DAILY SERVICES AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY
7.40am  Morning Prayer  
8.00am  Holy Communion  
10.15am  Sung Eucharist with Children’s Church  
3.00pm  Choral Evensong

MONDAY - SATURDAY
8.00am  Holy Communion  
8.30am  Matins  
12.30pm  Holy Communion  
5.30pm  Choral Evensong (said Evening Prayer on Mondays)  
(4.30pm on Saturdays)

See our website for details of services and any changes or closures.

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East Window, The Church of St John the Baptist, Huntley, Glos.

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The next Editorial meeting is on Thursday 14th May at 11.30am at for the July/August Edition.

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The Editor for June is Maureen Smith.
The deadline is the 5th May.
Summer looking ahead....

1st - 30th Exhibition of Paintings by David Carson Shaw in the Cloisters.

Mon 1
7.00pm Andrew Braddock Cathedral Lecture - Malcolm Brown.

Thu 4
5.30pm Eucharist.

Fri 5
1.00pm Informal Concert - Icelandic Female Choir, Leettsveit Reykjavikur.

Sat 6
9.00am FEIG Brunch and Bounce in the Chapter House.

Thu 11
12.30pm Organ Recital by Christopher Allsop, Worcester Cathedral.

Sat 13
11.00am Coffee Concert - Gloucester Choral Society Young Singers.

Tue 16 - 800th Anniversary of Magna Carta.

Sat 20
3.00pm Ordination of Priests.

Sun 21
11.00am Ordination of Deacons.

Wed 24
7:30pm Organ Recital by Thomas Heywood (Melbourne Town Hall/International Concert Organist).

Please consider a voluntary donation of £1 to help cover the cost of this magazine
Christian Aid Week
10 -16 May 2015.

It is nearly 20 years since I worked for the church in Swaziland but the experience continues to influence me profoundly. Jesus challenges us to love our neighbour and that means our global neighbour too. Every year, Christian Aid Week offers us the opportunity to raise funds to make real and lasting changes in the lives of some of the world’s poorest people. Church and Cathedral congregations across Britain and Ireland come together to pray, campaign and raise money in their local community to help to transform the lives of people in need.

This year, we are urged to think about the lives of rural women in Africa. In most rural communities the birth of a boy is of far more importance than the birth of a girl. Boys are valued far more than girls; cows are valued far more than women and girls too.

Christian Aid wants to help women in Ethiopia like Loko. Four days a week, Loko makes an eight hour round trip alone in thin plastic shoes to gather wood. Often her shoes are punctured by thorns and she fears being attacked by hyenas as she walks. But Loko has no choice as this is the only way in which she can support her children, giving them one small meal of boiled maize each day. As a widow and with no livestock, Loko is shunned by her community. She prays to God as she walks, ‘I ask God to change my life and lead us out of this.’

Loko dreams that one day she will own a cow. A cow would give her status in the community. Not only would the milk benefit her children, Loko could sell milk to help her save money to set up a small business buying and selling tea and coffee. £150 is enough to buy a cow and a future for Loko and her family. This Christian Aid Week, we have the opportunity to bless hundreds of women like Loko, women who want to help themselves and their families too.

Working in Swaziland, I got to know many women like Loko. Each week we would sit on the hillside together to read the bible, to pray, to sing and to dance. We would study the stories of women in

May special services and events:
6th April - 30th June - ‘Assembly Memorial Chairs’ - Centenary of WWI Installation in the South Ambulatory. (See details on page 15).
1st - 31st May - Christian Aid Exhibition - ‘I Witness’ - in the South Transept. (See details on page 5).
Sat 2 1.00pm Salvation Army youth informal concert.
4.30pm Diocesan Confirmation Service.
Mon 4 1.00pm Organ Recital by Stephen Disley, Southwark Cathedral.
Wed 6 5.30pm Evensong with Christian Aid followed by launch of ‘I Witness’ Exhibition. (See details on page 5).
Sat 9 11.00am Coffee Concert by the Choral Scholars of Gloucester Cathedral.
4.30pm Evensong with World Premier of the Parry manuscript music.
7.00pm Concert - Michael Christian Durant, Classical Guitar.
Tue 12 1.00pm Informal Concert by Ohio University Choral Scholars.
Thu 14 ASCENSION DAY.
7.00am Ascension Day Eucharist. Cathedral choir will sing the motet “Ascendo ad Patrem meum, Schlick” from the top of the tower. ALL WELCOME!
Sun 17 1.30pm Informal Concert, Ladies Choir - Peterborough sings.
Wed 20 7.30pm Organ Recital by Jonathan Hope, Gloucester Cathedral, with the launch of Jonathan Hope’s organ CD., “The Gloucester Experience”
Fri 22 1.00pm Informal Concert by Rutgers University Men’s Chorus.
Sat 23 9.00am FEIG Brunch and Bounce in Chapter House.
10.00am - 4.00pm. Book Sale in Aid of the Breakfast Club in the Cloisters.
7.00pm Gloucester Choral Society concert. ‘A Tapestry of English Choral Music. (See details on page 24).
Latin Courses at Gloucester Cathedral - 2015

