



Eighth Sunday after Trinity

7 August 2022

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 prefer to remain **spatially distanced**, there is seating in the **North Transept**, 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. If you are here with young children you might be interested in finding out more about our Children's Church, *BriCKs* (Bristol Cathedral Kids) which runs during term-time. Speak to a steward to find out more.

The 10.00am Eucharist service can be followed in the **main cream booklet**.

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

If you are concerned about the spread of infection when receiving communion, please simply receive the bread alone and **do not** dip wafers in the cup (intinction).

TODAY'S SERVICE INFORMATION

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Preacher: Revd Nic Harris

10.00am **CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST**

Preacher: The Revd Mel Parkin

Setting: Missa Brevis – *Jackson Hill*

Voluntary: Sun Dance - *Chilcott*

Hymns: 333; 381; 235

3.30pm **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Preacher: Canon Jonnie Parkin

Responses: *Burk*

Canticles: *Washington Canticles – J. Smith*

Anthem: One in Christ – *Arthur*

Voluntary: Paean – *Howells*

Hymns: 417; 240

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him

outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! (rpt all)

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12.32-40

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the ✠ Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

If it is your custom to receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive bread and wine today, whatever your denomination. You may choose not to receive wine from the common cup, recognising that some people are still vulnerable. For the safety of all please do not intinct (dip the bread/host) into the chalice. Alternatively, you may wish to receive a blessing. You should bring this booklet in your hands to indicate this.

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

Next Week: 9th Sunday after Trinity

Preacher: Canon Martin Gainsborough

Readings: *Jeremiah 23.23-29; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS		
Please pray for	Amy, Andy, Bunny, David, Helen, Hilary, Hope, Hugh, John, Katherine, Lorraine, Mike, Roger W, Ros, Sally, Sue	
RIP	~	
Year's Mind	David Isitt (8 th), Andrew Chesterman (8 th), Terry Mason (10 th), John Bradley (12 th)	
CYCLES OF PRAYER	DIOCESAN	ANGLICAN
Sunday	Holy Nativity, Knowle	The Province of the West Indies
Monday	Easton Christian Family Centre	Mbeere (Kenya)
Tuesday	St Aidan with St George, Bristol	Mbhashe (Southern Africa)
Wednesday	St John the Divine, Fishponds	Mbujimayi (Congo)
Thursday	St Michael the Archangel, Two Mile Hill	Meath & Kildare (Ireland)
Friday	MU link with Southern Nyanza, Kenya	Medak (South India)
Saturday	Holy Trinity, St Andrew the Less and St Peter, Clifton	Wad Medani (Sudan)
Porvoo	The Diocese of Kilmore in the Church of Ireland; and the Diocese of Aarhus in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	

TODAY

VISITING CHOIR This week we have been grateful to the choir of St Thomas Episcopal Church, in Battle Creek, Michigan, who have been in residence all week, and whose last day of singing with us is today. We are hugely appreciative of all our visiting choirs, and the musical ministry they offer while the Cathedral Choir is on summer break.

THIS WEEK

VISITING CHOIR From tomorrow until next Sunday the choir of St Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Seattle, are in residence.

WELCOME HUB FOR UKRAINE REFUGEES The Welcome Hub for Ukrainian refugees in Bristol continues on Tuesday in the Education Room (Old Library) from 11.30am to 1.30pm. We would be delighted to welcome more volunteers. socialjustice@bristol-cathedral.co.uk

LUNCHTIME RECITAL On Tuesday 9 August, at 1.15pm, John Stuntebeck, the organist at St Mark's, Seattle, will give a free organ recital. All are welcome. For full details of all our recitals for the rest of 2022, pick up a booklet on the literature table.

LUMINARIUM *Luminarium* by *Architects of Air* is a completely free event open to all. Ever wondered what it would be like to be inside a stained-glass window? Bristol Light Festival is bringing the sensational sensory experience *Luminarium* to Bristol for 11 days this summer as a free-to-visit immersive experience on College Green. All pre-booked tickets are now sold out, but there are 400 first-come-first-serve tickets available on the door every day. The exhibition runs from Thursday 4 August to Sunday 14 August, between 1.00pm and 7.00pm.

COMING SOON

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN *All God's Children* is an exhibition exploring the Cathedral's connections to the transatlantic slave economy. It is part of an ongoing period of listening to help the Cathedral address the legacy of slavery, not only in the fabric of its building, but in the wider church and community. *All God's Children* launches on 25 August and will be available to view until 18 October.

MINOR CANON FOR WORSHIP We will install Kathryn Goldsmith, the new Minor Canon for Worship and Liturgy during Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday 11 September. Please come and make Kathryn welcome.

NEW MINOR CANONS The Revds Paul and Rachel Barrett will be installed as Minor Canons during Evensong at 3.30pm on Sunday 18 September.

GENERAL

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Hosts are still needed in Bristol for Ukrainian refugees, especially from September. Contact socialjustice@bristol-cathedral.co.uk to find out more, or express an interest.

DONATIONS Items for food bank: Owing to a reluctance or inability to use cookers, either due to the rise in energy bills or because they are refugees living in hotels contributions to the food bank might usefully include ring-pull tinned fish, ham, fruit, etc., jars of meat/fish paste, and crackerbread and noodle packets. Refugees, in particular, have no access to kitchens or utensils. Old phones or old bikes: We are looking to support a few new Cathedral community friends who are seeking refuge in the UK, with donations of unused phones or bikes. Please contact nic.harris@bristol-cathedral.co.uk if you can help.