



GLOUCESTER
CATHEDRAL
COMMUNITY

Welcome to your Cathedral

A vibrant and open worshipping community, seeking to
live in tune with heaven and in touch with daily life

Who's Who

Welcome to Gloucester Cathedral - **YOUR CATHEDRAL!**

This is a special place where we aim to be open to each other in faith and worship.

We believe in encouraging and learning from one another in all that we bring of ourselves, however confident or tentative. Whatever your identity, background, experiences or aspirations, you are welcome here as we seek to discover more of the Christian Faith together.

*The Very Reverend Stephen Lake,
Dean of Gloucester*



*There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free,
there is no male and female,
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28*



The Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, the Bishop of Gloucester: Bishop Rachel is the most senior member of clergy in the diocese. She leads and ministers to the clergy and congregations across the area



Dean Stephen Lake: Stephen has overall responsibility for the Cathedral



Canon Richard Mitchell: Richard's role as Director of Congregational Development and Canon Precentor gives him oversight of those who come to worship and our services and music



Canon Celia Thomson: Celia ministers as Canon Chancellor, holding responsibility for visitor welcome and ministry and the work of the Cathedral Education Centre



Archdeacon Hilary Dawson: Hilary's role as both Archdeacon and a Diocesan residentiary Canon signifies the partnership between Diocese and Cathedral



Canon Nikki Arthy: Nikki is Rector of Gloucester City centre and Hempstead and Cathedral city Canon, forming a link between the Cathedral and its neighbourhood



Canon Dr Andrew Braddock: Andrew is a Diocesan residentiary Canon and Director of the Mission and Ministry Department for the Diocese



A NEW WORSHIPPER'S STORY Susanna

Susanna joined us as a new worshipper and has since become part of our community.

What drew you to worship at the Cathedral?

“ I was attracted by the beautiful music and spiritual worship in a wonderful building and hoped to discover new ways to express my faith.”

*Did you have any difficulties joining the congregation?
If so, how did you overcome them?*

“ Some aspects of Cathedral worship have been quite new to me, but there have been helpful people to ask such as stewards, clergy or new friends who helped me to understand things and put me at ease.”

Susanna has been a member of the congregation working on the new Rule of Life for the Cathedral. This aims to help us find a balance in life between, work, study, hospitality, prayer and recreation.

What do you enjoy most about being part of the congregation here at the Cathedral?

“ The special events which have enriched worship, particularly during Lent and Advent. I enjoy being part of the ‘Sip and Study’ group and ‘Rule of Life’ group which provide opportunities to socialise, pray together, look at the Bible and bring our life experiences into a relaxed and inclusive environment. Having had a health problem, it’s been lovely to know that people are praying for me and miss me if I’m not there.”

What would you say to someone thinking of joining our worshipping congregation?

“ The Cathedral is a great place to come and explore faith or find some peace without much being required of you. However, if you want to feel more a part of the community here, one of the best ways is to try joining a volunteer team or one of the week day study groups. I’ve enjoyed being part of the ‘Breakfast Club’ team which provides a free breakfast once a week to people in need in the city.”

A separate booklet and information on the website is available. The Rule, or rhythm, has been described as a lens through which to view our life and activity, and many in the Cathedral are finding it helpful to them.

Joining the Congregation: *a Journey into Faith*

You may never have joined a congregation before but don't worry, there is no timeframe; it happens at your own pace! Three months or three years; it is down to you and God.



Your Faith Journey



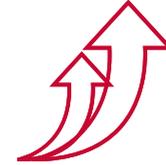
CURIOSITY

If you're taking the first steps, you may feel a little intimidated when you enter a Cathedral. You'll probably have lots of questions too. When you're ready, we're here to listen and help answer some of your questions.



RELATIONSHIPS

As you worship with us, you'll start to build relationships within the congregation. One of the best ways is to stay for coffee and a chat after our Sunday 10.15am service.



DEVELOPING

When you've settled in you might feel that you want to develop your understanding of Christianity. From meditation and contemplative prayer, to joining a study group, we have a range of groups and activities to help you grow spiritually.



GETTING INVOLVED

When you feel confident enough, you may want to contribute to God's work here. You can give time as a volunteer, offer expertise, or provide financial support. Stewardship is the way that we care for each other as a community to show God's love to the world.

Families Welcome

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is available every Sunday morning service at 10.15am. There is lots of fun and discovery for children of all ages to enjoy, including Bible story, craft work, singing and prayer.

FAMILY SERVICE

On the Second Sunday of each month, the children of the choirs lead the singing and we welcome parents and friends to a more informal service.

BRUNCH AND BOUNCE

One Saturday morning a month we have 'Brunch and Bounce' in the Chapter House. Join us for delicious pastries, good coffee, the day's papers and a bouncy castle and crafts and toys for the children.



How we care for each other

Although there are six clergy members of Chapter, only three of us - Dean Stephen, Canon Richard and Canon Celia - have full time posts in the Cathedral. Canon Nikki, Canon Andrew and Archdeacon Hilary all have full time roles in the Diocese.

We try to offer pastoral care throughout the many Cathedral communities and we will always visit the sick and take communion to those who cannot come to church through illness or infirmity if asked. During the week there is almost always one of our Honorary Chaplains on duty in the Cathedral from 10.30am - 4.00pm each day, leading prayers on the hour and being available for conversations with visitors and members of our own communities.

The clergy are always willing to spend time with people individually or as a family so please do get in touch if you would like to.

Please bear in mind that, unless it is an emergency, it may take a few days to make an appointment due to the pressure on our diaries.

For baptisms, weddings and funerals, please contact Canon Richard in the first instance.

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Worship

Worship is at the core of all we do and services are held every day of the year. Music is very much at the heart of our richly varied worship and our Sunday services and weekday evensongs are enhanced by the Cathedral Choirs and organ.

For more information about worship and the Cathedral community, visit our website www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/worship

SUNDAYS

7.40am Morning Prayer

A quiet, said service with readings in the Thomas Chapel.

8.00am Holy Communion

In the Quire and using the Book of Common Prayer (1662)

10.15am Sung Eucharist

We gather in the Nave for the main celebration of our common faith in Jesus Christ and in the receiving of bread and wine in remembrance of him.

3.00pm Choral Evensong

A service in the Quire of readings, prayers and music and celebrating the variety and glory of the Anglican choral tradition.

Our choirs welcome children and young people of all abilities. More information can be found on our website.

WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS

8.00am Holy Communion

A quiet, said service gathered around the altar in one of the Cathedral chapels.

8.30am Morning Prayer

A quiet, short, said service with readings, in the Thomas Chapel.

12.30pm Lunchtime Communion

A said service, lasting half an hour, in the Thomas Chapel.

5.30pm Choral Evensong (4.30pm Saturdays)

A service in the Quire of readings, prayers and music and celebrating the variety and glory of the Anglican choral tradition.



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