

Events and training

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Encouraging God's Gifts

13 February, 7pm to 8.30pm

An online group for young adult Christians offering a space to explore the ways that we can use the gifts God has given us.

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CALLED course

14 February, 7.30pm to 9pm

Offered over six monthly sessions, this course will help you to know yourself better and to explore what God might be calling you to be and do. At the end of the course, you will have the opportunity to meet with members of the Diocesan Vocations team.

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The Pilgrim Way: Baptism and Confirmation Course

15 February, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

This six-session course is based on 'The Pilgrim Way'. With Bishops Rachel and Robert, participants will explore the scriptures and the core beliefs of the Christian faith, our vision for the world, what it means to live as a Christian, and worship.

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'Dust and Glory' – Church of England Lent course

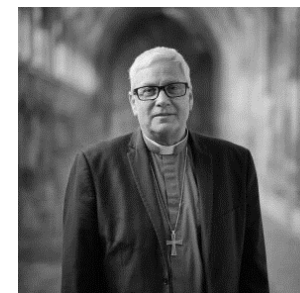
From 22 February

All are invited to explore how we can live well with the mess of everyday life. Dust and Glory encourages us to take a fresh look at the frustrations and failings that every day brings and, rather than pretending we can always avoid them, seek to learn from them and grow closer to God through them.

churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dustandglory-resources-lent-2023

Bishop Robert announced as Interim Dean of Gloucester Cathedral

Following the departure of Canon Dr Andrew Braddock on 8 January 2023, Bishop Robert shares his thoughts on becoming Interim Dean of Gloucester Cathedral.



“For the next three months, alongside my ministry as Bishop of Tewkesbury, I will be the Interim Dean of the Cathedral as we await the arrival of the new Dean soon after Easter.

“I am really looking forward to this opportunity to get to know the Cathedral and the community that makes it work better, and to supporting them in all that they do. To share more in the Cathedral's life is an amazing privilege for it is an extraordinary place which connects to our history (kings have been crowned and buried within its walls) and to our lives (its walls have seen the worst and best of life and death, and sorrow and hope). In all this it has sought to witness to the life that Christians believe is to be found in Jesus Christ.

“It really is a great opportunity and my invitation to you is to come and share something of it with me, to take a fresh look at our Cathedral. Have a look at the Cathedral website and find yourself an excuse to come, for a visit, for an event, to worship and let this extraordinary place speak to you.”

Visit: gloucestercathedral.org.uk



Knife Angel comes to Gloucester

Gloucester Cathedral is hosting the 'Knife Angel' monument as part of the National Youth Anti-Violence Tour, highlighting the negative effects of violent and aggressive behaviour while also being a memorial to celebrate lives lost through such violence.

The National Monument for Serious Violence and Aggression, known as the Knife Angel, is a 27ft sculpture weighing 3.5 tonnes, which aims to raise awareness of all aspects of violence and inspire social change. A stunning contemporary sculpture, the angel was created by sculptor Alfie Bradley using over 100,000 confiscated knives received from 43 Police Forces across the UK.

The programme is being supported by county-wide organisations that have come together through the Stronger, Safer Gloucester community safety partnership to bring the striking symbol of peace to the city.

Canon Rebecca Lloyd, Canon Chancellor and Director of Learning and Participation at Gloucester Cathedral, said, "It's a great privilege for Gloucester Cathedral to be hosting the Knife Angel, working together with so many partner organisations across the city and the county. We're looking forward to highlighting the vital work that's already being done to reduce violence and fear in our communities.

"We hope that as many people as possible will come to see the sculpture and take part in the associated events across the city, and that this month of events will enable us all to start conversations and commit to further action as we seek to work together even more closely to end violence on our streets and in our homes."

The Knife Angel will be on display throughout February. To find out more, visit gloucesterbid.uk/knife-angel



Stained-glass window dedicated to composer Ralph Vaughan Williams

On Sunday 11 December 2022, Bishop Rachel led the dedication service for a new stained-glass window at All Saints' Church, Down Ampney, Cirencester.

The colourful window had been specially commissioned to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

The window was funded by Mrs Judith Ivison and her daughter, Ros, in memory of their late husband and father, Robin, who had been a founder member of the Ralph Vaughan Williams Society and its first Secretary.

Vicar of All Saints' Church the Revd Canon John Swanton said, "Everyone who has seen the window considers it to be a work of art worthy of the man and of this ancient church. It reminds us that these historic buildings have been changed and beautified through the generations, and this is our contribution".

All Saints' Church is usually open from 10am to 4pm every day to visitors. Read more at gloucester.anglican.org/stained-glass-window-dedicated-to-ralph-vaughan-williams-at-all-saints-down-ampney

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