

Cathedral in Touch

A Newsletter for our Community

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Personal journeys

I am personally on quite a journey right now. Trying to discern what is most appropriate in terms of moving house and relocating. Big life decisions here! For I, like many of us, are growing older, and how do we each do that with agency and at the right time?

So – a bit of honesty here – I rattle around in a five-bedroom house with a large garden. Which was fine when I and my husband were bringing up children and hosted a myriad of Church and community activities. But is no longer fit for purpose – or, at least, my purpose or destination. This lovely house needs to pass on to a family who will enjoy and cherish it.

Letting go is not easy but sitting lightly is fundamental to our faith. In that we only sojourn wherever we are – journeying is inevitable. Whether that journeying is for reasons of employment, vocation, life decisions, health... or whatever. I confess I have struggled with this but, somewhere along the line, I have come to realise, accept, and embrace that I am moving. And am beginning to find that exciting!

While moving may not be everyone's defining issue, the sense that how we live life has to change and that we have to embrace those changes is something recognisable to people both at the beginning of their adult life or towards the end. Readers of this may be in their 20s or 80s but there is an inevitable provisionality about how we live in this century which none of us can escape. There are no certainties – and probably never were. How to navigate and flourish?

This week, as the state pension rose by 8.5%, commentators were remarking that for this generation of pensioners there is more stability than will be evident in the future. Some of you who read this will be just those pensioners – others will be at the start of working life or, indeed, still students. With a hugely different future ahead. Both life expectations and how we navigate is hugely different across generations. Let's recognise that and learn from one another.

For my part, I have to discover the best practical solution for the next phase of my life. But I also recognise the need for future generations to flourish. That requires not only personal decisions – like how I support my grandchildren through university or other pathways – but also how my voice contributes to national decision making around a myriad of issues – from the future of the NHS right through to how we develop ways of living together which enable all communities to thrive.

What do thriving communities look like in practice? In this 21st century world the jury is probably still out. But scroll back to first century Palestine and the early Church and you get some sense of how we might live life well together. And not just as Christian community but, rather, welcoming and embracing those who might join us in our journeying.

In this fractured world, where people seem to set themselves one against another on edge, and where peace is hard to find, how might we live the vocation to walk lightly against the backdrop of huge change – whether it be AI, climate change... or whatever?

For that is surely our calling – and one to be embraced whichever generation we are from. Surely the times they are a-changing (to coin a well-honed phrase from my youth) but, if we are truly Christian, how are we called to run with that? Alongside the Son of Man who, unlike me in my house moving, had no place to lay his head.

Alison Adams
Canon Pastor



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CANON-IN-RESIDENCE

ONE OF the clergy always holds this phone. Do feel able to contact us if you need but please be aware we cannot receive texts.

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News & Updates

Cathedral Outing 2024: Scarborough!

Our much-loved Cathedral summer outing is back, and this year's destination is Scarborough!

Join us on Saturday 24 June for sea, sand, socialising (definitely), and sun (possibly!). The cost for

the coach is £25 per adult and £15 per child; we also have a family rate of £50 for up to two adults and three children.

The coach will leave the Cathedral at 7.30am, and Scarborough at 5.30pm.



Sign up using the sheet by the refreshment area after the 10.30am Sunday Eucharist, or email Nathan on nathanmorley82@hotmail.com.

Toilet Twinning Fundraising 2023

What do the following countries have in common: Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia, Nigeria, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nepal, Tanzania, Pakistan, Cote D'Ivoire, Uganda, and Mozambique?

They are the eleven countries where Tearfund is actively working at present. They are also where the eleven toilets we raised funds for are based.

Tearfund have already kindly sent the certificates showing exactly where our toilets are, including the latitude and longitude and the region of the country.

To view the certificates before they are installed, please stay after the Sunday morning Eucharist service on 21 April when they will be on display.

Thank you again to so many people from anyone who donated, those who made cakes or things for the Junior Church craft stall or devised a picture quiz.

In a fairly recent article in the newsletter, Caroline Wessel talked about C. S. Lewis's book *The Four Loves*. In the book, Lewis asserts that charity is divine in its source and expression and is the greatest love that exists.

He also argues that it is a specifically Christian virtue to achieve.

