

# Our Diocese Of Gloucester

*News and information for the Church of England in and around Gloucestershire*

## From the Archdeacon of Cheltenham, Hedley Ringrose

As my retirement from full time ministry draws closer, I have reflected on the many changes and opportunities I have seen and experienced during more than forty years as a priest, a few of which I share briefly.



The first is worship and liturgy. The approved liturgy of the church has developed through a series of changes, so that we now have huge resources of authorised material that bring freshness and variety to our worship. The much loved Book of Common Prayer is still greatly valued by those of us whose faith was nurtured on it, but if you have not already done so, I encourage you to discover the joy of being more flexible in your worship, because for me this has opened new insights into the mystery and wonder of God's nature.

The second and equally important change has been the rediscovery and growth of every member ministry, together with the blossoming of latent gifts in many people. We see in the New Testament and in the church throughout the centuries, that God calls all kinds of people to follow Christ, often in situations that surprise us. We mustn't limit him and in my experience we grow in faith when we are required to step outside our comfort zone.

The third point is the importance of ministry to children and young people. As a parish priest, involvement in local schools was a high priority for me, but at the same time it has always been an extremely rewarding and valuable ministry. As archdeacon, my close involvement in education has continued through chairing the Diocesan Board of Education, now the Children and Young People Department. Our parishes are well placed and resourced to meet and encounter children in the place where they spend a great deal of their time and it is encouraging to see how many church members are involved in schools as teachers, staff, governors or through 'Open the Book'. I have always found that we have much to learn from the young and the young in faith.

Finally, it has been a huge privilege to share with many people and families, often at significant points in their life, some happy and others sad. As archdeacon I have come to know many wonderful people. Rosemary and I thank you all for your friendship and support and we pray that you will continue to make the wonder of Christ's Incarnation a present day reality, pouring out God's love in the communities you serve.

## Hedley Ringrose

### Farewell Service

To mark Hedley's and Rosemary's departure a Farewell Eucharist will be held in Gloucester Cathedral on Friday 27 November at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

## Training, resources and opportunities for all

### Environmental network invitation

The Gloucestershire Churches Environmental Justice Network meets bi-monthly and all are welcome to its meetings. The December meeting is at the University of Gloucestershire (Park Campus) on Wednesday 2 December from 12 noon until 2pm, with Professor of Sustainability Daniella Tilbury. For more information and to book a seat contact the Revd Kingsley Jones on 01452 523 906 or at [arkj.kcj@care4free.net](mailto:arkj.kcj@care4free.net)

8 November 2010. The group will spend 6 nights in Jerusalem and 3 nights in Galilee, visiting all the main holy sites and meeting local people of each of the three main faiths.

For further details please contact Geoff on 01452 750575, or email on [geoff@crago.co.uk](mailto:geoff@crago.co.uk)

### Holy Land Pilgrimage 2010

The Revd Geoff Crago of Highnam is leading a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land on

## Around our diocese....

### Inspires is going digital

The official Diocese of Gloucester magazine inspires, will be re-launched this December in a new, interactive digital format. Inspires is a **FREE** publication and contains a lively mix of features and analysis, news stories and reports, reviews, devotional material and events listings for all in and around Gloucestershire. It is produced three times a year at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Hard copies of the magazine will still be available in every church, but now it will also be available as a revolutionary online publication. Features include:

- An easy navigation system, which lets readers turn pages like a paper publication –just like reading a newspaper
- E-mail addresses and websites in articles will be hyperlinked, taking readers straight to other websites
- Video and audio clips will be embedded into articles
- Exceptional zoom quality improves your viewing experience and it will fit every screen resolution

More information on the new online inspires will be coming soon. To find out further information on inspires and to sign up to receive an 'inspires alert' after each issue is published, contact Lucy Taylor on 01452 835515 or email [ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk](mailto:ltaylor@glosdioc.org.uk)

## What's happening at Gloucester Cathedral

For more information contact the Chapter Office on 01452 528095

### Wednesday 18 November 6pm

**Outreach Concert** -Gloucester Cathedral Choir and local primary school children from Kingsway School, St Paul's C of E Primary, Gloucester and Hardwicke Parochial School come together to present a short concert of choral music. Admission Free

