

Sunday 26th August 2018
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Highlights

As a teacher, this time of year is filled with excitement (and a little trepidation) as the start of a new academic year approaches. It irritates me that shops market back to school ranges as soon as schools have broken up for the summer - it doesn't seem fair as it undermines the holiday vibe. But at this stage in the holiday, it feels right to be preparing to return. One of my preparations is to go stationery shopping. I love stationery, so this is no burden. There is something thrilling about a blank notepad and freshly sharpened pencils. One of my treasured pieces of stationery is my purple highlighter, because purple is my favourite colour and it is a welcome challenge to highlight the key words and phrases, rather than giving every word a colourful background. Knowing what to highlight is a skill.

I kept thinking about this when I was pondering what to highlight in today's 'Highlights.' You can't highlight it all because then you are simply regurgitating the notices. There are so many events happening at the Cathedral and beyond, that I don't really know where to start with recommendations. This is a good problem to have because it shows we are fulfilling our mission and I want to highlight some of our events in the light of our mission: we aim to be a Cathedral that encounters God through transformative worship (do you feel transformed by worship? Do you need a new attitude of transformation?), challenging discipleship (maybe you know someone who needs to be brave and consider the pioneer minister post for older persons; or you think you should tackle the tricky topic of science and religion by attending the fossil and dinosaur exhibition), generous hospitality (support the pantomime lunch or the Open Church project or come to welcome our visiting choirs) and prayerful engagement (creative spirituality sessions).

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Cathedral Reader*

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generous hospitality and prayerful engagement.

TODAY

Welcome to the Choir of St Francis, Welwyn Garden City who are leading the music at services this weekend.

Refreshments Fresh homemade lemonade will be served on the west front after the 10.30am service weather permitting.

Flooding in Kerala There will be retiring collections today for Christian Aid's appeal. Donations can also be made on line through <https://bit.ly/2P4VUER>.

The List and Events Listings are available in the Cathedral or on the [website](#).

NEWS

Cushions A design for new cushions in the Chapter stalls has been agreed and thanks to a very generous donation the materials have been purchased. If you are proficient at tapestry and would be interested in working on one of the cushions, please contact Canon Jo or Liz Snowball in the Cathedral Offices. Full instructions will be provided and it is hoped to have the cushions complete by the New Year.

NOTICES

Repairs and Conservation The windows in the Navy Aisle are at Chapel Studios for repair and the South Path is out of use whilst repairs to the flat roofs are carried out. The works are due to be completed by early November.

Do Something Different Days 10.00am–3.30pm. Tuesday Wednesday 29th August at St Mary's Fratton. Cost £6 per person. Places must be booked in advance 07710 394351 or Jill.Phipps@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk.

Verbum Caro Factum Est Advent and Christmas Music CD by the Cathedral Choir will be released on Sunday 9th September.

Christmas Fair Volunteer Meeting 12pm Sunday 16th September in the Bishop Kenneth Room. Please could anyone who would like to volunteer and all those who have already confirmed that they would like to volunteer attend.

Pantomime Lunch The 13th annual lunch will be held at Abarbistro on 21st September, to raise funds to give children from the EC Roberts Centre a wonderful time at the Kings Theatre pantomime 'Cinderella'. All tickets are sold, BUT, we are always grateful for any donations, towards the children's Christmas party, that we also help fund. Enquires to Gerry Chilton.

Open Church Project in conjunction with the Society of St James. Some of the churches in Portsmouth are planning to provide overnight accommodation, an evening meal and breakfast for up to 12 rough sleepers every night between 7th January and 4th March 2019. If you would like to volunteer please contact Revd Adam Denley at adam.denley@sjs.church or 023 9275 0442.

EVENTS and SERVICES

Visiting Choir Evensong this week will be sung by the choir of St Alphege Church, Solihull.

RSCM Voices South Lunchtime Concert 1.10pm Friday 31st August. Free entry with a retiring collection.

Fossil and dinosaur exhibition with Dinosaur Isle Tuesday 4th to Saturday 29th September. Visit and explore a special collection of fossils and prehistoric artefacts installed in the arches and the Ambulatory of the Cathedral Nave with a **TIME Talk on “Dinosaurs” with Dr Martin Munt of Dinosaur Isle** at 7.00pm on Thursday 13th September in the Nave.

Creative Spirituality Evening 7-9pm Tuesday 4th September. All welcome to join Sharon Court to be creative and reflective in Portsmouth Cathedral.

Lunchtime Live 1.10pm Thursday 6th September. Adam Parrish: piano. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Retiring collection.

Heritage Open Days Friday 7th to Sunday 9th September. Opening hours 10am-4pm Friday and Saturday, 12-4pm Sunday. The Cathedral Guides will be on duty throughout and events include tours focused on the extraordinary women who have contributed to the Cathedral and displays of the Sarum Frontals and Graily Hewitt service books. The weekend also includes special tower and clock tours, (booking essential through [Eventbrite](#)) and tours of the organ stop, ‘Trompete de Maris’ on Saturday; and the Tangier Plate Talk (Saturday and Sunday, booking essential through [Eventbrite](#)). Details on the Cathedral website.

Doctor Who - Adventures in Time and Faith: Christopher Ecclestone 7.00-9.00pm Tuesday 11th September at the Dolphin. Booking essential via [Eventbrite](#).



Meet Bishop Matthias from Ho 3.30pm Sunday 16th September in Cathedral House. Hear the latest news from Ho, try the “Ho Quiz”, with freshly cooked Ghanaian food. Tickets £5 available from David Power at 023 9282 7071 or davidmpower@ntlworld.com and Marion Syms at 01243 373409 or marion.syms@btinternet.com. Followed by **Choral Evensong with installation of four new Canons of Ho** at 6.00pm.

Quiet Afternoon 2.00-4.30pm Wednesday 26th September in an Emsworth home and garden. “Where is the wind blowing?” Paying attention to where God is in this phase of our lives and how God might be leading us with Revd Max Millett. All welcome, transport available, booking essential through the Cathedral Shop.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

All those in need including: Frank, Brian, Margaret, Roger, Derek, Tricia and Eric.

And those who have died: Anthony Caesar (*priest*), Joan Compton and John Ratcliffe *RIP*.

Sunday 26th August, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (BCP said)**
1030 Eucharist sung by the Choir of St Francis, Welwyn Garden City
Preacher: The Revd Matt Bray
Readings: Joshua 24.1-2a, 14-18; John 6.56-69
- 1800 Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Francis, Welwyn Garden City**
Preacher: Canon Anthony Rustell
Readings: Exodus 4.27-5.1; Hebrews 13.16-21

This Week

- Monday** 0840 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
1700 Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull
- Tuesday** 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
1800 Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull
- Wednesday** 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
1200 Holy Communion
1800 Evening Prayer said
- Thursday** 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
1800 Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull
- Friday** 0740 Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion
1200 Holy Communion
1800 Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull
- Saturday** 1700 Choral Evensong sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull

Sunday 2nd September, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 0800 Holy Communion (BCP said)**
1030 Eucharist sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull
Preacher: Canon Nick Ralph
Readings: Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9; Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15, 21-23
- 1800 Choral Evensong with presentation of Living Faith Certificates**
sung by the Choir of St Alphege, Solihull
Preacher: Canon Anthony Rustell
Readings: Exodus 12.21-27; Matthew 4.23-5.20