

Get a Grip!

The car was going nowhere fast. The engine roared. The wheels were spinning. But the Dean's home-built Marlin sports car stayed where it was. The ice and snow in the Close saw to that. A slight incline and no grip. Was he going to miss his appointment? (Keep reading!)

As we begin a New Year it may feel like we are spinning on the spot. For all our energies and efforts are we *really* moving forward? Or are we in the same place that we were this time last year? Have we been spinning on the spot for twelve months? We give, we serve, we pray and we hope to see progress and God's Kingdom a little nearer. But IS it? Evil seems to find expression in more and more ways in our troubled world. In tough times people become more self-serving. The unscrupulous and greedy appear to flourish and people of principle and integrity get ignored. One writer expressed such frustration in this way:

“For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people. Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment.” (Psalm 73:3-6)

The author honestly expresses envy of ‘the wicked’ and wonders why he has bothered following a different way: “In vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence” (vs. 13).

But then a revelation comes! This bitterness is foolish and comes from ignorance (vs 21-22). This attitude is causing his feet to stumble and his steps to slip (vs. 2). It was getting him nowhere. He was spinning on the spot. How *did* the revelation come? By going into the sanctuary of God (vs. 17). It was in the place of worship that his perspective altered; he then saw things as God sees them. *Then* he could move forward positively.

Back to the car in snowy Cathedral Close. An old carpet under the drive wheels did the trick. Slowly but surely the car edged forward. The Dean was on his way – a little late, but still making his appointment. The discipline of coming to worship week by week helps puts things into divine perspective. We hear God's Word, we receive His Grace and we gather with His people. We may not always be aware of the benefit; it's like a carpet under our wheels, unseen but essential. It enables us to get a grip and keep our grip. May we get a grip in 2011 and move forward as God guides us.

Canon Andrew Williams

JANUARY SERVICES

1st - The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

12.30pm Holy Communion

2nd - Sunday before Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Evening Prayer with Carols

6.30pm No service tonight

5th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

6th - The Feast of the Epiphany

12.30pm Holy Communion

8th - Saturday

11.00am The Bereaved Parents Service

9th - The Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Said Evening Prayer

6.30pm Epiphany Procession with Carols

10th - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

11th - Tuesday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

12th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

15th - Saturday

12.00pm Installation of Revd Sam Corley
as Residentiary Canon

16th - Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist with Healing

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm No service today

17th - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

18th - Tuesday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

19th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

23rd - Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm No service tonight

24th - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

25th - Conversion of St Paul

12.30pm Holy Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

26th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

30th - Candlemas

8.00am Holy Communion

11.00am The Legal Service

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm Candlelit Communion

31st - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday to Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8am & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

FEBRUARY SERVICES

1st - Tuesday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

2nd - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

6th - The Fifth Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm No service this evening

7th - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

8th - Tuesday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

9th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

13th - The Fourth Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm No service this evening

14th - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

15th - Tuesday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

16th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

20th - The Third Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist with Healing

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm No service this evening

23rd - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion

10.15am Holy Communion

27th - The Second Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.15am Choral Eucharist

4.00pm Choral Evensong

6.30pm No service this evening

28th - Monday

5.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday to Saturday

Morning Prayer at 8am & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

GLUTEN FREE If you need a gluten-free wafer for Holy Communion please speak to a Sidesman **BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REVD SAM CORLEY as Canon Residentiary takes place at **12noon on Saturday 15th January** followed by a **Bring & Share Lunch.** Please join us in welcoming Sam, Claire, Nathanael and Martha to the Cathedral.

Our Churchwardens, Sue and Fiona, are co-ordinating the lunch and would ask that you let them know what you are able to bring - or advise the Office. We are expecting around 200 people in total so are asking for finger food to cut down on the amount of preparation time ... and clearing up afterwards!

EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Wednesday 9th January at 7.30pm

A Sacred Space Event

MOMENTS OF EPIPHANY

Enjoy the beauty of the Candlelit Cathedral for an hour of real peace and quiet, to wander and to ponder new thoughts and readings, and to reach out again to the mystery of God with us in the darkness of winter.

