



NEWSLETTER



Alan Titchmarsh is back for another Lord Lieutenant's Carol Service (p.6)

And this year, young people's writer Michael Morpurgo is On Angel Wings (p.6)



The Dean writes...

NOVEMBER as the leaves drop from the trees, is a month for Remembering. We begin with All Saints' Day (1 November) which this year is on a Sunday; it is followed by All Souls' Day (2nd November) with a Choral Eucharist at 5.30pm then continues with Remembrance Sunday (8th November) with a special service at 10am. This service is now deeply embedded in our culture. That is all the more so as we reflect on how the town of Wootton Bassett in Wiltshire has become a symbol of the cost of the conflict in Afghanistan. As November moves to a close with the Feast of Christ the King and the Advent Carol Service (6.30pm on Saturday 28 November) we look forward, as well as back, to the promise of our faith that the kingdoms of this world will be summed up in the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ. There is a tension of hope as we contemplate, that even the falling leaves are held in the mercy of God and wait upon the new Creation promised in Christ's resurrection.

I am pleased to report that we now have planning permission for the UFR (Utilities and Flower Room) to be constructed adjacent to the North Transept. That is the final piece now in place in our pyramid of permissions. There are practical engineering problems to be resolved by our professionals (drains may not be seen but they are very important), which means work will now commence in the spring. We are enormously grateful to the Friends for their support of this project which will bring relief to all!

November should also see the completion of the move of the Cathedral Office from No 1 to No 9 The Close. Please bear with us if there are teething problems as we unpack the boxes and settle in to new surroundings. The new venue has the advantage of being in the centre of the Close and more obvious and welcoming to those seeking us out. It is also adjacent to the Education Centre which allows for 'joined up' practice. The move is driven by economic necessity. Since the Diocese moved out

NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

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- 1 ALL SAINTS' DAY
Normal Sunday schedule
- 2 All Souls
17.30 Solemn Requiem
- 7 Boy Chorister Auditions (p.5)
Lantern Making (also 21, p.7)
- 8 Remembrance Sunday
10.00 Remembrance Service
11.15 SE, 15.30 CE
- 14 17.30 RSCM Awards Service
19.45 Southern Voices (p.8)
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- 20 Admission and Rededication of Sidesmen at 17.30 Evensong
- 21 Southampton Philharmonic Concert - 19.30 (p.8)
- 22 Taizé Service
- 26 Winchester Music Club with Bryn Terfel - 19.00 (p.8)
- 27 Christmas Activities Opening Ceremonies
- 28 Advent Carol Service (18.30)
- 29 ADVENT SUNDAY
07.35: M, 08.00: HC, 10.00 SE, 15.30: CE
- 30 Andrew the Apostle

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

The Dean

of No 9 in February 2008 it has been empty and it means that one of our major assets has delivered no income. No tenant has come forward. Our property advisers have counselled that we should move into No 9 and return No 1 to accommodation, thus making it available for letting.

An important day to look forward to is the Community Day on Sunday 15th November. It has become part of the 'fixtures' in the annual calendar. This year the key-note speaker will be the Rt Hon Frank Field MP, who amongst his many public duties is the Chairman of the Cathedrals' Fabric Commission for England. (One of the Dean's national tasks is to sit as a commissioner on that body, which meets monthly at Church House, Westminster). The Community Day begins with the Eucharist at 10am, and concludes with Evensong at 3.30pm –at which you will be spared a sermon as there will be quite enough talks during the day! The meetings will take place once again at Pilgrims' School, who very generously also provide the coffee and the sandwich lunch. We are enormously grateful to the Headmaster and domestic staff for their hospitality. Frank Field will help us to think of Cathedrals nationally, and there will be opportunity to reflect upon our own place within that framework based on our vision 'to discover and live out the beauty of holiness'. Do join us. Programmes and application forms (to be returned by Monday 9th November) are

freely available from the Cathedral and the Office.