22nd August
Horace’s Odes

The Odes are short lyrical poems on themes of life, death, love and friendship, carefully crafted from Greek models. The chirpy seize-the-day motif (‘carpe diem’) can obscure a curious outsider, who won a place among the literary set in Augustan Rome. In some ways Horace is the least predictable of Latin poets. Swings of mood and sudden changes of direction enliven themes as old - and young - as time itself.

23rd August
Beginner’s Latin

This one-day course is for complete beginners, with an introduction to the Latin language, its use in the ancient and medieval worlds, and its influence on English.

Tom Phillips
The LATIN QVARTER
www.lingua.co.uk/latin

ADVANCE NOTICE!

Religion and Art in Northern Italy 2016
led by Geoff Crago
11th – 20th June 2016

10 days based in Milan, Ravenna and Venice with visits to Bologna, Ferrara and Padua.

More details will be published in the June edition of GCN.
Further information can also be obtained by contacting:
The Revd Geoff Crago, Tel: 01452 750575
Email: g.crago@btinternet.com

the bible who overcame great odds. My Swazi friends were women of great faith who found inspiration and courage in the bible stories. In the face of discrimination and isolation, they found ways to set up small businesses which enabled them to earn enough money to buy food and school uniform and to pay the fees to send their children - girls and boys - to school.

I know at first hand that money raised in Christian Aid Week enables whole communities in Africa to help themselves. It really does transform lives bringing hope for the future. Please join us to give, act and pray for change this Christian Aid Week.

Canon Nikki Arthy.

'I Witness' exhibition
Gloucester Cathedral
1st - 31st May 2015

Five years after Haiti’s catastrophic earthquake, an inspiring exhibition of photographs and artwork reflecting the country’s hope and resilience.

'I Witness' is a touring exhibition, featuring images and artwork showing the life-changing work taking place in Haiti today, as witnessed by three of our supporters.

We hope that you will be able to come along and see the difference that your gifts are making today - and can continue to make long into the future.

A special choral evensong remembering the victims and impact of the earthquake will be held at the Cathedral on Wednesday 6th May at 5.30pm, followed by a reception hosted by the Cathedral Precentor, the Rev Canon Neil Heavisides.

FREE ENTRY to the exhibition and evensong but do please contact Alison Knight on aknight@christian-aid.org or 01454 415923 to receive your invitation to the reception.
Lovest Thou me?

A group had gathered on the shore that bounds
The restless waters of Tiberias.
The weary fishermen, who, all night long,
Had cast their nets in vain, now saw amazed
The wondrous product of their later toil,
And, half in terror, cried - “It is the Lord!”.
And He - mysterious Man! - whom late they saw
Expire in agony upon the Cross,
Stood calmly in their midst and hushed their fear.

Impetuous Peter, bolder than the rest,
Had met his Master first, and sought to prove
His zealous confidence and greater love.
Him loving, yet reproving for his warmth,
The Lord addressed: - “Thou son of Jonas, hear!
And answer truly if thou loveth me?”
Thrice fell this question on his anxious ear,
While wonder first, and then dismay and grief,
Oppressed him as his answer thus he made: -
“Yea, Lord, Thou knowest that I love thee well.”
“Then feed my lambs,” the Holy Shepherd said:

Saturday 27th June 2015 at 11.15am
By kind permission of Major Tom Wills
you are invited to an
Exclusive Garden Tour and Lunch
at
Misarden Park
Miserden, Nr Stroud,
Gloucestershire GL6 7JA

From early Spring until Autumn visitors to this Cotswold garden are
rewarded with rich and memorable views: Spring flowers, shrubs, fine
topiary (some designed by Edwin Lutyens) and, within the walled garden,
herbaceous borders; roses, fine specimen trees and a newly planted
parterre. The 17th century Manor House (not open) stands high
overlooking the Golden Valley.

