



NEWSLETTER

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October 2008



Autumn Series 2008
Keeping Faith in Society

Sales under way for the Carol
Concert with Alan Titchmarsh



The Dean writes...



October commences with two special weekends in which the Cathedral is engaged with the community. It is very much the Cathedral 'in role' as the Bishop's Church and part of the life of the County. It is part of the service we are called upon to perform, and an opportunity to connect with those beyond normal church boundaries. It was Archbishop William Temple who classically said, 'The Church is the one organisation that exists for the sake of those who do not belong to it'. That is an interesting remark to reflect upon, and takes us close to the paradigm of Christ's life - who came 'not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45).

The first weekend is Hampshire Harvest Weekend (4th/5th October). Throughout the weekend (10am-5pm) there will be activities in the Outer Close celebrating Harvest as well as displays in the Cathedral. Activities in the Outer Close include hurdle-making and spinning, displays of agricultural equipment - including a vintage tractor - animals, children's activities

and a special Farmers' Market. On the Saturday there will be music and singing by county young musicians, and Morris dancing. On Sunday there is one choral service in the morning at 10am at which members of the congregation are invited to bring gifts suitable to pass on to the Night Shelter. In the afternoon at 3.30pm there will be a special Hampshire Harvest Celebration service to which all are welcome (no tickets necessary). Gifts representing the fruits of Hampshire will be received by the Bishop. The address will take the form of Debbie Thrower interviewing two or three people with key involvement in agriculture. The weekend and the service will highlight renewed awareness of the fragility of our environment and the spiritual insights that has generated.

The second weekend (Sunday 12th October) brings around Law Sunday. It is an occasion that celebrates the significance of Winchester within the English legal system both past and present. It also recognises the moral and spiritual engine that any society needs to thrive: 'Without a vision the people per-

October at a glance

Force Eight exhibition to 19th (see page 8)

16th, 23rd & 30th Autumn Lectures (see page 5)

4/5 Harvest Weekend

Displays in the Close throughout the weekend.

Sun 10.00 Harvest Eucharist
15.30 County Harvest Service

6 Monday

12.30 Cathedral Fellowship
(See page 6)

9 Thursday

17.30 Admission of New Guides

12 Law Sunday

09.30 Eucharist with Hymns
11.00 Law Sunday Mattins
15.30 Evensong

14 Thursday

19.30 Friends' Lecture
Details from 01962 857245

18 Saturday

19.30 Karl Jenkins Stabat Mater

22/23/24 University Graduation
Cathedral closed to visitors

24 - 27 Choir trip & Pilgrimage to Fleury

28 Tuesday

18.30 Continuing Stewardship Meeting

HC: Holy Communion (*always said*)
CM: Choral Mattins (*M = said*)
SE: Sung Eucharist (*always sung*)
CE: Choral Evensong (*E = said*)

The Dean



ish' (Proverbs 29:18). We are honoured to have as our preacher this year the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, Lord Judge. The service will be at 11am and we shall be welcoming the Lord Lieutenant and the High Sheriff. All are, of course, very welcome and you do not need to wear a wig!

There are a number of significant developments to note which are important for the future. The process is now well in hand for the appointment of a new diocesan canon at the Cathedral. The decision has been made that the Cathedral should be the base for a Diocesan Missioner. That person will be 30% Cathedral and 70% diocese with a brief to encourage outreach and mission in the diocese and to use those skills also within the life of the Cathedral. In order to prevent confusion it requires the re-defining of Canon Roly Riem's task, although the impact on the substance of his work is not great. Chapter has agreed that Canon Roly will from now on be known as Canon Chancellor and Pastor. Chancellor is a title used in other cathedrals to capture roles relating to education and visitors which are about 'mission', but in those specific areas.

