

SERVICES: JANUARY 2013

Sundays

8.00 am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
11.00 am Sunday at Eleven
5.00 pm Meditative Eucharist

Mondays

9.00 pm Taizé service (from Jan 14th)

Tuesdays

5.30 pm Talks and Discussions (from Jan 15th)

Wednesdays

8.00 pm On The Edge (Jan 9th & 23rd)

Thursdays

12.30 pm Lunchtime Prayers

Fridays

10.30 am Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
5.30 pm Meditation

Saturdays

5.00 pm Contemplative Eucharist (Jan 26th)

SUNDAY AT ELEVEN

January 6th Epiphany Eucharist: Kings, Wizards and Wanderers
Malcolm Guite

In this sermon Malcolm will explore how the arrival of the wise men includes us in the Gospel.

January 13th Odyssey. Betrayal: Destruction and Renewal
Melanie Rein

Melanie Rein is a Jewish psychotherapist in the Jungian tradition who will connect what the Old Testament says about betrayal with the experience of betrayal as she has learned about it from her clients.

January 20th Healing Service: Principles of Christian Healing
Fraser Watts

Fraser will set out how a Christian church can integrate spiritual and psychological perspectives together to bring healing of personal and emotional problems. The sermon will connect with his Tuesday talks.

January 27th A Thanksgiving for the Second Vatican Council
John Morrill

It is just over 50 years since Pope John convened the second Vatican Council, which rejuvenated the Roman Catholic Church. The Revd Professor John Morrill is a distinguished historian, and a Deacon in the Catholic Church. This service will conclude the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th to 25th).

MEDITATIVE EUCHARIST – SUNDAY AT FIVE

Epiphany Themes: Reflections on Gospel Stories about God being Revealed in Christ

January 6th	The Wise Men	and their Gifts	Ann Kember
January 13th	The Baptism of Christ	in the Jordan	Malcolm Guite
January 20th	Jesus goes to the Temple at Twelve		David
Pickersgill			

January 27th

Reconciliation in the Middle East

Andrew

White ('Vicar of Baghdad')

Canon Andrew White, a former Director of Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral, has spent the last few years at St George's Church in Baghdad, the only Anglican church in Iraq. He also works for reconciliation as President of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East. He is a powerful speaker with a story of intrepid ministry to tell. There will be a retiring collection for his Foundation.

TUESDAYS AT 5.30 pm: CHRISTIAN HELP FOR PERSONAL PROBLEMS

A short course given by Fraser Watts on integrating psychological and spiritual approaches

Jan 15th: Promoting Self-Understanding: How to help people to understand themselves better, and feel understood, drawing on good listening skills, and especially on person-centred approaches.

Jan 22nd: Basic Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy: How to use, in a Christian context, some of the basic principles of right thinking and right behaving that underpin CBT and most spiritual wisdom.

Jan 29th: Spiritual Perspectives and Resources: How to use spiritual and psychological perspectives on personal problems, and how to pray with people with personal problems for healing and deliverance.

Feb 5th; Questions of Context and Balance: How to tailor pastoral work to particular people and situations, and how to address ways in which lives or personalities may be out of balance.

ON THE EDGE: ALTERNATE WEDNESDAYS AT 8.00 pm

Jan 9th **Dancing Through the Fire.** Malcolm reflects on our Pilgrim Journey with the music of Mystery Train. (Malcolm will both preach and play his own songs with members of his band).

Jan 23rd **Recovery:** Matt Russell on what a bunch of recovering drunks can teach us about spirituality.

Women's Network: Sunday Jan 20th at 3.00 pm. Further information from Ann Kember.

LGBT: Sunday Jan 27th at 3.30pm. Bruce Kinsey on Gay Spirituality. All welcome.

Healing: available at Lunchtime prayers on Thursdays (12.30 pm) and at the 11.00 am service on Jan 20th.

Sunday 8.00 am Jan 6th: Epiphany; Jan 13th: Epiphany 1; Jan 20th Epiphany 2; Jan 27th: Septuagesima

NB There will now be an 8.00 am service on Dec 30th as usual, with readings for Sunday after Christmas.

FINANCIAL GIVING

In the coming year I hope that we can reflect on the pattern of financial giving that is appropriate to a Christian community such as St Edward's. We must resist any suggestion that there is an admission charge for coming to services; everyone is welcome, and no financial contribution is required. On the other hand it is right for those who regard themselves as committed Christians to support Christian work in a way that reflects their commitment and their financial resources. There are probably members of the congregation who, when they stop to reflect, might want to give more than they currently do.

Our accounts for 2013 will show that expenditure has exceeded income. The Chapter is not alarmed by that, as we have good reserves. Much of the additional expenditure this last year is capital or non-recurrent expenditure, but there will be a deficit even leaving that aside. This may be a helpful wake-up call. Christian ministry sometimes costs money. In due course, ministry often leads to church growth, which in due course is financially self-sustaining, but it is often necessary to invest in increased ministry to bring that about.

We also want to encourage people to give in regular, predictable ways, and for those who pay tax to allow us to reclaim it. The envelope scheme is one helpful way of doing that. Alternatively people can give by standing order, and we will be happy to supply details of how to do that. We really want to encourage as many regular attenders as possible to give one or the other. All this is separate from the appeal for the Church Room that we expect to launch during 2013.

WORK WITH CHILDREN

As people will have noticed, we have moved the clergy vestry to a screened off area in the Trinity Hall chapel. (For those with historical interests, this is a reversion to a pre-1840 arrangement). That has freed up the former clergy office to be a temporary church room, for work with children and for other activities, until we can build a new church room. We will be using an approach to children's work known as Godly Play, and will shortly be explaining more about that to the congregation. In essence it provides children with the resources they need to discover the Christian faith in their own way, and guides them in that journey. We have a Godly Play team led by Dani Redhead, but would benefit from one or two more volunteers. Please let Dani or Fraser know if you can help. For the time being we will be providing Godly Play on alternate weeks, but hope shortly to make it weekly. To start with, there will be Godly Play for part of the 11.00 am service on Jan 6th & 20th, and Feb 3r. On Sat 3rd Feb, 11.00 – 12.00 we will be running a session for parents and any interested adults who would like to experience God Play for themselves (preferably without children, though play facilities will be available at the abck of the church,

HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

If the church is doing its job properly, the world will be a better place for what it does. That was true for Jesus' ministry and can be true for us too. In the last year or two I have felt increasingly strongly that St Edward's should take this seriously, and develop its work in this direction. It has two main facets. One is the reconciliation ministry that we launched in 2012, of which our prison ministry is one of the first practical expressions; others will follow. The other facet is to become the kind of community in which people can get help with personal problems, and either be delivered from them or find a blessing in them. I believe that can best be done by integrating spiritual and psychological perspectives. The Tuesday talks I will give this month will set out more fully. They are intended for those who are open to becoming part of a healing community, but also for those who are just interested in how that might be done. There are many people in St Edward's who have rich experience of healing work, and I hope we can pool our wisdom and experience to good effect.

Fraser Watts

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