

Cathedral in Touch

A Newsletter for our Community

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Stations of the Resurrection

You may have read the publicity, but have you seen them yet? Entitled ***Stations of the Resurrection*** – 26 compelling paintings now adorning the north wall of the Cathedral. They are well worth spending serious time contemplating. Although it does say under each one what the image represents, I found it quite helpful to work that out for myself, and thus be drawn into the picture myself in the process.

I'm not an artist, but I suspect the Resurrection is a tricky subject to depict. While many artists over the centuries have depicted post-resurrection Gospel scenes, the Crucifixion seems to have been a far richer source of artistic inspiration, for all sorts of obvious reasons. It is therefore very refreshing to be able to dive into a contemporary visual narrative of the Resurrection this Eastertide, enabling us, for example, to linger by the empty tomb, in the Garden, by the lakeside and on the road. Challenging us to remain with the joy, hope and eternal promise of the Easter season and not just return to earth having 'done' Easter, so to speak.

The 20th century artist Stanley Spencer is noted for several paintings around the theme of Resurrection – in his case, the resurrection of the dead. What is striking about his work is how he brings ordinary people – his friends and neighbours – into the pictures. Bringing the scene depicted right into contemporary time. This is a refreshing approach: we're not looking through a historical or mythological lens to something far distant but something happening around us in real time.

While the figures in McKillop's *Stations* are more traditionally dressed than Spencer's, there is nonetheless a universality about them. The paintings are full of real people which could easily be you or I. Think yourself into the scene, not necessarily as Peter or Mary, for example, but as one of the crowd, looking upwards with outstretched hands. What are you thinking? Feeling? Experiencing?

I do hope you may be able to visit us to see this exhibition for yourself. Whether or not, I heartily recommend the beautiful **accompanying book** of the same title *Stations of the Resurrection* which is on sale in the Cathedral and at Christian Resources, in St Martins House. It covers 19 of the 26 stations and for each there is the painting itself, the Gospel text, a prayer, a reflection and a poem by Malcolm Guite. This book will form the substance of the **Cathedral Book Club's** explorations on 9 May which I invite you to attend.

I'm so predictable: I absolutely had to listen to Mahler's *Resurrection* symphony over the weekend! Many of us enjoyed Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus as the anthem on Easter Day morning. Not to mention all the beautiful music from our music team which accompanied our journeying during Holy Week. Thank you one and all – we are very blessed. Art, music and poetry are rich seams of spiritual treasure. And across genres. What are your sources of inspiration? What might you read or listen to this Eastertide, not least to counter the often unhelpful narratives emanating from social and national media? To enable

you to hold onto all that the Resurrection means, even or especially amid the pain of our fractured world? To accompany you along the journey towards Pentecost?

Alison Adams
Canon Pastor



Station 9: Peter & John Run to the Empty Tomb © Iain McKillop

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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.

Sign up using the sheet by the refreshment area after the 10.30am Sunday

Eucharist.

For more information, please email Nathan Morley on nathanmorley82@hotmail.com

Confirmations

Are you interested in being confirmed? A Service of Confirmation (in which a person confirms the promises made when they were baptized) will be held on Sunday 19 May, led by Bishop Saju.

We will be running a short course prior to this service to help prepare those

who will be confirmed. This will take place at St Martins House on Sunday lunchtimes (starting Sunday 14 April), from 12.00–1.00pm, led by Canon Emma, Jude (Discipleship Officer), and other members of our Cathedral community.

It will be a great

opportunity to reflect together on our faith and what we believe as we prepare to take this significant step in our journeys of faith.

If you are interested in being confirmed, please contact Jude (Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) by Friday 12 April.

John Lewis Vaisahkin celebrations

Following the Cathedral's crib figures and Choir's presence in John Lewis during Advent, the Cathedral community and friends are invited to the store's Vaisahkin

celebrations on Saturday 20 April, taking place on the ground floor from 12.00–2.00pm

The Holy Bones Gurdwara congregation will be performing Gakta and

Kirtan, The MLSS charity will be giving away samosas.

Feel free to come along and celebrate Vaikashi and awareness of Sikhism.