David Dewdney



Services this week

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

EASTER 3

- 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist
- 3.30pm Choral Evensong
- 4.00pm *Together with Choral Evensong at All Saints Church, Hoby*
- 6.30pm Eucharist at St Nicholas Church

MONDAY 15 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

TUESDAY 16 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

SATURDAY 20 APRIL

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

EASTER 4

- 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist
- 3.30pm Choral Evensong
- 6.30pm Eucharist at St Nicholas Church

MONDAY 22 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Eucharist
- 12.30pm **Lunchtime Recital:** Lizzy Regan and James Cowen (Organ)
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong

Job Vacancy

Canon Missioner

A full-time Residentiary Canon and missional priest with specific responsibility for leading outreach and engagement and for developing the Cathedral as an intercultural worshipping community.

Leicester Cathedral is in the heart of one of the UK's most diverse cities and the person we seek will enjoy offering Christian leadership in intercultural and interfaith contexts, and building relationships and partnerships inside and outside the Church.

We are looking for a colleague

- *whose ministry is shaped by the Anglican five marks of mission*
- *who can easily move between cultures and faiths*
- *who delivers projects that brings benefits in local community, especially among the vulnerable*
- *with experience of developing intercultural worshipping community*
- *with a track record in equity, diversity and inclusion work*

We are particularly keen to receive applications from UKME/GMH people who are currently under-represented in the Cathedral team.

Application forms can be found on our website (leicestercathedral.org/vacancies).

Closing date: Wednesday 24 April 2024, 11.59pm

Candidates wishing to have an informal conversation about this role with the Dean, The Very Revd Karen Rooms, may email her to arrange a call or Zoom meeting. Please contact: Karen.Rooms@LeicesterCofE.org





ST. GEORGE'S DAY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 20 APRIL
12noon - 5pm

OLD TOWN, LEICESTER

Celebrate St George's Day with the
annual free family festival across
Leicester's Old Town!



Celebrate the day of history and heritage with family friendly activities and entertainment.

This year, the festival is relocating to Leicester's Old Town around the Cathedral, bringing exciting new additions and themes including traditional activities, storytelling, theatrical fun, living history, tours and trails. Also new is a modern-day

Medieval Market and for the grown-ups an Ale Trail, taking in some of Leicester's most historic pubs.

As the clock strikes 12, Leicester Cathedral's bells will ring to open the celebrations – cross paths with a dragon, hear legends of medieval kings, barter with a merchant from the Middle Ages or find yourself in a folk dance!

[See Cathedral events & much more, including the brochure online!](#)

Stories from Sikh and Punjab History found in British Churches

Thursday 25 April 2024
6.30–8.30pm

Britain's streets are full of stories from Sikh and Punjabi history.

Rav Singh brings these stories to life through A Little History of the Sikhs – a community initiative he founded that works to translate research in modern-day Sikh history and heritage into walking tours, day trips, and annual study visits to destinations in the UK and across Western Europe.

Rav will be presenting stories from Sikh and Punjab history that are memorialised in Abbeys, Cathedrals, and Churches across the South-East of England in this talk at Leicester Cathedral. The talk will be followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

This event is run in partnership with St Philip's Centre.

Tickets

Adults £5.50

Concession £3.50

available from [Eventbrite](#).





Be a Chorister for a day!



Enjoy singing?

Join us for a day to see what it's
like to be in Leicester Cathedral Choir
For children in Key Stage 2

Saturday 27 April 2024

St Martins House, LE1 5PZ

Scan the code to book a free place

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Scan me!

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**Leicester
Cathedral**

Lunchtime Recitals

Summer Season 2024



**12.30pm | Free admission,
donations encouraged**

Monday 13 May
Ellis Thomas Piano*

Monday 27 May
Philip Millwood Organ

Monday 10 June
Anna Crawford Cello (+ Duet partner)*

Monday 24 June
Osnabruck Youth Choir

Monday 8 July
Leicestershire Music Strings Ensemble

Students aged 13–18, the LMSE performs a varied programme of summer chamber music including well-known quartets and octets. Directed by Phil Houghton.

Philharmonia

* with the **Philharmonia Fellowship Scheme**

The Philharmonia is a world-class symphony orchestra – based in London at Southbank Centre’s Royal Festival Hall, resident in cities and at festivals across England, and streaming online, the Philharmonia creates thrilling performances for a global audience.

