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Sunday 28 November 2021
First Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

Whether this is your first time visiting the Cathedral, or whether you are a regular worshipper here, you are most welcome.

If you would prefer to remain **spatially distanced and masked**, please make your way to the **North Transept**, where a space has been retained. A steward or welcomer can help you find this area if you are unsure where to go.

If you are new to the Cathedral, please do say hello over a cup of coffee after the service.

The 10.00am Eucharist service can be followed in the **purple booklet**; this week's readings, hymn numbers, and propers (other prayers) can be found in the **Sunday Sheet**; and the hymns can be found in the **hymn book**.

This week's services can be found on the Services + Music List on our website.

TODAY

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION IN ADVENT As usual, this Advent we are using the High Altar for our 10.00am Cathedral Eucharist. In order to avoid the congregation queueing in the quire, the route to and from the High Altar is different. Please follow the directions of the stewards.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS This morning, after the Eucharist, our girl choristers will be selling home-made sustainable and rustic Christmas decorations for £3. All profits go towards supporting the Cathedral Choir Tour 2022. Please could we request you bring cash if you would like to purchase decorations. Thank you for your support.

PREACHING AWAY This morning the Dean is preaching at St Peter's, Henleaze.

THE ADVENT PROCESSION The first special service of Advent is the **Advent Procession** this evening, at 6.00pm. This beautiful service begins in darkness and as the Procession moves around the building, the light gradually grows until the whole Cathedral is full of light. All are welcome, and there is no advance booking required.

THIS WEEK

CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS SHOP The Cathedral Christmas Shop is a collaboration between Bristol Cathedral, *Bristol Pop Up Shop* and the *Independent Design Collective*. Showcasing the work of local artists, together with a range of festive favourites and stocking fillers, the Cathedral Christmas Shop is a place in the heart of the city to shop locally this Christmas.

The shop is open daily until Christmas Eve. (Please check the website for opening times each day.) If you would like to volunteer to help run the shop, please email visitorexperience@bristol-cathedral.co.uk

SUNDAY MORNING BROADCASTING Last Sunday, 21 November, was the last Sunday service that was broadcast on our social media channels (further lockdowns notwithstanding). The pandemic has brought new challenges and new opportunities for mission beyond the building. We hope to see in person many of those who have engaged with us online, as you visit us and discover the exciting programme of services, concerts, and events that we have coming up this Advent and Christmas. We will continue to offer daily Morning Prayer online and in the building each weekday at 8.30am.

COMING SOON

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Full details of the services, concerts, and events offered during Advent and for Christmas are available on our website.

CONFIRMATIONS Next Sunday 5 December, the 10.00am Eucharist includes baptisms and confirmations by the Bishop of Bristol. Our Children's Church will be operating a "stay and play" space, where parents with small children can escape.

LUNCHTIME RECITALS Our lunchtime recital series continues on Tuesday, 7 December, with a recital by David Bednall (organ). Full details are now available on our What's On page, and on a flyer you can pick up in the Cathedral.

THE PAUSE: A SPACE TO BREATHE On Wednesday 15 December at 7.00pm, join us midway through Advent, for reflection, prayer and contemporary worship, as we explore the theme of waiting. Booking via bristolcathedral.eventbrite.com.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Very limited tickets remain for the Saturday performance of the Cathedral's premier Christmas concert! Friday 17 December is sold out, but you can still get tickets for Saturday 18 December, at 7.30pm, to join the Cathedral Choir, together with John Telfer (BBC's *The Archers*) for an evening of Christmas music, seasonal readings, and a chance for audience participation in some festive favourites. Remaining tickets are available via the Cathedral's Eventbrite page. (There are no additional Eventbrite fees.) bristolcathedral.eventbrite.com.

GENERAL

IMPORTANT STAFFING CHANGES

THE REVD SARAH EVANS As you will already know, the Revd Sarah Evans will be leaving us on Christmas Day. Sarah's final Sunday at the Cathedral will be on Sunday 19 December, when we will say our official farewell. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Sarah, please either put cash in an envelope marked 'Sarah Evans leaving gift' and hand it to a member of the clergy or post it through the Gatehouse letterbox, or make a bank transfer, also with the reference Sarah Evans leaving gift: *Bank details: Sort Code: 56-00-05, Account Number: 00011355 Bank: Natwest.*

CANON NICOLA STANLEY The Dean is delighted to announce that, with effect from January 2022, Canon Nicola Stanley will take on responsibility for pastoral care in the Cathedral with a particular focus on the Cathedral congregation. Nicola will retain her role as Vice Dean, but will hand over responsibility for worship to others. The Dean and Chapter are extremely grateful to Nicola for her generosity and flexibility in taking up these new responsibilities. She will be reducing her hours of work to enable her to spend more time with her own family as she looks forward to retirement in the future, but will be with us in the Cathedral some week days and every Sunday. We anticipate recruiting a new colleague to act in the Precentor role later in the Spring.