Services this week

SUNDAY 7 APRIL

EASTER 2

- 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist
- 3.30pm Evening Prayer
- 6.30pm Eucharist at St Nicholas Church

MONDAY 8 APRIL

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD

- 8.30am Morning Eucharist
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Recital: Carys Barnes, Viola
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

TUESDAY 9 APRIL

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

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

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

THURSDAY 11 APRIL

- 8.30am Morning Prayer
- 12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist
- 5.30pm Choral Evensong
- 7.00pm Cathedral Book Club

FRIDAY 12 APRIL

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

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

- 9.30am Morning Prayer
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer

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

Together with...

Our forty-sixth service out with parish churches in the City and County, as part of *Together with Leicester Cathedral*, will take place on Sunday 14 April 2024.

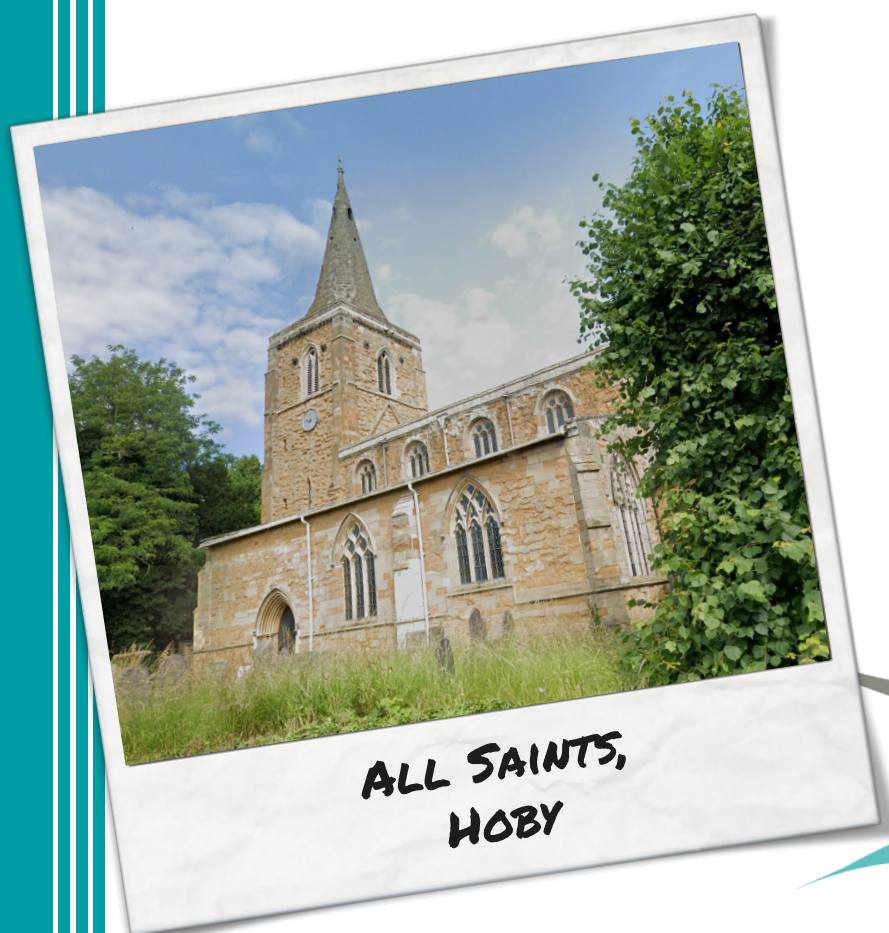
Join us at 4.00pm for a service of Choral Evensong at **All Saints Church, Hoby** (All Saints, Church Lane, Hoby, LE14 3DR).

Together with Leicester Cathedral

While the building was closed for 22 months during our restoration project Leicester Cathedral Revealed, the mission and work of the Cathedral continued with our choirs, clergy and community members visiting parish churches across Leicester and Leicestershire.

With the Cathedral now reopen, we are still enjoying our visits to other parishes on occasional Sunday afternoons for Choral Evensong around once a month. It is wonderful to connect with people across the Diocese and to make new friends as well as continue existing relationships. Do join us if you can!

