

# Cathedral in Touch

*A Newsletter for our Community*

28 April 2024 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



Leicester **Cathedral**  
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## Rosemary for remembrance and reconnection

On Thursday I was presented with a sprig of rosemary to wear. It was Anzac Day – a day of remembrance for those who served with Australian and New Zealand forces in the First World War. I was in Welford Road Cemetery for a service where we named the ten men and one woman who died in Leicester, far from home, and who are buried or commemorated at the memorial in the cemetery.

Rosemary has long been associated with memory and remembering. But the lady who pinned the rosemary on to my preaching scarf before the service explained its significance for Anzac Day: it grows wild on the Gallipoli peninsula (now Gelibolu in Turkey), the site of the 1915-16 campaign in the war which saw many casualties. Rosemary was subsequently taken from there and sown in Australia where it forms 'avenues of remembrance' and is given out on Anzac Day to be worn as a symbol of remembrance.

Remembering is about connection. Leicester was a very long way from home and family for those from Australia and New Zealand who served and died here over a century ago. Yet they are forever connected with our city and us with them. As I stood in silence with the group of people gathered by the memorial, I had a sense of connection too with the countless others spanning the world who were doing the same that day, starting with dawn services in Australia and New Zealand and continuing West as the sun traversed

the globe. Remembering, when we do it together, reinforces not only memory but also connects and reconnects us.

On Sunday morning I shall snip a sprig of rosemary from the bush outside my door and take it to the Cathedral. There I shall use it to sprinkle water on all of us gathered there as a reminder of our baptisms and of God's forgiveness and eternal life. We may at times sense we are separated from God, perhaps conscious of our turning away and our forgetting, but God is the one who remembers us and who crosses the distance to us. The water reminds us to turn again to God and to know we are reconnected with the One who brings us life in all its abundance. Later in the service we shall remember what Jesus did through cross and resurrection and be reconnected with him and with each other through the sharing of bread and wine. As we gather together to remember, so God re-members us and connects us into the Body of Christ in this age.

The sense of smell is strongly connected with recalling memories and rosemary's scent is pungent and lingering. Certain fragrances can reconnect us instantly with powerful experiences. The resurrection of Jesus happened in a garden. I wonder if there was rosemary growing there and if, in the years that followed, its scent or the perfume of other plants from that place, acted as reminders of that first Easter morning to the women and other first witnesses who were greeted by the risen Christ?

Perhaps you might think me fanciful! But seriously, I wonder if there's a particular fragrance for you that most takes you into God's presence? Once we have brushed up against the ever-green life of God we shall never be able to forget it. Alleluia!

**Emma Davies**  
Canon Precentor



## 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](mailto:nathanmorley82@hotmail.com).

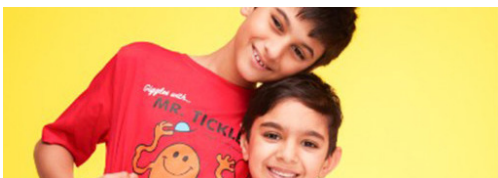
## Chicks!

The third peregrine chick in our bell tower hatched on the evening of 25 April, following the previous two in the preceding days. Keep up with the live-stream at [leicesterperegrines.org.uk](http://leicesterperegrines.org.uk)



## Cathedral Choristers win Comic Relief award

Many congratulations to Sami and Rafi, Cathedral Choristers, who have won the Rising Star Nosey Award from Comic Relief for their fundraising efforts. See more [here!](#)



## Annual Vaisakhi procession takes place this Sunday April 28

The Vaisakhi procession takes place this Sunday 28 April, following a route that goes past St Nicholas Circle, St Nicholas Place, and High Street. The event traditionally sees a large number of followers taking part on the walk between two of the city's best-known Sikh temples, or Gurdwaras.

Please note there will be some rolling road closures in place along the route that may affect Sunday traffic. Some bus services will also need to follow alternative routes.