With the help of the Prince of Wales Foundation for the Built Environment, we have made some progress on the Cathedral Plan. The Cathedral community is now well acquainted with our hopes to develop the Cathedral's facilities. These developments include proper lavatory and storage facilities, better display of the Winchester

Bible, improved access to the Morley Library and Triforium Gallery, a new Song Room and enhanced Education Centre arrangements. A policy statement has been produced (available from the Cathedral or Cathedral Office) which sets out some principles for the way ahead. These include the decision to go for two separate solutions for the Song Room and Education Centre. Now that we are considering a two-building solution, the Dean Garnier Garden site is not appropriate. The preferred site for the Song Room is the South Presbytery lawn (near the Cathedral Office) with the Chapter House site remaining an option. The crucial factor is that the location should offer the choir direct access to the Cathedral.

Chapter has agreed that the next phase of work on the Cathedral fabric should include the renovation of the vaulting above the Quire and the lead roof. This will require a scaffolding cradle immediately beneath the roof. Once this is installed the Quire can continue in normal use. However there will be two or three months of disruption while the scaffolding is put in place, which will make the Quire unusable for services in the first part of next year. That means that we shall be using the Nave for all services, and it will not be possible to totally clear the nave of chairs for the normal extended period. There will need to be compromises and these will need to be worked out in due course.

Finally, we are about to launch a programme which we are calling 'Continuing Steward-

ship'. The aim of this stewardship campaign is to recruit more people to planned giving and to ask each one of us to review our giving in the light of our response to God's love in Christ and our own faith commitment. It is a challenging time financially for the Church, as it is for each one of us in our own housekeeping. Much of the funding of the Cathedral comes from visitors, Close property, and commercial activity. But we also depend upon the support of our own community. It would be good, not simply to meet increasing costs but also to be able to increase the budget for pastoral care within the Cathedral community. The campaign commences on Sunday 28th September and will conclude with the Community Day on Sunday 16th November when Madeleine Sumsion leads us on 'The Seven Marks of a Healthy Church'. (Application forms available shortly). Each household on the community roll will be given a pack of information; please ask for one if you have not already received it. Everyone will be invited to attend one of four receptions (two afternoon and two evening) and I hope very much you will respond. I am grateful to the committee, headed by John Pringle, which has spearheaded this initiative.

These are a few of the things you can be looking forward to in your Cathedral's life during the autumn.

Jan Atwell

Worship

Use of language

One of the things I find intensely irritating is the modern use of abbreviations in all kinds of communications. I have several friends who write emails starting with “Hi” and making use of letters to represent words. To maintain a love of the English language is no easy task nowadays.

The words used for the liturgy have always been a matter of debate. This formed a major part in the discussions held at the recent national Precentors’ Conference held in Salisbury. We had the pleasure of welcoming two well known international authors who made a significant contribution to the debate. You will not be surprised to learn that both thought that the language used in the Book of Common Prayer could not be improved upon, which prefaced a much longer discussion as to whether liturgy should always aim at the highest quality of words and images to give glory to God. The alternative was to simplify matters and thereby include the ability and understanding of all people present.

Surveys undertaken regarding the average reading age of this nation are truly shocking and very low. One of the authors commented that if we did not strive for the best

standards, how was our vocabulary to improve and why should we not include in an act which ought to contain some sense of mystery, words or images which raised questions and challenged us to stretch our knowledge? Do we have to fully grasp every element in worship and agree upon it before we engage with it?

During the same conference, the Salisbury Choir and Precentor sang the Office of Compline entirely in Latin. It was for all who attended a most beautiful and moving moment of worship and all left in silence, that being the most appropriate response to such sense of holiness. Not everyone understood every word and in a sense that proved nowhere near as important as soaking in the prayerfulness of the occasion. At Winchester, Latin is frequently used in both music and speech, as is English from former periods of our history. Far from putting people off, it proves a draw. It is a different experience to most people’s everyday lives but that is what Cathedrals partly exist for. Time and again I hear from visitors that our worship has been for them either a rich experience or even a turning point, young and old alike. We should be thankful that we can celebrate such diversity.