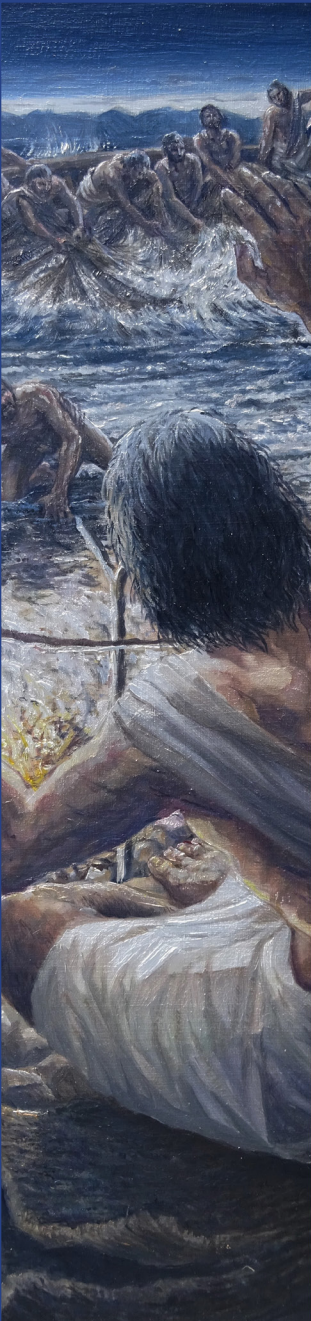
Here at Leicester Cathedral, we’re thrilled to welcome Philharmonia Orchestra Instrumental Fellows for a series of recitals in a new partnership with this acclaimed orchestra.



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Iain McKillop's **Stations of the Resurrection**

Hope beyond tragedy: an exhibition of perspectives on Christ's resurrection

3 April – 20 May

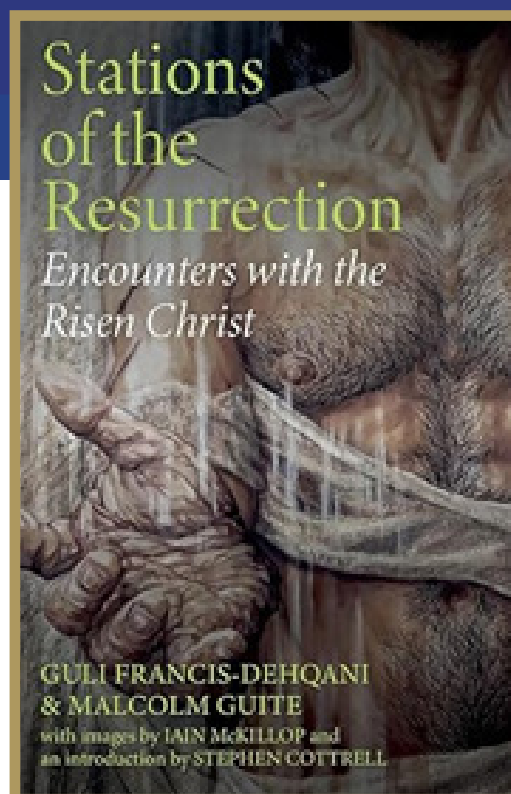
Resurrection Stations explore the accounts of witnesses who were convinced of Jesus' return to life. McKillop, the acclaimed British painter and art-historian, hopes to make us consider the evidence of the Gospel accounts, the implications of Jesus' resurrection, and what aspects might convince us to trust in God and Christ's teachings today.

Free entry

The set of over 20 paintings are accompanied by the book ***Stations of the Resurrection: Encounters with the Risen Christ***, offering reflections on each of these episodes from the bestselling poet Malcolm Guite and the much-admired writer and bishop, Guli Francis-Dehqani.

An ideal take away to remember your visit, the book is available from both the Cathedral shop outlet and Christian Resources Leicester.

**Only £11.99 to visitors of the
Cathedral (RRP £13.99)**



Cathedral Book Club

Our Cathedral Book Club meets online once a month over Zoom, from 7.00–8.00pm

Thursday 9 May

We will be reading *Stations of the Resurrection*, accompanying the exhibition.



New members are always welcome – please email Jude (Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) to be added to the Book Club mailing list.