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# Services this week

## SUNDAY 28 APRIL

**EASTER 5**

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

## MONDAY 29 APRIL

8.30am Morning Eucharist  
5.30pm Choral Evensong

## TUESDAY 30 APRIL

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

## WEDNESDAY 1 MAY

**PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES**

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

## THURSDAY 2 MAY

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

## FRIDAY 3 MAY

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

## SATURDAY 4 MAY

9.30am Morning Prayer  
3.00pm Wedding  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

## SUNDAY 5 MAY

**EASTER 6**

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

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# LCR Update

## Roof works and archaeology

Recent progress on the Heritage & Learning Centre (HLC) extension includes carpentry on the main roof areas in preparation for lead work that will provide the full protection and weather proofing.

The roof lights have also been installed.

The main roof will have striking copper / brass alloy parapet.

Mathew Morris from University of Leicester Archaeological Services who led the archaeological excavations to construct the basement of the new HLC is giving a talk at the Cathedral on 9 May about the city's archaeology and why, today, Leicester is one of the most excavated cities in Britain.

For more information and to book a place see [Eventbrite](#).

**Simon Bentley**  
Project Director  
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# Me and your Twinned Toilets

How many of you have spoken to someone from Auckland, New Zealand about why there are eleven pictures of toilets in the developing world on display after a Eucharist service in Leicester Cathedral? That was my experience last Sunday! I then discovered more about our toilets in Zimbabwe, Uganda, and Nigeria in conversations with members of the Cathedral community.

So, thanks once again for all you did in raising the funds to help make these toilets a reality. Don't forget that we are also supporting Tearfund's WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) projects.

The next time you are likely to see all these certificates is when they are installed in the toilets in our new Heritage & Learning Centre!

David Dewdney

# Summer at Leicester Cathedral

This summer we will have exciting opportunities to explore and enjoy stories of Leicester, of faith, and of culture, as we celebrate the new life our cathedral building is bringing.

Treat yourself to the beauty of Choral Evensong and recitals by talented young musicians. Bring a friend or relative to sing in Dementia Week. Laugh at local Paul Gosling's *Dr Watson* comedy show. Reflect on Iain McKillop's *Stations of the Resurrection* exhibition. Explore the city's 2,000 year history with world-renowned archaeologist Mathew Morris.

**It will be great to see you!**

**Pick  
up a  
booklet!**

Thursday 9 May | 5.30pm

## **Ascension Day Choral Evensong**

Ascension Day comes forty days after Easter and celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven. Join us for a special Evensong with music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Wednesday 15 May | 2.00–3.00pm

## **Singing for the Brain**

Part of Dementia Action Week, a special afternoon of Singing for the Brain with Kyle Newman – designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people in the early to moderate stages of dementia and their carers.

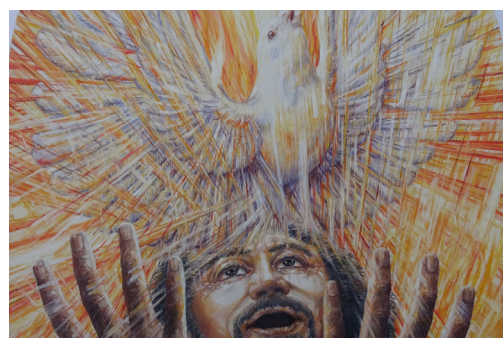
All welcome, no booking required!

Sunday 12 May | 3.30pm

## **Choral Evensong Together with St Ursula's Chapel, Wyggestons**

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong at St Ursula's Chapel, as part of our *Together with Leicester Cathedral* project.

**See all events and services on our [website](#)**



## **Quiet Morning: Stations of the Resurrection**

To coincide with the exhibition, join us on Saturday 27 April from 10.00am for an opportunity to ponder and respond to different perspectives on Christ's resurrection as we consider the implications of this on each of us and our discipleship in today's world.

As well as space to quietly reflect and be with others, there will also be opportunities to creatively respond as we consider the relationship between discipleship, art and creativity.