COVID-19 TESTING AND COLDS As we enter winter we would like to ask everyone visiting the Cathedral to make use of the free Lateral Flow Test kits available from the NHS or Bristol City Council. Regular testing is one of the best ways to stop the spread of the virus, along with hand washing, ensuring spaces are well ventilated, and wearing masks where there isn't adequate ventilation. Please consider testing twice a week to help to keep each other safe. Test Kits can be ordered online ([gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)) or collected from locations around the city (bristol.gov.uk/coronavirus/guide-to-rapid-testing).

We also ask you to stay at home if you are suffering from a heavy cold; please only come back to the Cathedral once you are feeling better – even if you do not have the three well-known symptoms of Covid-19. We are very grateful for your help.

BRISTOL CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER (BCWNS) – We are pleased to be supporting the Night Shelter again this year and the great news is that the project has been extended. This year, the Cathedral will be supporting Phase One (1 November to 20 December 2021) and Phase Three (14 February to 31 March 2022). The shelter is unable to run at the Cathedral so guests will be staying in a B&B with volunteers providing their meals. Although the overhead costs of the project have already been met, our Social Committee would usually cover the cost of food in the weeks that the Cathedral volunteers are cooking. As there has been no opportunity to raise funds this year and we are helping out for 14 weeks rather than seven, perhaps you might like to contribute what you might have donated through Lent lunches, or other social gatherings? Donations of up to 12 small bottles of hand gel, shower gel (unisex), toothpaste, and men's deodorant would be very welcome. Please hand any donations to the Vergers

marked “for Chrissie”. Please mark monetary donations “night shelter” and send them by post to the Cathedral c/o Chrissie Graham, Abbey Gatehouse, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TJ, or by bank transfer: *Bank details: Sort Code: 56-00-05, Account Number: 00011355 Bank: Natwest, Reference ‘Night Shelter’.* Thank you.

ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE NIGHT SHELTER? We currently have some gaps in the rota for phase one and are looking for volunteers who may be able to help. We also don’t have anyone on our reserve list to be able to call on if any of the volunteers fall ill or can’t do their allotted shift. We are looking for volunteers to cover an evening shift tomorrow, Monday 29 November 6.30pm to 10.00pm and reserves for all shifts from now until Monday 20 December 2021 – If you think you might be able to help please contact Chrissie on chrissie.graham@bristol-cathedral.co.uk

A MESSAGE FROM THE REVD NIC HARRIS “I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all at the Cathedral for such a precious ordination service on Thursday. It was SO lovely to have familiar smiling faces there, cards, gifts and such wonderful hospitality offered afterwards to my family & friends, (including cake!!) some of whom had travelled a long way. Thank you to those who made the service & hospitality possible and to the vergers who worked later especially. Thank you again for your warm welcome and I really look forward to being here with you all over the next three years and what God has in store for us. With love, Nic.”

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for	Amy, Anne, Barbara, Bob, Bunny, Clare, Di, Hilary, Jo Lily, Maria, Mary, Nathan, Sue	
RIP	Hetha; Audrey Torpy	
Year’s Mind	Mavis Whitford (29 th), Olive Allen (2 nd), Victor Knight (3 rd)	
CYCLES OF PRAYER		
	DIOCESAN	ANGLICAN
Sunday	Christ Church with Emmanuel Clifton	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
Monday	Transforming Church Together	Idoani (Nigeria)
Tuesday	Christ Church with St Ewen, All Saints, and St George Bristol	Porvoo (Finland)
Wednesday	Biddestone	Ife East (Nigeria)
Thursday	Castle Combe	Ifo (Nigeria)
Friday	Grittleton and Leigh Delamere	Igbomina (Nigeria)
Saturday	Littleton Drew	Igbomina West (Nigeria)
Porvoo	The Diocese of Chester, and the Diocese of Kuopio in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland	