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NEWS

'AFTER EIGHT' SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES



This autumn sees the introduction of an informal, reflective evening service called 'After Eight'. Using different styles of music and including conversations with well-known visiting speakers, 'After Eight' provides space for prayer and reflection on a wide range of issues. Services take place at 8.00 pm on Sundays during university terms and begin on **Sunday 11 October** with a series called 'Faithful Scientists', in which leading figures from the world of science will explore the connections between science and religion. Services continue in November with 'The Art of Faith' which looks at religious inspiration in the arts, including a return visit from dancers from the Rambert School and music by singer-songwriter Adrian Snell (pictured left). Full details are included on a separate attachment.

ST CYPRIAN'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

As part of the Diocese of Oxford's link with the Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman, South Africa, Christ Church has pledged to support two student bursaries at St Cyprian's Cathedral School, Kimberley, over the next five years. This will be a focus of our charitable giving and fundraising, enabling children from impoverished backgrounds in townships to attend the cathedral school. To celebrate the link, a marimba band from St Cyprian's will be taking part in the 11.15 am Eucharist on **Sunday 27 September** and will give a lunchtime concert immediately afterwards.



CHOIR RECORDINGS, ANCIENT AND MODERN

The Cathedral Choir's new CD 'More Divine than Human: Music from the Eton Choirbook' is receiving rave reviews, such as this in *BBC Music Magazine*: 'Stephen Darlington masterfully paragraphs these monumental pieces through the careful pacing of his dynamics... This is a stellar recording.' The CD is available from the Chapter House Shop. In a different genre, members of the choir recorded recently with rock star Peter Gabriel (on the right with Sub-Organist Clive Driskill-Smith).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MICHAELMAS ORDINATIONS – 3 & 4 October

Twenty-one candidates will be ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Oxford at Christ Church this Michaelmas. Priority seating is given to the family and friends of ordinands at the services, but others are very welcome to support the candidates as they enter the ordained ministry. The ordination services are at 5.00 pm on **Saturday 3 October** and 10.30 am on **Sunday 4 October**.

NICK FLETCHER: 'CATHEDRAL OF DREAMS' CLASSICAL GUITAR RECITALS – 6 October

Classical guitarist Nick Fletcher, whose new CD 'Cathedral of Dreams' is currently featured on Classic FM, will be giving a free **lunchtime recital** at 1.00 pm in the cathedral on **Tuesday 6 October** and a **house concert** in the home of the Sub-Dean in Tom Quad the same evening at 7.30 pm. The house concert is in aid of the St Cyprian's School bursaries (see above). Tickets are £15 and available from the Cathedral Office.



COURT SERMON – 13 October

We welcome representatives from the legal profession, the world of education, and the local authority for the annual Court Sermon at 6.00 pm on **Tuesday 13 October**. All are welcome to this service, the origins of which go back to at least the sixteenth century to mark the beginning of ‘the assizes’. The preacher is the Revd Dr Harriet Harris, Chaplain of Wadham College.

ST FRIDESWIDE SERVICES – 20 & 22 October

We mark the feast of St Frideswide, patron saint of Oxford, with a Civic Service involving schools and representatives from various aspects of Oxfordshire life, at 6.00 pm on **Tuesday 20 October**, and with a Patronal Eucharist at 6.00 pm on **Thursday 22 October**. All are welcome to both services.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

As ever, there is a busy schedule of services and events during Advent and Christmas. Final details are to be confirmed, so a special newsletter giving full information will be sent out nearer the time.

OTHER NEWS

CHOIR NEWS

The start of a new academic year always brings a significant change in membership in the Cathedral Choir. This term we welcome Michael Heighway as Junior Organ Scholar; Henry Jones, Iain Milne, and Jason Walsh as Lay Clerks; Michael Hamway, Robert Opoku, and William Robinson as Academical Clerks; and we also welcome last year’s Waiting Probationers, who were installed as Full Choristers on 13 September: Alex Blinks, Harry Brown, Ben Platt, and Felix Scott-Copeland. We look forward to much wonderful music from the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Singers over the coming months.

EVENTS DIARY



September

27th St Cyprian School marimba band at the 11.15 am Eucharist, and lunchtime concert, 12.45 pm

October

3rd Ordination of Deacons, 5.00 pm
4th Ordination of Deacons, 10.30 am
6th Guitar recital: Nick Fletcher, 1.00 pm
House concert: Nick Fletcher, 7.30 pm*
13th Organ recital: Claus Erhard Heinrich, 12.45 pm
Court Sermon, 6.00 pm
14th Choral concert: State Youth Choir of North Rhineland, 2.45 pm
20th St Frideswide Civic Service, 6.00 pm
22nd St Frideswide Patronal Eucharist, 6.00 pm

** Admission is by ticket only, available from the Cathedral Office*

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