You will be conducted on a tour of the delightful gardens, when Major
Wills will speak about the glorious trees and their history, and his
gardener, Sandra Kilminster, will talk about the pretty borders. There
will also be an opportunity to view in the library Lutyens’s plans for the
rebuilding of that wing of the house following a fire.

A two-course buffet lunch, including a glass of wine, will be served on
the covered loggia overlooking the gardens. You are also invited to bring
a picnic tea, to be taken where you will in the garden, or on the loggia,
when Major Wills will finish the visit by talking more about Lutyens and
the rebuilding of the library wing.

Tickets £25
Available: on-line from www.3choirs.org
by telephone: 0845 652 1823
or from: Three Choirs Festival Ticket Office
7c College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LX
**And Finally!**

**Who Stole the Crown Jewels?**

Thomas Blood, an Irish adventurer who was better known as “Captain Blood”, supported the Parliamentarian cause during the English Civil War. As a consequence, he was deprived of his estate in Ireland when the English monarchy was restored in 1660. In 1663, he put himself at the head of a plot to seize Dublin Castle from supporters of King Charles II, but the plot was discovered and his accomplices executed. He escaped capture.

In 1671, Thomas hatched an even more daring plan, namely to steal the new Crown Jewels. These had been refashioned by Charles II because most of the original jewels were melted down after Charles I’s execution in 1649.

On 9th May, Thomas, disguised as a priest, managed to convince the Jewel House keeper to hand over his pistols. His three accomplices then emerged from the shadows, and together they forced their way into the Jewel House. However, they were caught in the act when the keeper’s son showed up unexpectedly, and the alarm was raised. One man managed to stash the Royal Orb down his breeches while Thomas flattened the Crown with a mallet and tried to make a run for it. The Tower guards apprehended and arrested all four of the perpetrators, and Thomas was brought before the king. Charles was, however, so impressed with Thomas’s audacity that, far from punishing him, he gave him back his estates in Ireland and made him a member of his court with an annual pension.

“Captain Blood” became a colourful celebrity throughout the country, and when he died in 1680 his body had to be exhumed in order to persuade the public that he was actually dead!

*Maureen Smith.*

Source: www.history.com

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“If me thou lovest more than all beside,
Then, *feed my lambs!* If thou wilt prove thy zeal,
And thus insure thy Master’s welcome praise,
Go *feed my lambs!* I ask no arduous toil -
No deed of high emprise thy powers shall task,
I only bid thee *feed my lambs!*” He said,
And soon for heav’n departed, there to watch
His under-shepherds while they guard his flock.

Oh ye, whose holy privilege it is
To serve him thus, see that ye feed His lambs!
So shall ye gain the evidence ye seek,
That your commission bears His sacred seal:
So shall ye prove your love - and so acquire
The rich reward on which your hopes are fixed.

*Julian Cramer.*

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*Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee,
Creator of the light and enlightener of the world…*

*O by Thy Resurrection raise us up into newness of life.*

*The God of peace, who did bring again from the dead*
*the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of*
*the everlasting covenant, Our Lord Jesus Christ,*
*perfect us in every good work to do His will,*
*working in us what is acceptable before Him,*
*through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever.*

*Amen.*

*Lancelot Andrewes.*
Holy Week and Easter in Pictures.

PALM SUNDAY.

Palm Sunday procession led by Gentle the Donkey

GOOD FRIDAY

‘The Way of the Cross’

We offer an unusually warm welcome to Shandy (Maureen and Chris’ new dog), and we are still reeling from Hilda’s centenary. What an example she has set us all and what a great cover girl! (See April GCN). It was our first centenary birthday party and we loved every minute.

Summer is icumen in and, apparently, so are six inch cannibal slugs from Spain. Perhaps the gulls might do something useful for a change, but we doubt it and, as usual, guess who will have to cope should the need arise? Us!

May you have a slug free and very joyous Pentecost. Carpe diem and waves to one and all. Up the Corbels and chocolate cake for ever!

Humph ‘n Harry.

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Jottings from the West End.

Greetings from us Corbels:
Humph ’n Harry.

Now is the month of Maying. We are all set to go and it’s Spring - at last. We welcome our new Bishop and her husband and we wish them every happiness in Gloucester.

Easter was glorious and we loved it. Humph’s nose survived the lilies and there’s nothing like a spot of incense and a Marmite egg to raise the spirits! Mr. H. gave him a cardboard egg stuffed with Kleenex and a very large chocolate rabbit. We seem to have acquired a regiment of rabbits, but, needless to say, they didn’t last very long.

Ascension Day will soon be upon us and we’ll be up there singing for England - Hymn 230. Hopefully, this will be followed by our annual “full English” and our first outing of the year. Humph has suggested Prinknash Bird Park and we are told, on good authority, that their ginger cake is amazing, not to mention the coffee sponge. We might try both?

Following Ascension, we have the BOOK SALE. Humph will be first in the queue. Mr. H. is still rumbling on about pilgrimage and is hoping to find some literary guidance. Mont St. Michel sounds interesting. It produced Abbot Serlo and the French make superlative “pancakes”. A Corbel, like Napoleon’s army marches on his stomach! Humph is not so sure about this. “Pancakes yes, but it’s a difficult place to get at.” (He doesn’t really like travelling).

He has enjoyed refreshing his New Testament Greek and is ready for Horace in August. Mr. H. can’t think of anything worse. He had enough of Latin in his youth and feels that a day on car maintenance would be far more rewarding. He is following Project Pilgrim with keen interest. The new entrance would enhance his surveillance, but he will miss the cars! Perhaps there will be skateboards instead?
The Feast of the Ascension.

The observance of the Feast of the Ascension is of great antiquity. Although there is no documentary evidence of its existence prior to the beginning of the 5th century, St Augustine believed it to be of Apostolic origin. He certainly speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. Frequent mention is made of the Feast in the 4th century in the writings of St. John Chrysostom, St. Gregory of Nyssa and in the Constitution of the Apostles.

Egeria, or Aetheria, a Galician woman who made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, circa 381-384, speaks of the vigil of this feast and of the feast itself, as they were observed in the church built over the grotto in Bethlehem in which Christ was born. ‘The Fortieth Day after Easter is a Thursday. On the previous day, Wednesday, everyone goes in the afternoon for the vigil service in Bethlehem, where it is held in the church containing the cave where the Lord was born. On the next day, the Thursday which is the Fortieth Day, they have the usual service, with the presbyters and the bishop preaching sermons suitable to the place and the day; and in the evening everyone returns to Jerusalem.

The Latin terms used for the feast, ascensio and, occasionally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by his own powers, and it is from these terms that the holy day gets its name. In Western Christianity the earliest possible date the Feast can be celebrated is April 30, the latest possible date is June 3rd. This year it is celebrated on 14th May.

At the Cathedral the day will start with a Eucharist at 7.00am. The Cathedral choir will then ascend to the top of the tower where they’ll sing the motet “Ascendo ad Patrem meum, Schlick”. ALL WELCOME!

Maureen Smith.
Sources: Egeria’s Travels and Wikipedia.

Canine Partners.

Dog-lovers in the Gloucestershire area are being sought by national charity Canine Partners to take puppies into their own homes and begin their early training to be assistance dogs for people with disabilities.

Canine Partners is specifically looking for volunteers, known as puppy parents, who can take a pup into their home from the age of eight weeks until they are 12-14 months old. They will need to have time, commitment and a sense of humour, and be able to attend a regular training class.

Puppy parents teach the puppies essential basic obedience, social skills and core tasks before they move on to advanced training, where their skills are refined specifically for a disabled person’s needs.

Heather Loan said: “Although previous experience with dogs is not required, a puppy parent will need to be home most of the day, have a secure dog-friendly garden, enjoy the fun of classes and outings and have the stamina to manage an active young puppy. Canine Partners provide food and equipment for the puppy and cover all veterinary costs for the duration of the puppy parent relationship.”

Laura Molyneaux.
Communications Officer.

For further information email Heather Loan at gloucester@caninepartners.org.uk, call her on 07826232727 or visit caninepartners.org.uk/gloucester-local

The above picture shows the Gloucester Puppy Training Team waiting to take their canine charges onto buses to get them used to travelling by bus.
Tribute to
Sister Elsie Thrush, 
Church Army
1910 - 2014.

