

Today's readings at 09.15 and 11.00

Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up,' and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Gospel reading: Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Next week's readings: Isaiah 62.1-5 and John 2.1-11

Please pray for

The Church: Bishops Nicholas, Tony, Toby, Jonathan, Paul and Helen-Ann.

Please pray for the Deaneries of the Leeds Episcopal Area and those who serve them: Allerton, Armley, Headingley and Whitkirk.

The World: All those who are hungry, refugees, asylum seekers and who live in fear of war or violence. All those who are affected by tragedy and terror.

The Sick: John & Gillian, Graham, Sue, Lynn, Tommy, Brian, Christine, Ian, Dorothy, Mary, Ann, Ken, Gertrude, Val & Nigel, Eileen, Len, Tracey, Suman & family, June, Melco, Margarita, Diego, Barry, Charlie, David, Pamela, Susan, Barry, Orla, Holly, Malcolm, Olivia, Mark, Derek, Edward, Susan, Ann, Ian, Keith, Les, Janet, Louise, Glenna, Jean, Gavin, Chris, Nadia, Joyce, Carole, Elsie, Rene, Isobel, David & family, Anne, Alan, Dorothy, David and John, Maureen and Andy, Maureen and Oliver.

The Departed: Barbara Mitchell and Reece Wardle.

Services, events & opening times this week

Morning Liturgy takes place at 08.15 Monday to Saturday.

Monday 14	12.30	Holy Eucharist
	16.30	Evening Prayer <i>said</i>
	19.00	Mothers' Union Meeting <i>Treacy Hall</i>
Tuesday 15	13.00	Lunchtime Concert, <i>Alexis Cooling, soprano</i>
	17.00	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 16	08.15	Morning Liturgy
	10.30	Holy Communion
	18.00	Choral Evensong
Thursday 17	18.30	Choral Evensong
Friday 18	12.30	Holy Eucharist
	16.30	Evening Prayer <i>said</i>
Saturday 19	08.15	Morning Liturgy
	10.30	Holy Eucharist
	17.00	Missa

Notices

Anne Chapman will have a period of convalescence to continue her road to recovery. From 22 December she will be staying at Elm Lodge Residential Care Home, Horbury for approximately 4-6 weeks. She would welcome visitors, for further details please contact the cathedral office or Canon Tony.

Thank you – Brenda Lintin would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped her after her fall last weekend.

The weekly guided tours of the cathedral will recommence at the beginning of February.

The Book Group will meet at 19.30 on 15 January at the home of Pat Clayton, 11 Addington Drive, Horbury, to discuss 'The Gift of Rain' by Tan Twan Eng. All welcome. For more information please contact Annie Ledger or Judith Woodhead via the cathedral office.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 – 25 January. United Service Tuesday 22 January 19.00 at Wakefield Cathedral. Preacher: The Dean.

Book Launch and Signing - Saturday 19 January 11.15 in the cathedral. "Wakefield in 50 Buildings" is a new illustrated book which explores the history of Wakefield through a selection of its greatest architectural treasures, both historic and modern. The book's author, Peter Thornborrow, will be giving a talk about his book in the cathedral. Signed copies of the book will be available for purchase and it will also be on sale in the Cathedral Shop. All welcome.

Follow Me 5 – teaching sessions will resume on 24 January led by Fr John Gribben whose subject will be "Faith and Film". Please email caroline.asquith@leeds.anglican.org for further information and to sign up.

Tickets are now available from the Cathedral Shop for the Murder Mystery Night fundraiser on 25 January, £5 to include a pie and pea supper. All funds will go towards supporting the Cathedral Choir.

Community Outreach – during December we're pleased to announce that the Cathedral workshops and activities were attended by 240 people. Gillian Bunn produces a monthly report which gives details of the cathedral's outreach work. Copies of the November report are available at the back of the cathedral, or can be found on the website. <https://www.wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/connect/learning-at-wakefield-cathedral>.

Canons John and June Lawson will be moving to Pontefract during February prior to June taking up her new appointment as Vicar of Pontefract. John and June's final service at the Cathedral will be on Sunday 3 February at 10.00 and will be followed by refreshments. If you wish to make a contribution towards a gift for John and June, there are some special envelopes available.

The Cathedral Chapter is considering the possibility of Wakefield Cathedral joining the Inclusive Church Network: <https://www.inclusive-church.org>. As part of the discernment process there will be three congregational study sessions based on the model of Wakefield Wednesdays but actually taking place on three successive Thursdays in the Treacy Hall following Choral Evensong: 31 January, 07 and 14 February. The sessions will be led by the Revd Dr Mark Vasey-Saunders and will run from 19.30 – 20.45. Refreshments will be served from 19.15 and we will say Compline together at 20.45. As it would be helpful to have an idea of numbers attending, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the cathedral.

Readers Training – Thursday 28 February 19.30

Intercessor Training – Thursday 7 March 19.30

These training sessions are for people who currently exercise these ministries and also those who would like to learn. Please speak to Canon Leah for further details.

The Sixteen in concert, Saturday 2 March 2019. One of The Sixteen's most popular programmes, *The Queen of Heaven* focuses on three composers' unique devotion to the church. A new version of Allegri's renowned Miserere is paired with James MacMillan's own setting of the text and pieces by 'The Prince of Polyphony' Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. Further information and tickets available from the Choir's website -

<https://thesixteen.com/whats->

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Alternatively you can ring 0333 010 2850 (booking fee applies).