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Andrew Lumsden on the month’s music

The first weekend of October see our Harvest celebration (5th) and, at the Eucharist, the Girls and Lay Clerks will sing Mozart’s sublime ‘Coronation’ Mass, which includes possibly his most beautiful setting of the Agnus Dei. In the afternoon, for the Hampshire Harvest service, the boys and men will sing two movements from Josef Haydn’s Creation, including the ‘famous’ switching on of light, a moment particularly enjoyed by the choristers! We will be holding our ‘Be a Chorister afternoon’ (11th) when all the boys attending the event will join with the Cathedral Choir in singing the anthem. Other musical highlights include a second performance of the Nunc Dimittis by Tarik O’Regan (12th), which was commissioned by the SCF and received its first performance in July, and a simple but beautiful setting of the Beatitudes by the Estonian composer Arvo Part (16th). Then to finish off the month, the boys and Lay Clerks embark on a visit to our ‘twin foundation’ at Fleury.

By chance this month see no fewer than seven visiting choirs, mostly from schools and we welcome the biennial visit of the joint service sung by choirs of Winchester and Eton Colleges (2nd) – always a good occasion.

News

PARKING IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

The Christmas Market will operate in the Inner Close from 27th November to 14th December 2008, and the Ice Rink from 27th November 2008 to 4th January 2009. Work on erecting the Christmas Market chalets and Ice Rink will start on 3rd November 2008, and dismantling of the chalets will start on 15th December 2008. During November and December, therefore, it will be necessary to have parking restrictions in the Inner Close as outlined below. From 3rd November to 21st December 2008, that part of the Inner Close from the Deanery and No 9 (the former Church House) north to the Cathedral South door and through the Slype to the Cathedral Office will be closed to all but construction vehicles, delivery vehicles, Christmas Market stallholders' vehicles and the tenants of Nos 1A, 1B, 10, 11 and 11A The Close. The 4 parking spaces in front of the Dean-

ery will be reserved for the tenants of Nos 1A, 10, 11 and 11A The Close for the occasions when vehicular access to their houses is obstructed or to avoid their having to negotiate pedestrians to access their drives during the period of the Christmas Market. Cathedral Office staff will park their vehicles on the Outer Close behind Gieves and Hawkes, and volunteers on duty will park in the remaining parking spaces around the Deanery and behind Gieves and Hawkes. Once the latter spaces are filled, staff and volunteers on duty should park in city centre car parks and submit a claim for reimbursement to the Cathedral Accountant. Visitors' Centre catering staff on early morning shifts can park in Dome Alley. People with disabilities may alight at the entrance to Cloister Garth, but the disabled parking bays will not be available.

Bob Forrester

Meetings in October

- 2 College of Canons Study Day
- 14 Voluntary Section Heads meeting
- 16 Monthly Chapter
- 28 Fabric Advisory Council
- 29 Cathedral Council

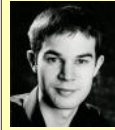
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No one claims that Latin, ancient music or Elizabethan English is for every one at all points of their lives, but to many such things find echoes deep within us and aid our daily living in the present world. The two are connected and feed off each other. Bringing everything down to the lowest common denominator and pretending that everyone is satisfied or

included is a complete fantasy. Beautiful music and language which enables the liturgy to soar and finds its roots in the past is not the preserve of the learned and highly sophisticated alone, but speaks to people in every circumstance whatever their experience or back ground. Praise God that we have many such moments here.

Canon Michael

COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE LITURGY & MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Simon Bell

Assistant Director of Music

Simon joins us direct from Southwell Minster in Nottinghamshire, where he was Sub-Organist, working closely with the Minster's choirs (boys and girls).

Simon gained a first in Music at Leeds University immediately followed by an MMus from the Royal College of Music. He is also an FRCO. For two years, from 1998, he was Organ Scholar at St. Alban's Abbey and, from 2001, Assistant Organist of Westminster Abbey and Director of Music at the Choir School, before being appointed Assistant Director of Music at Southwell.