There are few Church Army
officers who's lives were
untouched by Elsie Thrush. She
was Commissioned in 1933 by the Founder, Prebendary Wilson
Carlile. Her ministry encompassed children orphaned by WW1, young
women who became pregnant and were disowned by their families,
youngsters generally who were thrown out of their family homes. All
of them found a friend in her. She served in mission caravans -
touring the land for seven years, sharing the Gospel in towns and
villages. When war came again, she supported and served the forces
in Morocco and Italy. The (often very young) soldiers adored her, and
she called her drop-ins Hula-hula Huts, which were often as not
filled with laughter. When peace came again it found her as a parish
evangelist in London, and then a member of the staff at the training
college

For many, that would have been an already full life and ministry,
but Elsie went on to the Prisons Welfare Team for a few years. She
"retired" from there in 1975.

Elsie oozed the love of Christ: it was the custom then for Church
Army Sisters to wear two small swords on the lapels of their
uniforms facing down. Elsie blithely wore hers upwards to remind
herself that she was involved in an active battle against sin, poverty
and loneliness. She was a giant among evangelists and those who
knew her give constant thanks for her life and witness to Christ. Her
legacy lives on

Canon Mark Russell, CEO,
Summarised by Barrie Glover.

Caroline Chisholm.
1808 - 1877.

Caroline Jones was born on the 30th May
1808  came from a very large family, the
sixteenth and last child. In 1830 she
married Archibald Chisholm, a Roman
Catholic ten years her senior, serving
with East India Company Army and
Caroline converted to the Roman faith.

Archibald returned to his regiment in Madras, India in January 1832
and Caroline joined him there 18 months later. She soon became
aware that the young girls in the barracks were picking up the bad
behaviour of the soldiers. She appealed to the Governor of Madras
for assistance in establishing a school. In 1834 Caroline founded the
Female School of Industry for the Daughters of European Soldiers
that provided a practical education for the girls.

In 1838 Captain Chisholm was granted a two-year leave of absence
on the grounds of ill health and moved to Australia. Both he and
Caroline became aware of the difficult conditions that faced
emigrants arriving in the colony. They were particularly concerned
for the young women who were arriving without any money, friends
or families, or jobs to go to. Many ended up working the streets to
make ends meet. Caroline originally set up a home in Sydney for the
young women, and organised other homes in several rural centres.
The home was soon extended to help families and young men.
During the seven years Caroline was in Australia she placed over
11,000 people in homes and jobs. She became a very well
known woman who was very much admired.

When she returned to England in the mid 1840s, Caroline
campaigned to allow the families of convicts free passage to
Australia and also for improvement to the conditions they had to
endure during the journey. She also set up a loan scheme for those
not able to gain free passage. She returned to Australia to set up
shops in the outback for the gold diggers during the gold rush and
also started schools and hospitals throughout the country.
Caroline was also a water diviner. Settlements subsequently developed near water sources which she had discovered. Many towns and villages in Australia, therefore, owe their origins to Caroline and streets and roads are named after her.

Caroline returned to England where she died in poverty and obscurity on 25th March 1877. Her work in Australia, however, earned her continued fame. Her portrait adorned an Australian bank note for more than 20 years and also the 5 cent stamp.

She is buried in Billing Road Cemetery, Northampton, alongside her husband, Archibald. The inscription reads “Caroline Chisholm, the Emigrant’s Friend”. She is remembered in the Church’s Calendar on 16th May.

Richard Cann.
Sources: Various.

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“Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.”

John Wesley
So what are Friends for?

The Friends of Gloucester Cathedral is keen to spread the word about the Christian life and mission which underpins all that goes on within the Cathedral community here in Gloucester.

As many of you already know, being a member of “The Friends” is so much more than having the opportunity to enjoy the many and various events and outings which thread their way through our busy year. For instance, did you know that, since 2009, FOGC has contributed nearly £750,000 towards a wide range of Cathedral projects, and that its enthusiastic up-front financial support of Project Pilgrim represents a fundamental ingredient of the project’s recent grant-bidding success?

With all that in mind, and with a view to informing more widely, and possibly recruiting new members, the Secretary of the Friends - Bill Armiger - is happy to present a most interesting illustrated lecture on the work and life of this busy organisation which lies at the heart of so much which makes up this most exciting period in the life of our lovely Cathedral.