All are welcome, **free booking!**



# Leicester Uncovered

The most excavated city in Britain

*A talk with Mathew Morris*

**Thursday 9 May 2024**

**7.00–9.00pm**



## **Tickets**

Adults £5.50

Concession £3.50

available from **Eventbrite**.

**Uncover the history of the  
most excavated city in Britain**

Leicester is an ancient city which has been continuously occupied for over 2,000 years. It was here before the Romans, an Iron Age tribal centre which grew into the Roman town *Ratae Corieltavorum*, which became the Mercian bishopric of *Legorensis*, which became the borough of Leicester.

Royal site, market town, industrial metropolis, modern multicultural city; every facet of Leicester's rich history survives to some degree beneath the city's streets waiting to be rediscovered.

Join archaeologist Mathew Morris from University of Leicester Archaeological Services for a talk about the city's archaeology and why, today, Leicester is one of the most excavated cities in Britain.

*Event made possible thanks to National Lottery players.*



# Themed Tours

## **Cathedral Windows**

First Thursday of each month

Explore the beautiful windows of Leicester Cathedral in this illuminating windows tour. Find out more about the magnificent Great East window, the fabulous Richard III Redemption windows, the exquisite John Sarson memorial window and our James Thompson memorial window.

## **Evolution of Medicine**

Second Thursday of each month

Join us on an absorbing exploration of the evolution of medicine from the middle-ages to the Victorian era and its connections to the parish of St Martin.

## **Prayer and Pilgrimage**

Third Thursday of each month

Did you know that St Martin's church was on the pilgrimage trail in medieval times? Our enticing tour journeys back in time for an exploration of the act of pilgrimage and its evolution over time.

## **Carved in Stone**

Fourth Thursday of each month

Stone has many uses in our heritage buildings. Often grand and imposing but sometimes delicate and exquisite. Join us on our fascinating tour which takes us on an exploration of the stone in our beautiful Cathedral.

*All tours start at 11.30am and are £3.50 per person. Accompanied children under 16 free. Tours last about 30 minutes and can be booked via [Eventbrite](#) or at the Welcome Desk.*

# 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.

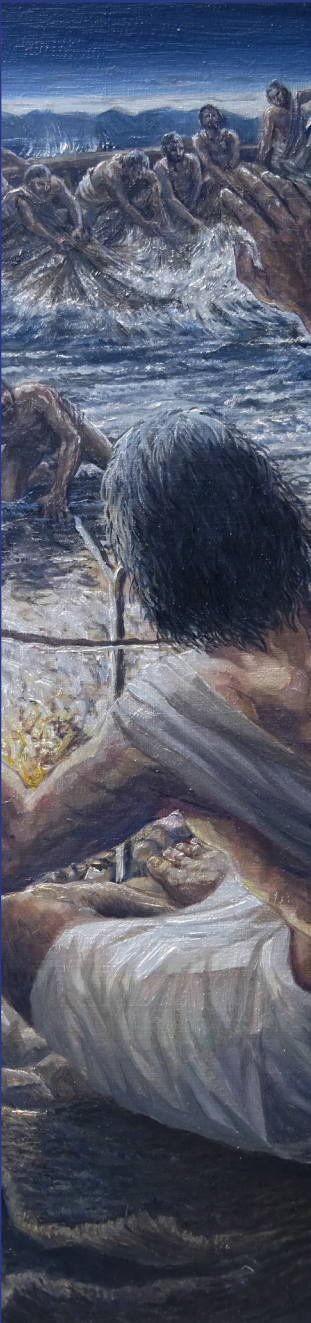
Here at Leicester Cathedral, we’re thrilled to welcome Philharmonia Orchestra Instrumental Fellows for a series of recitals in a new partnership with this acclaimed orchestra.



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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**

## 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: Encounters with Risen Christ***, accompanying the exhibition. Offering reflections on the Stations from the bestselling poet Malcolm Guite and the much-admired writer and bishop, Guli Francis-Dehqani.