For information about the Together with project, please contact Canon Emma Davies or Head Verger Bev Collett at CathedralBookings@LeicesterCofE.org



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*

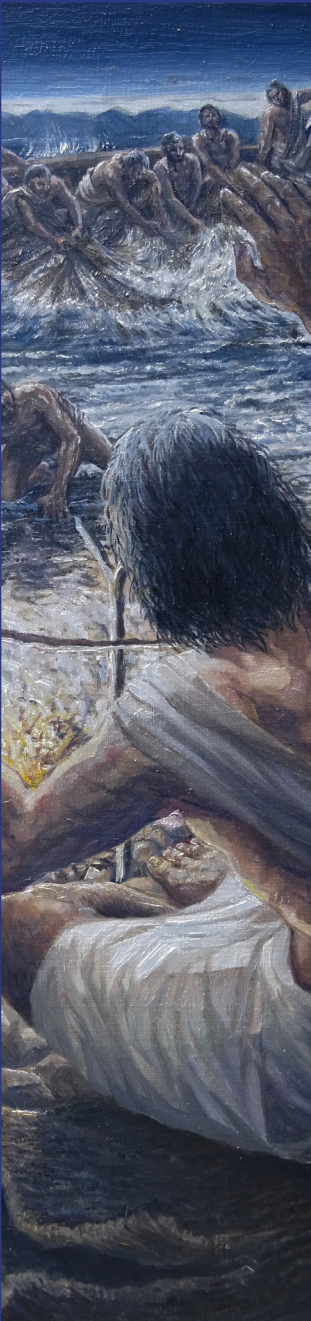
We are particularly keen to receive applications from UKME/GMH people who are currently under-represented in the Cathedral team.

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





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

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

3 April – 20 May

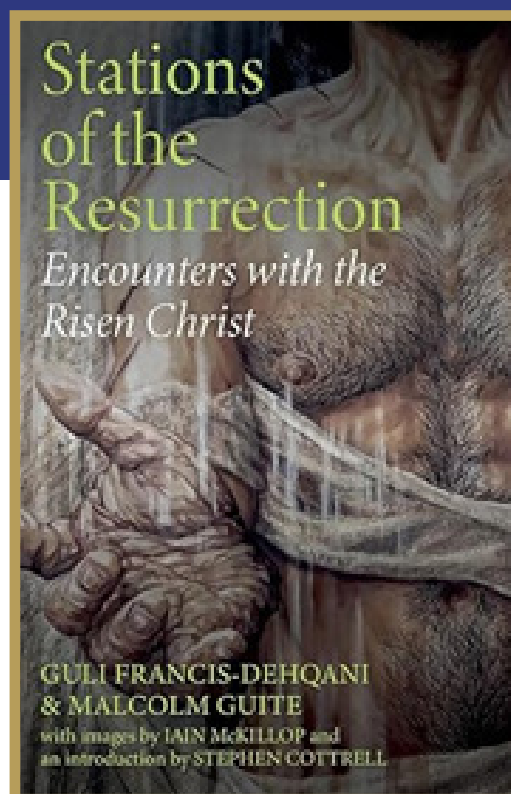
Resurrection Stations explore the accounts of witnesses who were convinced of Jesus' return to life. McKillop, the acclaimed British painter and art-historian, hopes to make us consider the evidence of the Gospel accounts, the implications of Jesus' resurrection, and what aspects might convince us to 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 11 April

We will be reading *How to Pray* by Pete Greig, designed for new Christians asking 'How do I actually do this?' but also for those who've been around the block a few times and still find prayer a challenge.



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.





LCR update

Heritage & Learning Centre: external materials

Work has begun on installing the external stonework to face the reinforced concrete frame of the new Heritage & Learning Centre (HLC) extension.

The stone being used is a durable light Northumberland Buff sandstone, which is similar in texture and tone to the Arden sandstone on the south façade of the Cathedral. Arden stone is no longer available and is of poor quality.

All the stone is cut to size and numbered before coming to site and will be built up layer by layer over the coming weeks.

The external stone face will have a 'veil' of moulded glazed terracotta fins. The terracotta (high fired stoneware) will have a slightly textured finish, and a semi-reflective splatter glaze of finely-mottled earthy dark green hue.

This photograph shows the sample panel of external materials – the Northumberland Buff sandstone, terracotta fins (with small LED feature lights located towards the top of each fin) and copper alloy standing seam roof cladding that will patinate dark brown over time.