If you know of any organisation or group who might welcome such a talk (a contribution to Friends’ funds is welcome!), please contact Bill on secretary@fogc.co.uk or phone, (answerphone, don’t worry!) 01452 522419.

William Armiger.

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There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

Edith Wharton

70th Anniversary of VE Day.

Between 8th and 10th May 2015, celebrations will be held throughout the UK to mark the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

Friday 8th May, the actual date of VE Day, will be a Day of Remembrance and, (despite the General Election the previous day!), thousands of people are expected to attend a ceremony at the Cenotaph in London. Beacons will also be lit across the country. On the 10th May, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accompanied by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall and other members of the Royal Family, will attend a Service of Thanksgiving at Westminster Abbey.

On the original VE Day, May 8th 1945, celebrations erupted throughout the world. In the United Kingdom more than one million people celebrated in the streets. In London, crowds poured into Trafalgar Square and up The Mall to Buckingham Palace where King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Winston Church, appeared on the balcony of the Palace before the cheering crowds. The then Princess Elizabeth and her sister Princess Margaret were allowed to wander incognito among the crowds and take part in the celebrations.

The 70th anniversary celebrations are likely to mark the last significant anniversary for which any great number of Second World War veterans will be alive.

You can find more information about the 70th Anniversary celebrations at www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/ve-day-70th-anniversary

Maureen Smith.
Episcopal Firsts

Today, we see Gloucester receiving national attention over the appointment of the first woman diocesan bishop. Interestingly, it is exactly 200 years since the diocese received similar national attention over the appointment of ‘England’s First Evangelical Bishop’. The focus now is Rachel Treweek. The focus in 1815 was on Henry Ryder, the first member of the growing Evangelical wing of the Church of England to be raised to a bishopric.

One difference between the two was that Henry Ryder’s appointment was much more controversial. The minority Evangelical group hailed it as a victory comparable with the Battle of Waterloo, which had taken place about a month earlier. On the other hand, many mainstream church leaders were resentful and the Archbishop of Canterbury evidently opposed it. The Prime Minister, Lord Liverpool, evidently hesitated and only moved forward when Ryder’s brother, Lord Harrowby, a leading Cabinet Minister, threatened his own resignation. Many Gloucester clergy were hostile and some threatened to boycott the traditional dinner that followed the new bishop’s first diocesan visitation.

However, Henry Ryder won people over. Locally, the dinner boycott was cancelled after the clergy experienced ‘his ease, elegance and low-key address’ at the visitation. One writer concludes: ‘Having come in 1815 under a cloud of suspicion, he left in 1824 … with the respect and acclaim of his Gloucester clergy’. He left to become bishop of the larger and more challenging diocese of Lichfield and Coventry, which then included Birmingham.

George Marchant.

Based on Dictionary of National Biography, plus Gloucestershire Archives SB 19.27, and Trans BGAS (89) 1970 pp.130-44.

Book Sale.
Saturday 23rd May
10am – 3pm

The Breakfast Club volunteers are once again holding a Book Sale to raise funds for the Club. We need good quality hardbacks and paperbacks including children’s books. We shall also have a section for CDs and DVDs. (Please no videos).

All offerings of items for sale will be welcome and should be delivered to the Cathedral west slype on Friday 22nd May between 3-6pm. If this is inconvenient, please contact: Judith Holroyd on 01452 312623 or Dot Henshaw on 01452 303070.

From Monday 18th May items for sale may also be delivered to the Cathedral Office, any weekday between 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm.

Offers of help are welcome, either to sort the books on the Friday or to help man the sale on the Saturday. Above all we need customers ready to spend, so do come along to browse and buy on the 23rd.

The proceeds from the sale will help to fund the weekly hot breakfasts we provide for the homeless and the needy every Thursday morning. Last year we raised £850, so do help us beat this figure this year.

Judith Holroyd.

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“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates’ loot on Treasure Island and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.”

Walt Disney Company.
Centenary of World War I

ASSEMBLY
MEMORIAL CHAIRS

A five year touring installation throughout the British Isles.

Gloucester Cathedral
6th April - 30th June 2015.