Questions Together



Discipleship at
Leicester Cathedral

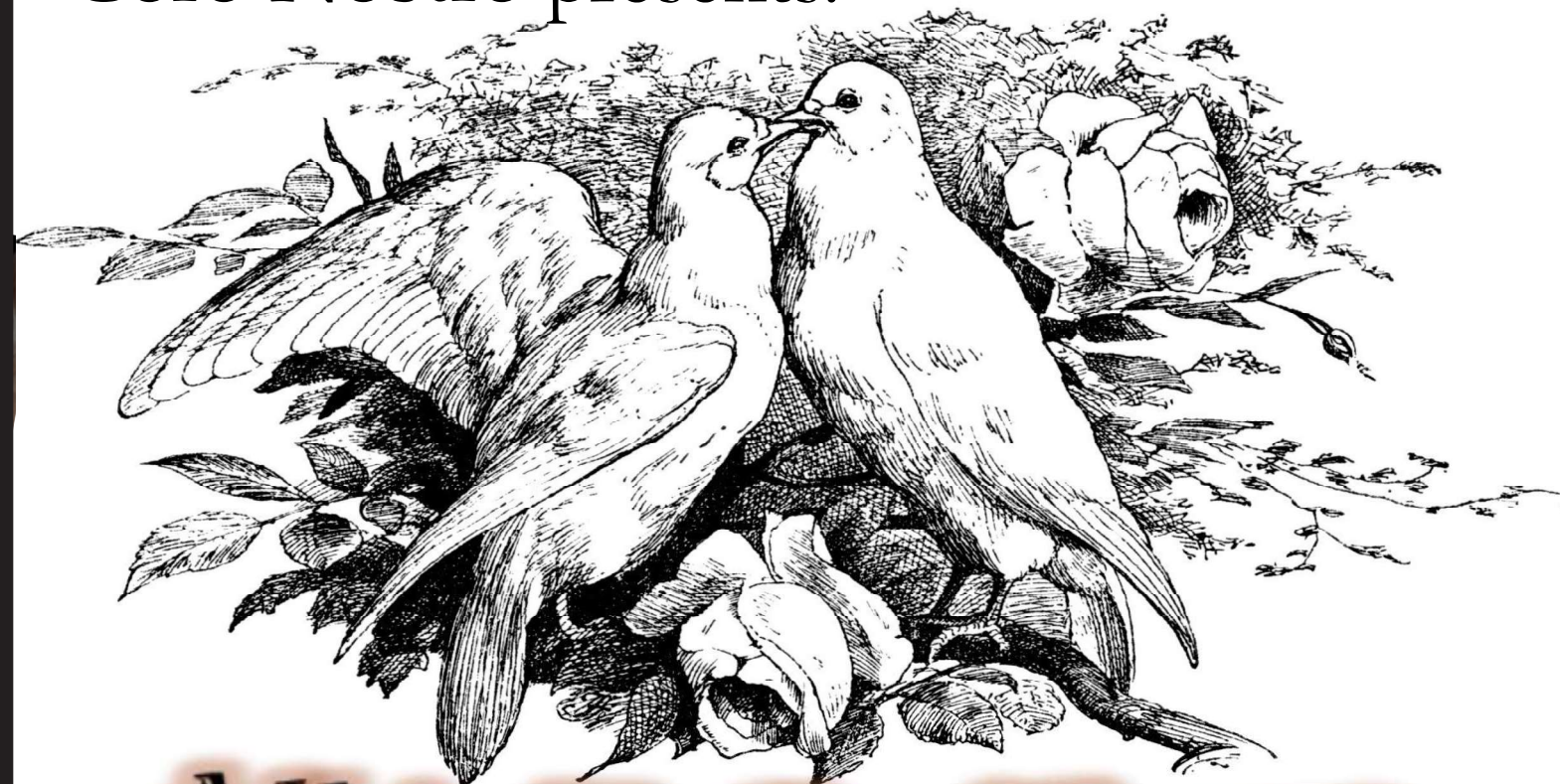
Sunday 14 April
12.15–1.00pm after the Eucharist!
St George's Chapel

Asking questions can empower us to learn and grow in our faith, but it can feel challenging, and finding answers can also be difficult.

Our monthly discussion group aims to offer a friendly space to ask questions (and practise giving answers!) about faith and discipleship.

Everyone welcome as we ask, wonder, and share together!

Coro Nostro presents:



All is Full of Love

Join Coro as we celebrate the Spring,
with songs about **love**,
the **natural world**
and settings of the **Song of Songs**.

Featuring works by **Holst, Victoria,**
Janáček, MacMillan and many more.



Friday 19th April 7.30pm

The Great Meeting Chapel
45 East Bond Street, Leicester LE1 4SX

Tickets available on the door £10 (£8) includes wine / soft drinks





Martin Dyer

Prayer Proclamation!

Footnotes

1 I was all for abandoning all thoughts of not only Easter and Christmas but birthdays too. This notion was driven by economic not theologic reasoning – think Mr Scrooge!

