

GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL

The Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 19 April 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.

If you are new and would like to discover more about congregational life, please do introduce yourself to a member of the clergy at the end of the service. There is also information about being part of the cathedral congregation on the website. You can contact the Cathedral clergy by emailing: clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk



The musical setting of the Eucharist is
MISSA CANTUARIENSIS BY EDMUND RUBBRA

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

The preacher is The Dean of Gloucester
The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni

¶ *The Gathering*

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



**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.**

Alleluia.

**O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.**

Alleluia.

**They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.**

Alleluia.

**O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.**

Alleluia.

**Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.**

Alleluia.

**Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.**

Alleluia.

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.**

Alleluia.

*Words, G. K. A. Bell 1883-1958
Tune, GELOBT SEI GOTT; from Melchior Vulpis's *Gesangbuch* 1609*

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

The president gives the absolution

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, singing

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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.



The congregation sits.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

New Testament Reading

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

2.14a; 36-41

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation stands to sing

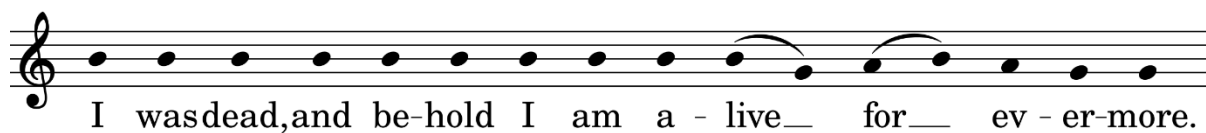
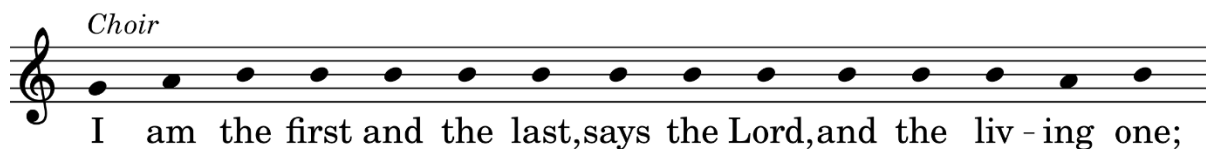


1. **Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**
2. **See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage:
grace, which, like the Lord the giver,
never fails from age to age?**
3. **Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which he gives them when they pray.**
4. **Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.**

*Words, John Newton 1725-1807
Tune, ABBOT'S LEIGH; Cyril Taylor 1907-91*

Gospel Reading

The choir sings the acclamation and all repeat



When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says

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



Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

24.13-35

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

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.

Jesus, light of the world,

bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life,

give food to the hungry ...

and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,

be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth

and fill us with your life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,

recover the straggler,

bind up the injured,

strengthen the sick

and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,

we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you ...

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

All in your mercy, hear us,

accept our prayers, and be with us always.

Amen.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

The Peace

The congregation stands.

The president introduces the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

John 20.19-20

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 remains standing to sing the offertory hymn



**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.**

Words, Johann Franck 1618-1677

tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878

Tune, SCHMÜCKE DICH; Johann Crüger 1598-1662

Taking of the Bread and Wine

When the altar is prepared, the president says

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ,
our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

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 recalls God's mighty acts

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men, women and children the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom
 and teach us to pray

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.

Notre Père...

Vater Unser...

Onze Vader...

Padre Nuestro...

Ojcie Nasz...

Baba Yetu...

E to matou Matua...

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

The president says the invitation to communion

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 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.

The Choir sings the Communion motet

Tantum ergo Sacramentum	<i>Down in adoration falling,</i>
Veneremur cernui:	<i>Lo! the sacred Host we hail,</i>
Et antiquum documentum	<i>Lo! o'er ancient forms departing</i>
Novo cedat ritui:	<i>Newer rites of grace prevail;</i>
Præstet fides supplementum	<i>Faith for all defects supplying,</i>
Sensuum defectui.	<i>Where the feeble senses fail.</i>

Genitori, Genitoque	<i>To the Everlasting Father,</i>
Laus et jubilatio,	<i>And the Son Who reigns on high</i>
Salus, honor, virtus quoque	<i>With the Holy Ghost proceeding</i>
Sit et benedictio:	<i>Forth from Each eternally,</i>
Procedenti ab utroque	<i>Be salvation, honour, blessing,</i>
Compar sit laudatio.	<i>Might, and endless majesty.</i>
Amen.	<i>Amen.</i>

*Words, St. Thomas Aquinas
Music, Mark Blatchly 1960-*

Prayer after Communion

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

¶ *The Dismissal*

The congregation stands to sing



**Rejoice, the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore!
mortals, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!
*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

**Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when He has purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
*Lift up your heart &c.***

**His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
*Lift up your heart &c.***

**He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
*Lift up your heart &c.***

**Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!**

Words, Charles Wesley 1707-88
Tune, GOSPAL; G. F. Handel 1685-1759

The Blessing

The president says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The congregation remains standing as the choir and ministers depart.

