebuilding work to on the Cathedral Organ, Prayers for Peace and Justice will be temporary taking place in the Lady Chapel from Tuesday 2 September, until the work is complete.*

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**Cathedral Community Coffee Morning**  
**Wednesday 3 September, 10.30am – 11.30am, The Monk's Kitchen**

Join us for coffee and a friendly chat in the Monk's Kitchen. Contact Barbara Merrick on 01452 504376 or email [congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:congregation@gloucestercathedral.org.uk) for more information.

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**Cathedral Book Club**  
**Monday 8 September 2025, 2.00pm – 3.00pm, The Laud Room**

The Cathedral book club meets on the second Monday of each month in the **Parliament Room** (new venue!). In September we will be discussing *Dead Water* by Ann Cleeves. All newcomers are welcome.

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