2 there was no transfer fee, no signing of any documents, and no swearing of any allegiances – should there have been?

3 One of the highlights for me this year was Solus ad victimam, words by Peter Abelard (1079–1142) with amazing music by the Yorkshire composer, Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988) [YouTube](#) – although I think our gang did it much better!

4 I would refer you to Alison Adams's sermon the Saturday night but I can't seem to find it online.

5 On [BBC Sounds](#) – this is a great series!

6 On [YouTube](#) – still a great and relevant album 36 years on.

**Allelulia!
Allelulia!
Allelulia!
Christ is
RISEN.
He is risen
indeed!
Allelulia!**

Hello, hello,
hello!

I do hope
you had
the most
marvellous Easter!

Once upon a time, a long, long time ago now, I used to believe that every day was “holy”, a gift from God, and therefore each was pretty much the same. As a family, we did celebrate Easter and even Christmas¹ but not to any great degree, like George Fox, considering such events as “contrivances of man”, and at best a distraction. However, since joining the Cathedral and sort of becoming an Anglican² my view has changed markedly, and no more so than at Easter. The dramatic events, the theatre of the Triduum, the turning of darkness into glorious light, along with the wonderful liturgy and music³ (not to mention the prosecco!) have blown me quite away. So much so that we cut short our holiday on the wonderful Isles of Scilly to attend!



The highpoint of the Triduum for me is the Saturday night vigil with the lighting of the Paschal candle (well done Karen – it wasn't easy in that breeze!) and the first celebration of Easter Day with Jesus rising majestically from the grave. Death into Life! Darkness fleeing from the Light. This is not good news; it is the best possible news ever, not only in the history of the world but also in the history of the Universe! A once only never-to-be-repeated event that changes, transforms everything! ⁴

I have not yet seen Iain McKillop's exhibition, *Stations of the Resurrection*, in the Cathedral but other artists down the centuries have had a field day with these events. The image above comes from the huge pages of the Sherborne Missal (c.1399–1407) illustrated by one John Siferwas (interestingly a Dominican!), with script by John Whas in the

Benedictine Abbey in Dorset. (It can now be found in the British Museum and online⁵). Jesus, still bleeding from his wounds and still wearing his crown of thorns, is rising from a pink tomb despite the presence of the (drunk?) soldiers and one dog.



But it is the two images right that I should like to focus on.

You will have seen both images of the Anastasis (or Resurrection) before. The one on the left is a mosaic from St Mark's basilica in Venice, the one on the right from the Chora in Istanbul. Both show Jesus plucking Eve and Adam from the power of death, much to the amazement of the onlooking patriarchs, prophets and apostles.



On the left, we can see Jesus is trampling on death! As Karen wrote in this newsletter a couple of weeks ago, the Life of God in all its fullness and all its beauty is unstoppable!! Love wins.

We don't talk enough about the Resurrection. It should somehow be the symbol of our faith, not the cross. Both of course are indispensable. But it is the Resurrection that brings us hope and joy and new life.

When I was growing up, another "R" word was all the rage, namely Revolution.⁶ You hardly hear revolution mentioned

anymore. The dreams of revolution were completely consumed by rampant capitalism and individualism – and to our considerable loss in my opinion.

But the Resurrection of Jesus continues to inspire, young and old, of all tribes and tongues, of all possible people groups, to look up, beyond ourselves, to receive from the "firstborn among the dead", so that we can stand before the Father holy, without sin, without shame and without reproach (Colossians chapter 1). It really is a pretty good deal!

Let's finish with the blessing from the Saturday night service!

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to us who believe the gates of everlasting LIFE. Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give us JOY as we share the Easter faith. Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into His disciples, empower us and fill us with Christ's PEACE. Amen.

May this life, joy and peace be among us and remain with us always.

Amen!

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THE DEAN Designate and Chapter of the Cathedral are wholly committed to the safety, well-being and protection of everyone having contact with our community.

We all share responsibility for Safeguarding.

If you have concerns about the welfare or behaviour of an adult, young person or child, please speak to one of the Residentiary Canons or to Linda Green or Amanda Fitchett, our Safeguarding Co-ordinators.

The Residentiary Canons can be approached in person or contacted on **07399 523 330**.

The Safeguarding Co-ordinators do not publish their contact details. Please speak to a verger if you wish to contact them. You do not need to explain the reason for your request.

All concerns will be responded to proportionately and with discretion.