The organist plays

Paeon

Herbert Howells 1892-1983

Notices

Madeleine Maddox RIP

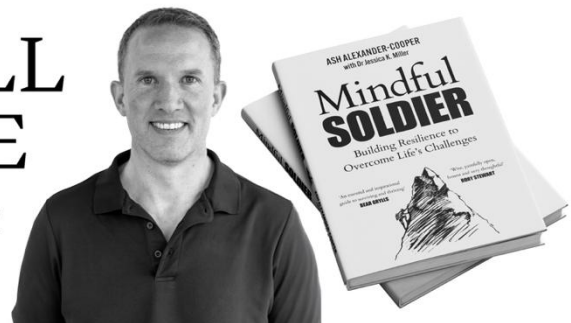
We are sorry to bring you the news of the death of Madeleine, for many years, a member of our congregation. Her funeral will take place on Monday 20 April at 1.00 p.m. in the Lady Chapel.

Kathleen Hands RIP

We are sorry to bring you the news of the death of Kath, a stalwart member of our weekday and Sunday Eucharist congregation. Her funeral will take place on Friday 1 May at 11.00 a.m. at St Katherine's Matson.

From CHOIR STALL *to the* FRONT LINE

A conversation on resilience, service and overcoming life's toughest challenges



Friday 24 April, 7.30 p.m.

Join us at Gloucester Cathedral for an inspiring evening with Ash Alexander-Cooper exploring mental health, tackling trauma, building resilience and how to overcome life's toughest challenges. Expect the sharing of honest, authentic experiences twinned with discussing practical skills and techniques.



Doors and bar open at 6.45pm. Talk starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 for adults, £5 for students. General entry with signed copy of the book is £22. **Scan the QR code to book, or visit www.gloucestercathedral.artsvp.com/d51e26**

Sound System

We are aware that the sound system has been causing issues for services in the Nave and we acknowledge the difficulties this presents. Please be assured that we are working hard to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Gloucester Cathedral Ramblers

Saturday 25 April - Short Walk

For the next short walk, the Ramblers will explore the paths (about five miles) amongst the bluebells in the Forest of Dean. Details from Peter Barrett on gloucestercathedralramblers@gmail.com

Cathedral Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday 6 May, 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

The Michael Perham University and Cathedral Lecture 2026

Wednesday 6 May, 7.00p.m., in the University Chapel, Francis Close Hall, Cheltenham, GL50, 4AZ. Pay and display parking available at the campus.

“Education, Justice and Spirituality: is spirituality the missing ingredient to our underperforming education and justice systems?” presented by the Reverend Canon Steve Chalke MBE, founder of the Oasis Trust.

Steve is a distinguished author, speaker, former UN Special Advisor on Human Trafficking, and Baptist minister. In 1985, he founded the Oasis Trust, a leading charity dedicated to building inclusive local communities. Today, Oasis operates across multiple countries, providing housing, education, healthcare, and various community-building initiatives. In England, Oasis runs 56 schools and recently opened Oasis Restore, the UK's first Secure School - a groundbreaking therapeutic alternative to youth prisons designed to support high-risk children and young people in the justice system. Steve is also a regular media commentator, and his latest book is called *A Manifesto for Hope*.

Prayers for Peace and Justice

Tuesday 5 May, 12.00 noon, Lady Chapel and WhatsApp

Twenty minutes of spoken and silent prayer for issues of peace and justice. The principal focus will be the work of Christian Aid as Christian Aid week runs from 10 to 17 May. 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 Book Club

Monday 11 May, 2.00 p.m.–3.00 p.m., Laud Room

This month we will meet for a discussion of *Regeneration* by Pat Barker.

Sip and Study: Cathedral Lectio Group

Tuesday 12 May, 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

Ascension Day Eucharist

Thursday 14 May, 7.00 a.m.

All are welcome to join us for the Ascension Day Eucharist, as we come together on the 40th day after Easter to commemorate the ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven. As is tradition, the choir will ascend the tower following the service to sing over the city.

Cathedral Baptisms and Confirmations

Pentecost Sunday, 24 May, 10.15 a.m.

As ever, Bishop Rachel will be with us on Pentecost Sunday to baptise and confirm members of our congregation. Preparation for young people (school years 8 – 13) will be offered by Canon Craig; preparation for adults will be offered by Dean Andrew. Children below school year 8 are welcome to prepare for baptism and admission to Holy Communion. If you would like to be prepared, please email clergy@gloucestercathedral.org.uk