Simon Bentley
Project Director
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Lunchtime Recitals

with the **Philharmonia Fellowship Scheme**

12.30pm | Free admission, donations encouraged

Monday 8 April
Carys Barnes Viola

William Alwyn *Pastoral Fantasie*
Cyril Scott *Viola sonata*
Henri Vieuxtemps *Elegie*

Monday 13 May
Ellis Thomas Piano

Monday 10 June
Anna Crawford Cello (+ Duet partner)

Monday 9 September
Naomi Warburton Violin (+ quartet)

Monday 14 October
Carys Barnes Viola (+ quartet)

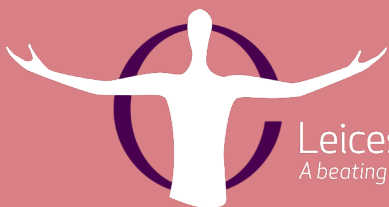


Philharmonia

The Philharmonia is a world-class symphony orchestra for the 21st century.

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.

Throughout the year, we will be hosting regular free recitals featuring the Orchestra's Fellows – keep an eye out for more information!



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Prayer Thoughts



I recently attended a Christian session about sustaining the spiritual atmosphere in the family. The aim of the talk was to understand the essence of spirituality in a godly home and to unravel God's will for the Family as the smallest unit of the Church.

In the talk, some scriptures were discussed, Zacharia 7.12 said that the Lord had scattered the Jewish ancestors to Babylon because of their spiritual sclerosis and hardening of their spiritual hearts and that the disease may be hereditary. But God who examines the hearts said in Hos. 6.6, "*I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice and in the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings*".

In the Christian circle, it is a popular saying that "the spiritual controls the physical" – anything that has to do with man, starts

in the spiritual realm before manifesting physically. It is therefore very important to keep the family altar alive to sustain the spiritual atmosphere in the family (2 Tim 1.5). Zecharia said to check our spiritual health to make sure that we don't drift from "inward reality to outward religion".

With respect to sustaining a spiritual atmosphere in the family in today's world where there are so many activities that occupy our time, it can be challenging, and it will be interesting to know how Christian families achieve this.

In my family, we endeavour as much as possible to close the day with a night prayer together. In a lot of ways, this has led to small talks about the day's challenges or learnings and joys. Some suggestions that were highlighted during the talk are:

- Praying together as a family
- Reading and discussing the scripture together.
- The discussion leads to Godly counselling for each other
- Reflecting on our lifestyle as parents and what it says about us to our children.
- Creating a Godly atmosphere by treating each other with respect, listening to Godly music etc.

I personally believe that it's important to surround ourselves with people stronger in faith than us. Nobody can pour from an empty cup. If you don't have a way to continuously fill your cup, you will soon run dry and run into problems. Part of how I do this is by joining a 6.00am Bible Study Zoom call. The call is attended by Priest and Church Leaders therefore, there's a lot of goodness and when I'm facing a challenge either at work or at home, by the time I listen to the teachings of the Bible, it puts things into perspective.

The word of God is powerful, and no other words could ever offer the spiritual sustenance that it offers. It's so important to normalise by practicing frequently, the Christian practices in the home. Creating and sustaining a spiritual atmosphere in our homes increases our ability to handle any challenges that we may encounter in life. It helps us recover from hurt and daily bruises that we encounter in life.

A sustained spiritual atmosphere in the family promotes greater peace and calmness, more fulfilling lives, and better family relationships to the glory of God.

Amen.



Join us at **St Margaret's Church, Leicester**, to celebrate...

The 60th Anniversary

of the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust

The Trust will give us a presentation about its work, followed by questions and discussion. Conducted tour of the church also available after the presentation.

Please let us know if you can come, so we know how many people to cater for
Church Office – stmargaretschurchleicester@gmail.com
Janet Arthur – chairman@LHCT.org.uk – 07840 543288

There is no charge to attend. A donation on the day to the church for the refreshments will be appreciated.

Cakes, tea
& coffee



*St Margaret's Church, St Margaret's Street, Leicester
LE1 3EB. Limited parking is available on the
south side of the church – please park with care.*



Thursday
11th April
5.30 – 7pm



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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 Fitchcett, 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.