He brings to four the members of the music foundation called Simon!

Richard McVeigh

Assistant Organist



Richard McVeigh became the Organ Scholar at York Minster, having previously held Organ Scholarships at Beverley Minster and Chester Cathedral.

He has maintained an excellent reputation in and around Cheshire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire over the past years, having played at most of the major venues in the areas. He is also a keen composer, having composed pieces for choir (including a well received set of Preces and Responses) and solo organ.

Autumn series

Keeping Faith in Society is difficult when faith-groups seem marginalised and their work tolerated with reservations and even restrictions. Our Autumn series will examine these pressures and explore some of the positive options open to the Church in public life today.

16th October - 7pm

'Christianity in a Liberal State'

Professor Raymond Plant

The Stripe Theatre, University of Winchester

Lord Plant is Professor of Jurisprudence and Philosophy, King's College London and Lay Canon, Winchester Cathedral.

A reception will be held at 6.30pm, please book in advance, email conferences@winchester.ac.uk or telephone 01962 827322

30th October - 7pm

'Rights, Freedoms and Christian Obedience'

The Bishop of Winchester

Prior's Hall, The Deanery

Preceded by sandwiches and drinks at 6.30pm. No booking necessary. Donations welcome.

6th November - 7pm

'Home and Away: The Case of Asylum'

Canon Dr Nicholas Sagovsky, Canon Theologian, Westminster Abbey

Prior's Hall, The Deanery

Preceded by sandwiches and drinks at 6.30pm. No bookings are necessary. Donations welcome.

Although Christmas preparations will be under way, parking is available for this event in the area between The Deanery and Judges' Lodgings.

THE SANDFORD AWARD

In the last newsletter it was reported that the Education Centre had received the prestigious Sandford Award for Heritage Education. We have now had a full copy of the report which commends Cheryl Bryan and the Education Service for being fully integrated with other Cathedral activities such as guided tours and exhibitions, as well as for its excellent range of activities fitting in very well with all as-

pects of the curriculum, backed up by professional lesson plans. The panel also encouraged us to think further about how we could offer enhanced support for the work of the Director of Children's Education. Chapter are actively considering ways to achieve this. The award will be presented at Hampton Court Palace at the end of November.

Canon Roly



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Admission of New Guides

At 17.30 Evensong on Thursday 9th we admit new guides to the many who are already members of this highly visible and vitally important part of our welcome team. For them it is the end of a year long journey, through selection, then extensive training and now they will receive their badge and The Dean's blessing as one of the many hundreds who welcome our visitors throughout the year.

Deanery Books

The Deanery Books are approaching the end of their season. It has been another exceptional success, as we write they have just topped £40k. This is thanks to so many people, who have donated books, coordinated and been helpers, counted money and so much more. The proceeds go to fund scholarships for boy choristers, the ongoing contribution to which was recognised on 14th September by the introduction of a new chorister medal. They aim to have a presence during the Christmas Market, on which more in due course.

Do you have news for us?

Are you a volunteer or volunteer leader who would like us to feature something here. Please let us know. Contact details are on the back page.

Fellowship

This year all our Cathedral Fellowship Meetings will be on Mondays at 12.30pm in the Prior's Hall, accompanied by a lunch of sandwiches and fruit (*admission is free but a £3 donation is requested*). Brian Timms has put together a varied programme for us this season and, although it started in September, we are giving a full listing of the remaining meetings here.

6th October

Michael Callé...

... is well known to many in the Cathedral as Chairman of the Friends. He is also an experienced Guide and an expert on the woodwork in the Cathedral. His topic for this talk is, however, 'The Cathedral as Patron of the Arts – a living tradition', which will enable him to bring his expert knowledge to bear on a wide ranging sample of some of the artefacts in the Cathedral, which you may have seen and admired and would like to know more about. His talk will be illustrated with pictures of the items involved and his talk promises to be thoroughly interesting and informative.