The Diocese loses both Suffragan Bishops before Christmas. Bishop Paul goes to Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Trevor to Dover. They will both be visiting us during November and it will give us an opportunity to say thank you to both of them for their involvement in the life of the Cathedral and for the support we have received. Bishop Paul will be preaching at Evensong on All Saints' Day and Bishop Trevor will preach at the Eucharist on the Community Day.

Finally, as the season draws to a close and the sale signs greet us in the porch, may I warmly thank the Deanery Bookstall helpers for all their hard work over the summer? Amazingly they have raised over £45K, all of which goes towards the education of our choristers (and virtually every penny of which is counted on our kitchen table!). Roger and his team do stalwart work, and - undaunted - want to re-open briefly during the Christmas Market, and to leave a few books out over the winter months so that you still have plenty to read. Thank you to all who have supported this enterprise; long may it continue!

Do look elsewhere in the newsletter at all the events which we have on offer and don't delay to book your places at the more popular events in order to avoid disappointment.

Jan Atwell

ANDREW LUMSDEN ON THE MONTH'S MUSIC

MAURICE Duruflé's setting of the *Requiem* (2nd) is one of the masterpieces of the 20th century and is based on plainsong tomes from the Mass for the Dead. The Cathedral's Community Day (15th) sees two other major choral works of the 20th century – Frank Martin's *Mass* for double Choir (am) and Benjamin Britten's anthem *Rejoice in the Lamb* (pm). With words written by Christopher Smart when he was in an asylum, the piece is an ecstatic hymn of praise for all creatures praising God 'in their own way'. Listen out for the cat Jeffrey and the mouse! Advent Sunday (29th) sees the powerful setting of the *Mass* by Louis Vierne, a former Organist of Notre Dame in Paris. Vierne died in 1937 at the console of the organ in Notre Dame (which was actually his oft-stated 'lifelong' ambition!) as he was about to improvise at the end of his 1750th recital there. This organist only has about 1740-ish to go!

Worship

Canon Michael on being short and sweet

YOU have to be sufficiently on in years to remember the weekly American TV programme which featured Ma and Pa Kettle and their many children in the 50's. A hillbilly family living in a run down wooden house with a very gentle life style. Sitting at their large table groaning with food, during one incident, Pa says grace. He looks upwards and says "Much obliged".

That was that; short and sincere. The Eucharist we celebrated before the Law Sunday Mattins had that same feel about it. There was no Choir and things were pared down to the minimum, yet the event felt special. In the Quire as preparations for the more complex service to follow, there was a sense of intimacy, much more like many a parish church. Whilst that style will rarely become the norm in our Cathedral, it is good to change occasionally if only to appreciate what we have most of the time. There was a very positive reaction from many after the service and as some of the music was sung unaccompanied, it went with a swing.

Perhaps the message from such a service is that God is not impressed by the number of words we use or the length of music, not by the range of issues our prayers or sermons cover; he looks for sincerity of heart. In that way, the simple Eucharist with hymns was one of the more moving moments of the day.

When Jesus Christ shared with his friends the model prayer we call the Our Father, it was not pages in length. Indeed, without rushing, it last 28 seconds. So often in our desire to make prayer count, the prayer grows longer and longer. Perhaps some times God is saying 'I have heard you, I will act, now be quiet.' We might be articulate and clever but where is the foundation of our prayer? If it is not from the heart, then we have been marking time and getting nowhere.

One of the finest sermons I ever heard was given by the late Michael Ramsay, one time Archbishop of Canterbury. He spoke to the children of Cuddesdon village for three minutes

about God as Creator. It was absolute gold. There was no need for more words. It is often harder to preach for a short while effectively than to be verbose.

Recall the Scripture "He beat on his breast and cried out Lord have mercy on me a sinner". There was no need for a thesis, no need to persuade a loving God. He said what he meant and God heard his cry.

Please learn this important lesson. There is no need for endless words, but there is a need for a sincere heart soaked in the beauty of holiness.

That's Magic!!!