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)**

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



Leicester Cathedral presents



# Ida Pelliccioli

## From South to Vienna

For her 2024 tour, renowned concert pianist Ida Pelliccioli has been inspired by the forgotten music of 18<sup>th</sup> century Spanish composer **Manuel Blasco de Nebra**.

Her performance will take audiences on a journey from Blasco de Nebra's recently re-discovered keyboard music and **Scarlatti's** keyboard sonatas, through to the Viennese classic style of **Mozart** and **Schubert**.

Booking essential!



**Thursday 4 July 2024**  
**7.30pm**



**Tickets**  
£12–15 available  
from **Eventbrite**



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Chinwendu Anika

*A  
Scientist's  
Journey to  
Discovering  
Truth in  
Faith and  
Science*

Dear Friends,  
In the vast expanse of human knowledge, there exists a delicate dance between faith and reason, belief, and skepticism. As a scientist, I have grappled with these concepts, navigating the intricate web of empirical evidence and spiritual conviction. Yet, amidst the complexities of life's questions, I have found solace in the gentle embrace of faith — a faith rooted not in blind acceptance but in the pursuit of truth.

Recently, I found myself engaged in a dialogue with someone who questioned the validity of faith in God, particularly in the context of scientific inquiry. They expressed a bitter disappointment that a scientist could entertain the notion of a divine being. In response, I sought to bridge the gap between science and faith, drawing upon my own journey of discovery.

# Prayer Thoughts



In the realm of scientific inquiry, hypotheses serve as the building blocks of knowledge — a framework through which ideas are tested and validated. It is through rigorous experimentation and analysis that hypotheses are either confirmed or rejected, leading to a deeper understanding of the natural world. Yet, beyond the confines of laboratory walls, I discovered another realm of exploration — a realm where the boundaries of empirical evidence blur, and the heart's longing for truth takes precedence.

Raised in a Christian home, I was steeped in the teachings of God's love and grace from a young age. However, like many, I reached a point in my life's journey where I questioned everything I had been taught. I yearned for personal proof of God's existence, a revelation that would transcend mere words and theories.

It was during my time at school that I embarked on a journey of personal discovery. One night, as I lay on my bed, I cried out to God, pleading for a sign, a revelation that would quell the doubts gnawing at my soul. And in that moment, God answered.

I was enveloped in a vivid dream — a dream of such clarity and depth that it moved me to tears. In that sacred space, I encountered the presence of God in a profound and tangible way. It was a revelation that transcended the confines of scientific inquiry — a revelation that spoke directly to the depths of my being and affirmed the reality of God's existence.

As I shared this experience with the skeptic, I invited them to embark on their own journey of exploration — to test the hypotheses of their disbelief and to seek truth with an open heart and mind. For just as I had found solace and certainty in the embrace of faith, so too could they discover the transformative power of encountering the divine.

I wonder, dear friends, where are you on your journey of faith and discovery? Have you encountered moments of doubt and skepticism, or have you experienced the profound joy of divine revelation? As we navigate the complexities of life, may we hold fast to the belief that truth is not confined to the realm of science alone but extends into the infinite depths of faith and spirituality.

May our journey of faith be marked by courage, curiosity, and a steadfast commitment to seeking truth in all its forms.

In keeping with faith,

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## PRAYER POINTERS

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1. Pray for an open heart and mind to seek truth in both the realms of science and faith.
2. Lift up those who may be wrestling with doubt and skepticism, asking for God's guidance and revelation on their behalf.
3. Pray for a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we may continue to explore the mysteries of God's creation with awe and wonder.

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP LEICESTER CATHEDRAL

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### ONLINE GIVING

Donate online [here](#).

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To donate £10, text PLATE to 70191

### INTO OUR BANK ACCOUNT

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Leicester, LE1 5PZ



## SAFEGUARDING

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**THE DEAN** 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.