3rd November

Bishop John Dennis' ...

...ministry took him from Armley in Leeds, via Kettering, the Isle of Dogs and Mill Hill, to appointment as Bishop of Knaresborough and, in 1986, of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. In retirement in Winchester, he is much in demand to 'fill in' for both local clergy and the Bishop and spends a lot of his time in spiritual direction. A tertiary of the Anglican Franciscans, he has wide interests and broad experience in any number of roles. His talk will focus on one of his particular interests, rather than simply recounting his life, although he has recently published an autobiography 'Here am I, send me' and could probably be persuaded to sell you one!

5th January 2009

Vey Roberts...

... was for many years a Prison Governor and his subject will be 'My twenty three years prison sentence'. He will be a little self-indulgent in covering events in which he was involved and prisons and prisoners he has known, covering the period from the mid-seventies to the late eighties. Nevertheless he is sure to have considerable insight into the problems that currently beset the prison service and the whole question of retribution and punishment of offenders, which will give the opportunity to probe deeper into this very challenging issue.

2nd February

Bishop John Austin Baker...

...was Bishop of Salisbury until his retirement and is a well-known author. Of his talk he writes, "Enjoying the Old Testament? Yes, there are some good stories in it, but not much fit to read in church, and God comes over as a pretty nasty character. So we often dismiss the OT, but this is sadly because we have a wrong idea about the Bible as a whole. In this talk we shall try to get a truer picture of what the Bible really is, and of how the OT fits into it, and to discover how this frees us to find the relevant and valuable messages the OT has for us today."

The Cathedral is set to host an exciting event next spring that will bring the Christian message to thousands.

Called *Just10 Winchester*, the event will run on ten consecutive Wednesdays from April 22nd to June 24th. Christians from all over the Winchester district are invited to the Launch Celebration at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 12th between 7pm and 9pm. During the evening evangelist and author J. John will reveal details about next year's mission, which will take the ten commandments week by week, showing their importance for our lives today.

People

**Howard Rowe,
Winchester City Centre Chaplain**



HELLO! For those of you who haven't met me before, I'm Howard Rowe, and I'm employed by Winchester's City Centre Churches to act as City Centre Chaplain.

My primary job is to visit people who work in the city, at the workplace. Nearly everyone needs support and encouragement from time to time, and that's what I offer. I'm there to listen when people need to talk. You can tell from my collar that I'm a lay person, and people seem to appreciate that as I do my job.

I visit many of the hundreds of businesses that operate in Winchester. Shops and offices, the City Council, Police Station, pubs and restaurants, estate agents. I have to seek permission to visit, and I serve those of any faith or no faith. As I visit and re-visit, friendships develop, and people are able to confide.

Although my primary role is pastoral, sometimes people are looking for a word of faith or a prayer, and I try to be open to the Holy Spirit's leading. The churches in Winchester work together well, and that's the way it should be. I see my job, now in its second year, as being for 'The Church in Winchester'.

I find visiting and talking to people I don't know is sometimes daunting. I try always to be gentle in my approach, and

most people are friendly, but occasionally I need a thick skin! But it's when I meet someone who needs to talk that I find it all worthwhile.

Over the past few months, I've listened to people struggling to deal with death or family illness. I've listened to some frustrated at failing relationships. I encourage some who are trying to quit smoking, some with low self-esteem, and some who seek wisdom in making choices for their lives. And I listen to those who worry about their businesses and the economic downturn, with rising rents and rates.

Simple friendship and empathy is often what's required, and sharing a situation over a cup of tea can be a big relief to people. Sometimes people ask me to pray with them, which I do. Where people need more than I can provide, I may refer them to Citizens Advice, Relate, or counselling services.

People also share exciting news with me. New relationships, marriage, the birth of a child, a happy holiday. I thank God when this happens.

I run a bi-monthly Worker's Contact Lunch, for Christians who work in the City. We share a ploughman's lunch together and talk about where we and our colleagues need support in the workplace.