### Thursday 3 December 7.30pm

**'LIGHT UP A LIFE'** -Organised by and in aid of Cotswold Care Hospice, hosted by Pam Rhodes (BBC Songs of Praise), with readings and Carols sung by the Cathedral Youth Choir. Ticket only, admission free – contact Vicky Hayward, Cotswold Care Hospice, 01453 886868 or [Vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk](mailto:Vicki.hayward@cotswoldcare.org.uk)

**Regular weekday service times:** 8am Holy Communion; 8.30am Morning Prayer, 5.30pm Evensong. Wednesdays 7.30am and 12.45pm Holy Communion. **Saturday services:** 8am Holy Communion, 8.30am Morning Prayer, 4.30pm Evensong. **Sunday services:** 7.40am Morning Prayer, 8am Holy Communion, 10.15am Sung Eucharist (with Children's Church), 12.15pm Holy Communion, 3pm Choral Evensong.

## What's On this month

[www.gloucester.anglican.org](http://www.gloucester.anglican.org)

All listings correct at time of going to press. We can accept no responsibility for any changes or errors. Always check with the organiser before travelling.

### November 2

#### Spirit of Peace - Bring & Share Supper

Venue: The Friendship Cafe, Barton Street, Gloucester at 7pm. The Bring & Share food should not contain any meat or alcohol please. For more information contact: Jane Ozanne or Rev'd Geoff Crago on

**Email:** [info@spiritofpeace.co.uk](mailto:info@spiritofpeace.co.uk) or [g.crago@btinternet.com](mailto:g.crago@btinternet.com)

### November 2

#### Campden Deanery Service for All Saints' and All Souls'-tide.

St Peter's, Willersey at 7.30pm. An opportunity to celebrate the saints - and to remember your own loved ones on All Souls' Day. Contact the Revd Fred Dawson for more information on 01386 840292. Come and light a candle for someone special in your memory.

### Nov 5

#### Durufle, Requiem Mass

Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum at 7:30pm. More information contact Tewkesbury Abbey Office on 01684 850959

### November 11

#### Go Global: Inspiring Vision for Mission.

Venue: Redcliffe College, Wotton House, Horton Road, Gloucester GL1 3PT. 7.15pm—9.30pm. Speakers: Steve Bell, Richard McCallum, Mike Frith. If you've ever wondered about mission and the local church, then this event is for you. Registration and coffee is from 7pm, and we aim to finish by 9.15pm. The event is free, but pre-booking is required. To book your place, email [events@redcliffe.org](mailto:events@redcliffe.org) or call 01452 308 097

### November 14

#### Gloucester Choral Society

Concert in Gloucester Cathedral at 7:30pm tickets can be obtained from our website [www.GloucesterChoral.com](http://www.GloucesterChoral.com) or from the ticket manager on 07729 912 876. The programme consists of Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise and Hear My Prayer, with Haydn's Te Deum. Conducted by Adrian Partington with the Emerald Ensemble. Soloists are Kate Valentine Soprano, Alex Cassidy Mezzo and Jonathan Stoughton Tenor.

### November 21

#### African Children's Choir

St Philip and St James Church, Leckhampton at 7pm Admission: Adults £5, Children £2 A free-will offering will be taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir education, care and emergency relief programmes. Tickets must be purchased in advance from Jo Parkin on 01242 573508 or email [pandjadmin@btconnect.com](mailto:pandjadmin@btconnect.com)

### November 21

#### Beethoven, Missa Solemnis

Stroud and Monmouth Choral Societies with Regency Sinfonia at Cheltenham Town Hall at 7.30pm. Soloists - Emma Brain-Gabbott, soprano; Anna Wall, mezzo; Justin Lavender, tenor; Julian Empett, bass.

### November 30

#### Choristers Outreach Programme

**SING UP** -Venue : Tewkesbury Abbey at 6pm. Three local primary schools, Tewkesbury Youth Choir and Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum sing songs they have learnt at school. Free Admission contact 01684 850959

*Thank you to everyone who is sending in details of their coming events. Please include name of event, dates, times, brief details, admission prices, and contact details for anyone needing more information.*