The youngest member of the Magic Circle, Richard Young, has very kindly offered to perform at an evening in the Wykeham Arms, table by table, and to encourage donations to the Cathedral. He does not require a fee and all monies will come to us. Everyone is welcome on Monday 30th November starting at 7.00pm and going through the evening. It is family entertainment and should be great fun.

Canon Michael



Saturday 14th November

CAKES FOR CASSOCKS

Proceeds will help to look after our boy and girl chorists' robes.

**The Undercroft,
10, Inner Close**
10am - 1pm

Cake Stalls Tombola

Offers of cake and Tombola donations welcome to Andrea Hall on 881822



Credo

Canon Roly gives us the second in his series on Creeds

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

BY the time this is published a significant event will have taken place on the *International Day of Climate Action*: at 3.50 pm the Cathedral bell will have been tolled 350 times, to mark a recognised limit for Carbon Dioxide of 350 parts-per-million if this planet is to maintain life roughly as we know it. Currently we are living a considerable way over and above this limit, and though the figure is a scientific hypothesis rather than a proven fact, current evidence suggests that the warning may well be prophetic.

So before moving on to the second line of the Creed, as I had intended, something more needs to be said about the first. I wrote in my previous article that 'I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth' was a vote of trust in God's ultimate purpose. And so it is. But could it not also be a charter for complacency; God will find a way, so what more need we do?

God's relationship to the world is at issue here. How does he engage with it? Surprising as it may seem, it

took several centuries for the word 'creator' to become fixed in the creeds of the Western Church. Another contender was a Latin word translated 'founder' or 'establisher'. Even then, there was more doctrinal debate about the character of this act, till eventually it was decided that God created out of nothing, a distinct shift from the 'formless void' in the first Chapter of Genesis.

God is creator, and there is no principle at work outside his control, but he does not boss the universe about. His sovereign power is not despotic but is the power of the Father, the source of all - even in an ineffable sense of divinity itself. The Father undergirds the origins and order of the universe in a way that gives it the freedom to be itself; and that means that he gives it the freedom to fall away from his best purposes, which in the Bible is called judgement. Which is not to say that God wills our decline: prophets are raised up by him in many guises precisely to prevent this.

We should put our responsibilities for climate justice in this context. God's ultimate purpose for this planet and his people does not

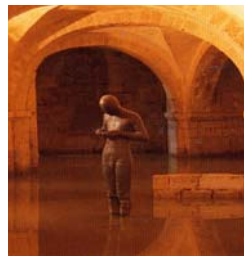
preclude our visiting disaster upon ourselves. Sadly, this would be only to continue a story that began with the cursing of the ground because of Adam and Eve's disobedience (Genesis 3.17).

G. K. Chesterton's words are in no way gainsaid by the Father's almighty ways, which should make us the more alert to our responsibilities under his rule:

I tell you naught for your comfort,
Yea, naught for your desire,
Save that the sky grows darker yet
And the sea rises higher.

The Ballad of the White Horse.

Canon Roly



Cathedral Stillness Breakfast

Wanda Nash writes...

We had our annual celebratory breakfast on Oct 14th, this time we welcomed people who had not only been loyal over the years, but also those who represented other 'Stillness' groups in Winchester. These include the Shared Silence group that started in 1973 and now meets in St Thomas' St., the Shared Stillness group that used to meet at the College, and the recently formed John Main Meditation group that meets at St Stephens' church. We had so much in common, it was a memorable and very happy occasion. Many thanks to all those who attended.

News

THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE IS MOVING

On 28th October the Cathedral Office will move from No 1, The Close to No 9, The Close, the former Church House. This will obviously cause a bit of disruption, not only to those moving offices, but also to the normal service which we would be able to provide from the office. We would therefore ask for your patience. In an ideal world, normal service will be resumed by Monday 2nd November. All telephone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. Many Thanks.

CHRISTMAS PARKING IN THE CLOSE

To accommodate the Christmas Market and Ice Rink, there will be various restrictions on parking in the Inner Close throughout the period 2nd November to 24th December, including Sundays. Please could we ask you to make alternative arrangements unless you are on duty as a volunteer, in which case you should be informed of arrangements for your section by your section head.

