

Cathedral news



April 2009

Our Holy Week Speaker

We are delighted to welcome The Reverend Dr Gavin Ashenden to preach Holy Week this year.

Canon Ashenden is Anglican Chaplain at the University of Sussex where he is responsible for an ecumenical and inter-faith team of Chaplains. A Senior Officer of the University Gavin teaches in the English Department and runs an MA course in Critical Theology. In 2006 he was appointed Canon of Chichester Cathedral. Since 2008 he has been a Chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen and member of the Royal College of Chaplains. He has been a member of General Synod since 2003.



Gavin has visited Wakefield before - he was one of the two guest speakers as part of the Diocesan course: Everyday God. For BBC Southern Counties Radio Gavin has presented the Sunday morning programme since 1990 which is why he cannot be with us on Palm Sunday. He has been seen on television recently as the Padre to the "Bad Lads' Army". In his spare time Gavin sings opera, acts, plays flute and sails. He is married to Helen and has three children: Hannah, Thomas and Emily.

Holy Week and Easter Services at Wakefield Cathedral

Palm Sunday 5 April	Morning services at usual times	
	4.00 pm	Music and Readings for Holy Week
Monday 6 April	7.00 pm	Eucharist with hymns and address
Tuesday 7 April	7.00 pm	Eucharist with hymns and address
Wednesday 8 April	7.00 pm	Eucharist with hymns and address
Maundy Thursday 9 April	10.30 am	Diocesan Chrism Eucharist
	7.00 pm	Choral Eucharist and Watch of the Passion (until Midnight)
Good Friday 10 April	9.45 am	Walk of Witness from Salvation Army (Vicarage Street)
	10.30 am	Ecumenical Service
	12.45 pm	Preaching of the Cross
	1.45 pm	Liturgy of the Passion
	5.30 pm	Evening Service for Good Friday
Holy Saturday 11 April	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil and Confirmation
Easter Day 12 April	Services at usual Sunday Times	



Liturgy and Change

Jesus said: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself."

How can we at the Cathedral help the people of God to develop and deepen their relationship with their heavenly father, and to treat people with greater love and generosity? After all, if we take Jesus' words seriously, those are priorities for all Christian disciples.

Our relationship with God is fostered and nurtured through public worship and our personal prayer. And often our relationships with other people will be shaped by this worship and prayer. But the reverse is also true. It's much easier for us to love, or fall out with, people whom we can see, touch and feel, than to develop our relationship with a God whom we cannot sense in the same ways. And these relationships with others will always affect our spiritual life. That becomes all too clear if we come to church after a row at home: the emotional impact affects our thinking, our praying and our concentration.

An encounter with God is not something we can stage: it is always his initiative. But that doesn't stop those of us who plan the liturgy of the Church from seeking to offer worship which allows a congregation to arrive, weighed down by the cares of daily life, and together to approach the throne of heaven. For worship is the place, and the process, where heaven and earth come together; where we are drawn into the presence of the living God.

That's the first priority when we are planning a service, but we are also very aware that our public worship is also the main shop window for the Cathedral. This is where most people will encounter Christian life for the first time; this is our chance to draw them in or drive them away; this is our chance to show practical love for our neighbour. And of course we will have more first-timers here at the Cathedral than in most churches. It's because of these two competing pressures that our worship can never be static: it demands creativity and flexibility. So although I'm sure some members of our regular congregations will sometimes think we're changing things at the Cathedral for the sake of change (a new hymn book at 9.15, pews in St Mark's Chapel, the re-arrangement of the Lady Chapel, and so on), please try to see that we are seeking to balance these two imperatives: our relationship with God and our welcome for his people. We won't get it right all the time, but please be patient with us while we try things out, and please let us know how we're doing. For although it may not be immediately obvious, this is part of a genuine attempt to let Jesus' commandments guide our life together here in Wakefield.

Jonathan Greener

Party for the Orphans

The Wakefield/Mara Diocesan Link Officers thought that it would be good if the orphans we support in Musoma were able to join with the other children from St John's Cathedral in Musoma for a Christmas Party.



We sent £150 for this and the party was held on 26 December. As the photo shows it was a very happy occasion for them all and our gift was greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all who support the orphans.

If you would like to make a contribution to the orphan's fund cheques can be made payable to 'WDBF and marked 'Orphans fund' and sent to Church house, 1 South Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LP.

Judy Barker

Wakefield/Mara Cathedrals Link Person

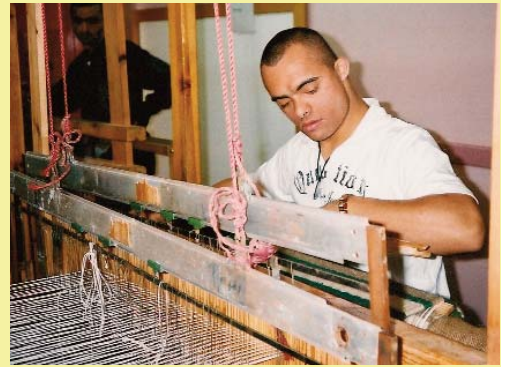
'Walk for Hope' and help Al Basma

'Al Basma' (which means 'smile') Special Education Centre in Bethlehem for young people with disabilities aged 15 - 35 was founded in 1987. It has grown into a thriving community which families rely on for services that otherwise would not exist in the West Bank. Following a visit to the Centre by the Wakefield pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Canon John Holmes last June, Christmas cards made there were sold at the Cathedral and the proceeds presented to the Centre by the Diocesan pilgrimage led by Bishop Tony in November. One of the pilgrims said, "To see this Centre, to see the pride the students take in their work, the devotion and care shown by their teachers, is a very moving experience".