I sense God at work among

the people of Winchester. My own daily prayer is that He will guide me to the people he wants to meet. Will you pray for me too? Especially for courage, the ability to remember names, for wisdom and discernment, and the eyes and ears of Jesus.

There are currently 2 Associate Chaplains who do this job as volunteers, and have their own areas of visiting. There are opportunities for more. If, reading this, you think 'hmm... I wonder if I could be a volunteer chaplain', please pray about it, talk to your church leader and contact me at chaplain@winccc.org.uk.

SPACE IN THE CITY

The Autumn series of Space in the City is entitled 'When I'm 64A Celebration of the Third Age!' and will run for eight weeks in October and November at the United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester.

*Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22
October, and 5, 12, 19, 26
November from 12.30pm
until 1pm.*

THE BACK PAGE

30th Sep to 19th Oct

FORCE EIGHT EXHIBITION

Silent Spaces, Soaring Places
This collective of Textile Artists have come together to celebrate the inspiration that is Winchester Cathedral. The work in this exhibition is the fruit of their response to this unique building. Admission: Cathedral entry fees apply

11th Oct

BE A CHORISTER FOR AN AFTERNOON

from 14.00 – 17.00

If you've got talent, aged 7-10 and think you'd like to be a Chorister... here's your chance! For more information contact The Pilgrims' School on 01962 854189

25th Oct, 19.30

GALA DINNER & CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

A superb reception and dinner interspersed with entertainment from Claire Goodwin's Theatre Arts School. Students will perform extracts from West End and Broadway favourites including Moulin rouge. An evening not to be missed!
Tickets: £40.00

1st Nov

ALL SAINTS' DAY

17.30 Sung Eucharist

2nd Nov

All Souls' Day

17.30 Solemn Requiem

9th Nov

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

08.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Remembrance Service
11.00 Two minutes' silence
15.30 Choral Evensong

14th Nov, 12.30

'The Royal Warrant Holders'

Richard Peck, Secretary to the Royal Warrant Holders Association, will guide us through the history and development of the Royal Warrant Holders and the interface between the Royal Household and industry.
Tickets: £17.95.

16th Nov

Cathedral Community Day

07.35 Mattins (said)
08.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
11.30 Activities at Pilgrims'
15.30 Choral Evensong

20th Nov, 19.30

WINCHESTER MUSIC CLUB

Walton: Belshazzar's Feast
Also includes Walton: Orb and Sceptre and Vaughan Williams: Five Mystical Songs. Winchester Music Club and Orchestra, Winchester College Glee Club and the Quiristers perform with Peter Harvey (baritone), conducted by Nicholas Wilks.
Tickets: £27, £23 & £18 reserved
£13 unreserved

27th Nov to 14th Dec

CHRISTMAS MARKET

10.00–18.00 (20.00 Thu—Sat)

27th Nov to 4th Jan

CATHEDRAL ICE RINK

29th Nov to 30th Nov

ADVENT WEEKEND

Saturday 29th
18.30 Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30th

07.35 Mattins (said)
08.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
15.30 Choral Evensong

THE NEW NEWSLETTER

Why have we done it?

For some time now we have been aware of the limits of the newsletter in terms of space, lack of imagery and so on.

However, the newsletter is our primary means of communicating with our 'own people' and it should really be a beacon for what we are about to the wider community of our city, county and diocese. Technological advances mean that we can disseminate that information more cheaply than ever before, and also to use colour and imagery at no extra cost.

Therefore we have decided to trial this new version until January and to review it then. In the meantime we would value your comments – on the content, yes, but as that will always be reactive to what is going on at the time, more on the design and the concept of what we are trialling.

Lastly, the success of the new newsletter will largely be down to what we have to put in it and, as you can see, we are able to include not only news and events but features and personal stories. We would very much like this to be an opportunity for you to put forward ideas or even articles for what you would like to see in the newsletter, and please do so, with any comments you have on the new format to:

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