CAROL SERVICES 2009 - A reminder

The Carol Service on 19th December 2009 will be all-ticketed and all-seated. Tickets for this Carol Service must be booked through the Cathedral Box Office in person or by telephone (01962 857275). A block of seats will be reserved on the South side of the Nave for Cathedral VIPs. Members of the Cathedral Community, Staff and Friends of the Cathedral will be given an allocation of 2 seats per household and will be given priority booking from 2nd to 7th November. Otherwise tickets for this service will be available from 9th November, again from the Box Office. On 21st and 22nd December the Carol Services will be non-ticketed and will have a mix of seating and standing spaces. Reserved seating on each night will be kept to a minimum to give all those attending the best opportunity to get a seat of their choice. Doors will open at 5.15 pm each night.

BOY CHORISTER AUDITIONS 2009

7th November 2009

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? Would he like to travel, meet famous people, sing at concerts to thousands of people, record CDs, appear on

radio and TV, in films, even? Would he like to be a part of history, singing the liturgy in this breathtaking building? Why not find out if he has the potential to be one of our Cathedral Choristers? The boys receive a scholarship worth 50% of the full boarding fees at The Pilgrims' School, one of the best prep schools in the country – plus free instrumental tuition. Additional (means-tested) funding is also available, potentially worth up to 100% of the fees. Boys need no previous choral experience to become a chorister – just a musical ear, bags of energy and a good sense of fun! Contact Sue Armstrong in the Music Office at the Cathedral, 01992 857219, or Ali Dugdale at The Pilgrims' School, 01962 854189 to find out more.

CATHEDRAL CHAMBER CHOIR

We are launching a new Chamber Choir which will be a new contribution to the musical life of the Cathedral. Directed by Richard McVeigh, the Cathedral's Assistant Organist, it will perform a wide range of repertoire, from the sixteenth century to the present day. As well as singing services, the choir will sing concerts and will assist in promoting the Cathedral's work throughout the diocese. Auditions will be on 21st and 22nd November, and Richard is very keen to hear from people for all vocal parts. There is also an unauditioned *Nave Choir* for those people who perhaps don't have the time to commit to the Chamber Choir. The Nave Choir sing services when the Cathedral Choir is away, with 5 or 6 preceding rehearsals. Singers for all vocal parts are most welcome. For more information please email Richard on richard.mcveigh@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

MULTIMEDIA EXHIBITION: NATIVITY

24th Nov to 4th Jan

Winchester College will present the Christmas Story in an imaginative and innovative way. Cathedral entry fees apply.

MEET THE WAYTES - MEDIAEVAL MUSIC & MORE - Tuesday 17 Nov

Workshop for Schools in the Cathedral with a performance at 1.30pm to which all are welcome. Funded by The National Lottery through Awards for All.

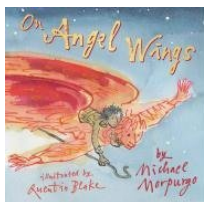
More about Christmas '09



THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S CAROL CONCERT

Saturday 12th December, 19.00

Ever-popular, Alan Titchmarsh returns to the Cathedral again this year to introduce the Cathedral Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks in a programme of carols and Christmas music, interspersed with his choice of Christmas readings. Tickets (from £10 - £20) are from the Cathedral Box Office but please book soon to avoid disappointment.



MICHAEL MORPURGO: On Angel Wings

Monday 14th December, 19.00

Michael Morpurgo is recognised as one of the country's foremost authors for young people. *On Angel Wings*, narrated by Michael Morpurgo himself, with Juliet Stevenson and a range of musicians and farm animals, tells the engaging story of how a shepherd in Bethlehem became the first visitor to the stable on Christmas night. Performed to great acclaim in Exeter and St Paul's Cathedrals, Michael Morpurgo comes to Winchester this Christmas with something that people of all ages will enjoy. Tickets: Children £5, Adults £10, again from the Box Office.