The installation, in the South Ambulatory, consists of five chairs from Passchendaele’s St. Audomarus Church - each representing the casualties of one year of the war 1914 -1918 (which is shown in small lead numbers on the chairs)

The chairs are accompanied by a beautifully constructed book; the left hand side of each page is printed with the names of all casualties from the British Isles who died in Belgium, leaving space on the right hand side for personal stories about the Great War to be added. These stories could be about the names in the book, but also about many others.

In the summer of 2018 after a journey of five years and 16 different installations in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, the installation returns to Ypres in July.

The last stories will be collected at St. Martin’s Cathedral, which was completely destroyed during the conflict, and where now a Commonwealth Memorial Tablet reminds us of the special bond that exists between this Cathedral and the people of the British Commonwealth.

On the final day of the project, at the end of August 2018, the five chairs go for one day to the Square where they will be joined in a grand ‘assembly’ with thousands of empty chairs from all over the country and abroad. This final moment of the installation of thousands of empty chairs on the Square in Ypres, will be photographed and filmed from the Bell Tower of the museum. Both empty and occupied, several photographers will document the scale of loss these chairs represent.

All people who have contributed, or who have visited the memorial chairs over the years will be invited to join in this final assembly.

Thereafter the chairs will be presented back to the church in Passendale. The book will remain in the Flanders Fields Museum and be displayed alongside the (digital) List of Names.

We were extremely sorry to hear of the recent death of George Hayter, whilst on holiday in Cyprus. George was a much loved and highly respected member of the Gloucester Cathedral community and will be sadly missed by us all. We extend our deepest sympathy to Annabel and all their family You are all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

On pages 16/17 you will see details of the ‘Cathedral Challenge 2015’, a walk, devised by George and Annabel’s grandchildren, to raise funds for Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation. This was planned before George’s death but the family have courageously decided to go ahead with it. We wish them every success. Please do support them in whatever way you can.

We regret to announce that Juliet Reeve has retired from the GCN Editorial Team. She has been a member of the Team for an amazing seventeen years and was a founder member. We will miss her as a much respected and highly valued colleague. We hope, however, that she will continue to contribute items of interest from time to time. Juliet, please note!!

May Trivia!

Did you know that...
on May 9th 1671, an attempt was made to steal the Crown Jewels?
If not, see the full story on page 26.
Many of you will know that the last 18 months have been challenging times for the Hayter Family. George Hayter suffered a serious cardiac arrest two days after a knee operation and only a few months later, Annabel was diagnosed with an aggressive and essentially terminal form of breast cancer.

Three of their grandchildren wanted to do something to say thank you for the medical care their grandparents received and they came up with the idea of a sponsored walk in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research.

In the words of Amelia 10, Archie 9 and 7 year old Aggie:

“The three of us are walking between Bristol and Gloucester Cathedrals to raise money for the charities that Ga and Pop-Pop have suggested to us. We want to say ‘thank you’ to the doctors and nurses who have helped to look after our grandparents and also to all the people who are working on making new drugs to fight Ga’s cancer and to help to keep Pop-Pop’s heart healthy.

We are excited about our walk and also a little bit nervous - it’s a long way (70 miles), it takes an hour in the car and it’s going to take us 6 days to walk!

Mummy and Daddy have promised us lots of sweets along the way to keep us going. Knowing that we’re raising lots of money and making Ga and Pop-Pop proud of us will also help to keep us going.”

So was born the Cathedral Challenge 2015. The children, with their parents and Labrador, Twiglet, will be setting off from Bristol Cathedral on Friday 22nd May along the Cotswold and Wysis Ways reaching Gloucester Cathedral around 4.30pm on Wednesday 27th May.

If you wish to sponsor these amazing children you can do so by going on to www.justgiving.com.teams.Cathedral Challenge 2015 or by sending your cheque made payable to either the British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research UK to Mrs A Hayter, The Old Vicarage, Maisemore, Gloucester GL2 8HU.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation then please do, so that the Charities can reclaim a further 25% of your donation.

On the arrival of the walkers at Gloucester Cathedral we have organised a free of charge Tower Tour for anyone who would like to go up there with the children. Then if you want to you can attend Evensong with them and there will be a party for donors in the Cathedral afterwards with food and drink available. From the catering point of view it would be extremely helpful to know if you will be with us all. Can you telephone Annabel on 01452 527 571 or email her at annabel@thehayters.org

Annabel Hayter.

*Editor’s note: As previously stated in ‘Around the Community’ on page 15, although George sadly died in April, the above walk will go ahead as previously planned.