To achieve its mission the centre fosters in its students a sense of equality with their peers, pride in the crafts they produce and in the skills they have mastered. They aim to nurture confidence in young people who would have been hidden from the rest of society, and teach them basic life skills. At present, the Centre focuses on the skills of weaving, olive wood carving and paper recycling. These successful programmes are costly to initiate and maintain and the Centre depends on funding raised locally and from abroad.

The Cathedral congregation wants to continue its support for the Centre with a sponsored 'Walk for Hope'. The walk leaves Sandal Castle Car Park at 10.00 am on Saturday 30 May and includes Pugney's, New Miller Dam and surrounding countryside and finally ends back at the Castle. The total distance is 20 miles. However, the walk is designed for people to do as much as they are comfortable with. The beginning of the walk is specifically for children as this is what the Centre is all about. Abdullah, the director of the Centre has emailed to say that "the work the Centre does is giving fruit and the results are wonderful but we need and depend on the help and assistance of those who appreciate what we are doing – when you work you work, but when you pray God works – thank you for all your activity". For more information contact Kairon on 01924 835056.



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Service times

Sunday:	0800	Holy Communion (said)
	0915	Eucharist & Junior Church (choral)
	1100	Eucharist (choral)
	1600	Choral Evensong (until 12 April)
	1830	Choral Evensong (from 26 April)
Monday to Saturday:	0800	Morning Liturgy
	1030	Eucharist (Wednesday & Saturday)
	1230	Eucharist (Monday & Friday)
	1230	Prayers for Peace (Thursday)
	1530	Evening Prayer (Saturday)
	1630	Evening Prayer (Monday & Friday)
	1700	Choral Evensong (Tuesday)*
	1800	Choral Evensong (Wednesday)*
	1830	Choral Evensong (Thursday)*

On Sunday 19 April there will be one sung Eucharist at 10.00 am. There will be no choral Eucharist at 9.15 am or 11.00 am as the Cathedral Choir is on holiday. Evening Prayer will be said at 6.30 pm instead of Evensong at 4.00 pm.

On Sunday 3 May Evensong will be at 4.00 pm and will include the Licensing and Installation of the Reverend Andrea Hofbauer as Canon Precentor. You are advised to arrive early if you do not have a ticket for this service.

*Outside choir term time Evening Prayer is said at 1630.

For other events, please visit the website:
www.wakefield-cathedral.org.uk

New Concert Series

After Easter look out for a short series of concerts highlighting local musicians with Wakefield and Cathedral connections. In April we are pleased to welcome Crofton Silver Band. Jack Turner, Assistant Verger at the Cathedral, speaks to Sue Robinson.

Jack, how long have you been playing the baritone horn?

I started playing an old instrument of my Grandfather's when I was about six. (Jack's grandfather is Fred Arnold, who was Head Verger until he retired last year, and who also plays in Crofton Silver Band.) I joined Crofton Youth Band when I was about eight and have worked my way up to the Senior Band. Now I also play for Wakefield Phoenix Concert Band.

What do you enjoy about playing for a brass band?

The atmosphere – the togetherness and friendliness. Perhaps we should not mention the pint or two after practice!

What about practice and rehearsing?

I try to practice every day – it doesn't always work out though – and have a lesson once a week. I rehearse three times a week with the bands.

What do you particularly enjoy about concerts?

It is good to see and hear the results of the hard work in practice. We are hoping to have a new programme ready for the Cathedral concert.

Finally, Jack, what are you looking forward to musically after the Cathedral concert?

Crofton Silver Band came second in Section 3 of the regional heats of the National UK Brass Band Championships on 7 March so we go on to the National Championships in Harrogate in September. If we win that we will be promoted to Section 2. After that I am applying to join the army – I want to be a military musician.

Come and hear Jack and find out what a baritone horn sounds like on 22 April at 7.30 pm at the Cathedral. Tickets available in advance from the Bookshop or on the door, £8 (£5 concessions) including wine in the interval.



News in brief

Congratulations: to Peter Barber, Judy Barker, Diana Ellis, Josie Fox, Jill Hemingway and Julie Lovell who all passed the *Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering* following a recent course and gruelling examination.

Cathedral Coffee Mornings: the Friday and Saturday Coffee Mornings in Treacy Hall are proving very popular. Fresh coffee, tea and toasted tea-cakes are available from 10 am until 12.30 pm. Can you spare a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to help run the Coffee Mornings? It doesn't have to be every week. Please speak to Julie Lovell if you are able to help.

What is St Paul saying to Wakefield? A lecture by Dr Paula Gooder at 7.30 pm on 21 April in the Cathedral.

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