27th Nov to 3rd Jan

CHRISTMAS MARKET & ICE RINK

Christmas Market: 27th November - 20th December

Ice Rink: 27th November - 3rd January.

Lantern Procession: 27th November leaving the Great Hall at 18.30 to the Inner Close

Lantern-making workshops: 7th & 21 November, 10.00-16.00; Tickets and information from the Box Office

CHRISTMAS TOWER TOURS

28th Nov to 24th Dec

Christmas Tours: Saturdays at 11 & 14.15

Twilight Tours: various dates from 12th to 24th at 15.30

Tickets from the Box Office

28th Nov, 18.30

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE - No tickets required

2nd Dec, 19.15

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS AND MUSIC FOR THE TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Tickets from the Box Office.

5th Dec, 19.30

WAYNFLETE SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tickets from our Box Office.

12th Dec, 19.00

THE LORD LIEUTENANT'S CAROL CONCERT

See above for details

14th Dec, 19.00

MICHAEL MORPURGO: ON ANGEL WINGS

See above for details

19th Dec, 12.30

A SPECIAL CAROL SERVICE WITH THE GIRL CHORISTERS AND LAY CLERKS

No tickets required.

19th Dec to 22nd Dec, 18:30

PUBLIC CAROL SERVICES

Tickets only on 19th Dec from the Box Office from 9th Nov. Open to all on 21st and 22nd. Doors will open at 5.15 pm each night. Please see page 5 for more information.

20th Dec, 15:30

A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

No tickets required

21st Dec to 23rd Dec, 12:30

STORYTELLING: THE CHRISTMAS STORY

For families.

23rd Dec, 13:00

BRITTEN'S CEREMONY OF CAROLS

No tickets required

24th Dec CHRISTMAS EVE

11.00/15.00 Family Services,

17.30

Choral Evensong & Blessing of the Crib,

23.30

Midnight Eucharist

25th Dec - CHRISTMAS DAY

08.00

Holy Communion

10.00

Choral Mattins

11.15

Sung Eucharist

15.30

Choral Evensong

Winchester Churches Christmas Project

- Helen McTiffin (Joint Coordinator) writes...

SOME will already be aware of this project which was started approximately 16 years ago by the United Church and now involves many other churches in Winchester.

Last year we were able to help 32 families including 66 children (many of whom are on the child protection register) and 15 young people. We hope that those who have been so supportive in the past, and anyone now able to help, will participate this year both by volunteering and with donations. Last year £4,700 was raised by all the churches (which was considerably down on the previous year) and we gave out just under £7,000. Your support is really needed as sometimes in the past we have been unable to help all the families referred to us.

The drop in money raised last year considerably reduced our reserves and made it more difficult to consider supporting the Summer Outings organised by the same agencies. However, following a special appeal to the churches in the spring, a further £1,500 was raised. As a result it was possible to arrange trips to Marwell Zoo and Southsea for families in August. For many people this was their first trip away from Winchester this year and the feedback from the agencies has been very positive.

Before Christmas volunteers will visit (in pairs) a family that has been referred to us to ascertain their needs and then shop with, or on behalf of, the family. A meeting has been arranged at The United Church on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm when representatives from the referral agencies will attend. They will outline how they nominate people for support and tell us a little about the issues and problems these people face. Full information will be provided and there will also be an opportunity for questions. This will be of particular benefit to anyone who wants to find out more before committing to becoming a volunteer.

There will be a further meeting on Wednesday 25th November. This will include more information to assist volunteers and another opportunity for questions as well as allocating pairs of volunteers to families. We will allocate anyone new to the project with an experienced volunteer.

Everyone who has taken part previously has found it a very rewarding experience to be able to help a family in difficulties at such an important time.

Donations (cheques to 'Winchester Churches' Christmas Project') can be sent to the treasurer, Margaret Curtis, 3 Hinton Vale, Cheriton, SO24 0QJ.

OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT GET INVOLVED IN AT CHRISTMAS

WINCHESTER BASICS BANK aims to supply people in need with the simpler items in life. In particular they would welcome 'Christmassy' goods such as items which might be handy as presents. They need them in good time, so donations would be welcome. Please call 01962 855774 for details of what and how to give. winchbb@btinternet.com.

WINCHESTER NIGHTSHELTER
The Nightshelter offers accommodation to homeless people throughout the year, and is always in need of donations of foodstuffs, clothing and other items for their clients. Again they are looking for 'Christmassy' items for those who are with them over the period. 01962 862050; www.wcns.org.uk.

THE BACK PAGE

Tickets for charging events are from the Cathedral Box Office (see below) unless stated otherwise.
A full listing is at our website: www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

14th Nov, 10 - 1, The Undercroft

CAKES FOR CASSOCKS

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The Talk on NAVAL & OTHER MILITARY MEMORIALS by Colin Rogers has moved to the 11th in the Woodhouse Suite

Drinks at 18.30 for a talk at 19.00.

For a ticket and gift aid envelope, please contact Benn Goulding, Royal Navy (Rtd), 36 Christchurch Road, Winchester, SO23 9SS, tel: 01962 879569, email Gouldbh9em@aol.com. A recommended donation of £6 is requested, cheques payable to Winchester Cathedral, in support of the Mission to Seafarers and Winchester Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL FELLOWSHIP...continues in the Education Centre on Monday 16 November with a 12.30 sandwich and fruit lunch followed by a 13.00 talk. Caroline Edwards from Hampshire Records Office, and who is also our Cathedral Archivist, will talk about her work. A £3 minimum donation (gift-aided, if possible) would be gratefully received to cover costs. *Details of the Fellowship meetings scheduled for 2010 will be publicised nearer the time. Please make a note of the proposed dates (all Mondays, in the Prior's Hall, 12.30pm for 1pm): 18 January, 15 February, 15 March, 19 April, 17 May.*

9th Nov to 14th Nov

TEXTILES EXHIBITION BY WINCHESTER SCHOOL OF ART

Textiles Degree students in their final year at Winchester School of Art will be exhibiting their work.

Saturday 21 November, 10.00 - 16.00, St Cross

ADVENT QUIET DAY

led by Wanda Nash: *'Meditation - blissful, boring or bruising?'* The cost of the day, including a light, but warming lunch will be £10. Please register with Patricia Durrant, 01962 857242 or e-mail patricia.durrant@winchester-cathedral.org.uk.

12th Nov, 12.30

REGENCY GARDENS AT CHAWTON

Landscape Architect Cassie Knight - six-times great niece of Jane Austen - on how she restored her former family home Chawton House. Tickets: £18.95 (including two-course lunch and coffee) are from the Box Office.

14th Nov, 19.45

SOUTHERN VOICES 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

directed by Charles Stewart Ave Maria(s), by Mendelssohn and Brahms, two 16th century motets for 40-part choir, and three contemporary pieces by the American composer Eric Whitacre, Bach's 8-part motet Singet dem Herrn and works by two English composers, Benjamin Britten and Andrew Simpson. Tickets £17.50 (with concessions) from the Box Office.

21st Nov, 19.30

SOUTHAMPTON PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Southampton Philharmonic and New London Sinfonia with David Gibson (conductor): Haydn - *Insanae et vanae curae*, Schubert - *Unfinished Symphony*, Brahms - *Ein deutsches Requiem*. Tickets: £30, £24, £19, £14 and £8 from the Box Office.

26th Nov, 19.00

CELEBRITY CONCERT WITH BRYN TERFEL: MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH

Winchester Music Club and Orchestra Winchester College Glee Club and the Quiristers; Anna Dennis - Soprano; Sarah Shorter - Alto; Nathan Vale - Tenor; Bryn Terfel - Bass-baritone; Brian Howells - Leader; Conducted by Nick Wilks. *Please contact the Box Office for tickets and availability info as some seats remain in some price brackets.*

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