Free entry - donations appreciated

Monday 10th January at 2.00pm

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

For this first meeting of the new year Gem Suleh talks about the work of Christian Aid.

Free entry - minimum donation £1.00 for refreshments

Monday 24th January at 2.00pm

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP STUDY GROUP

Free entry

Wednesday 2nd February at 1.05pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

The first in the new season of lunchtime organ recitals.

Light buffet lunch at 12.30pm - minimum donation £2.50

Free entry - retiring collection

Wednesday 2nd February at 7.30pm

A Sacred Space Event

CANDLEMAS

Long ago, communities in the British Isles saw 1st February as being the turning point from winter to spring. This evening we journey in the context of light and shadow, movement and stillness, contemplating his meaning, and finding new perspectives.

Wednesday 9th February at 1.05pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

The new season of lunchtime organ recitals continues.

Details as above

Monday 14th February at 2.00pm

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

This month Anne Hebden talks about the work of the Abigail Project.

Free entry - minimum donation £1.00 for refreshments

Wednesday 16th February at 1.05pm

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

The new season of lunchtime organ recitals continues.

Details as above

Wednesday 23rd February at 1.05pm
WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS
The new season of lunchtime organ recitals continues.
Details as above

Monday 28th January at 2.00pm
MONDAY FELLOWSHIP STUDY GROUP
Free entry

ARTSPACE PROGRAMME 2011

ILLUMINATION

This year celebrates the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. There have been few more important single publications and its impact throughout history has been colossal. The Cathedral therefore takes this celebration as its theme for the Artspace programme this year and plans are almost completed for a varied and interesting range of events including the Cathedral having an original illuminated 1611 bible on loan from Lichfield Cathedral alongside a 1614 edition recently discovered in our Cathedral Library. There will also be a range of events including exhibitions, concerts and talks exploring the contribution the King James Bible has made, and continues to make, to our lives.

Please look out for further details.

PARISH WEEKEND 2011

This year's Parish Weekend is again at the beautiful **Wydale Hall in North Yorkshire**. We have also booked an inspiring speaker, the **Revd David Runcorn**, who led our 2009 Good Friday 3 hours devotion. Places will be limited - last time we were at Wydale, in 2008, we filled all the rooms available! The dates are **Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September 2011**. More details will follow but you may like to put it in your diary now. *Canon Andy*

LISTENING COURSE

As part of our vision to make the Cathedral a centre for listening we are running a four-session course on Saturday mornings. This has been postponed from October to next year (dates below). The course is aimed at those who would like to develop their listening skills more deeply following the introductory sessions which Alex McLelland led in September. We are running this in partnership with Barbara Glasson and it will be hosted by Touchstone at 32, Merton Road, BD7. **Sessions run from 10.00am to 12noon on 29th January, and 5th, 12th and 19th February 2011**. Numbers are limited to just 12 so please speak as soon as possible to Alex McLelland or Canon Andy if you are interested.

THE ABIGAIL HOUSING DESTITUTION PROJECT

Many thanks for all your support over the past year and we pray that you are able to continue to help us during what could be a difficult year ahead.

As well as the following items we would be grateful for donations, however small, towards our heating bills over this very cold period.

Toiletries inc Shampoo	Tin opener	Coffee
Shower gel	Floor rugs	Rice
Toothpaste & toothbrushes	Swing bin liners	Pasta
Soap powder & softener	Black bin liners	Tuna
Clothes airer	Cooking oil	Other tinned fish
Hot water bottles	Toilet rolls	2011 wall planner
Bath plunger	Drain cleaner/unblocker	Mop
Drainer (for washing up)	Tinned veg/fruit	Tomato puree

Thank you again: we hope you have a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Anne Hebden & Maggie Peel

HELP STAMP OUT LEPROSY ... and other ways to help

The Leprosy Mission's new slogan is aimed to encourage people to trim commemorative and foreign stamps from letters and recycle them to raise funds - to help eradicate leprosy and care for sufferers. The Leprosy Mission raised £72,373 in 2009 through its philatelic wing. **We have a little box (decorated with stamps) on the shelves at the back of the South Aisle as our receptacle.** Please save only the less common stamps and trim them with about 5mm around, or soak them off, or rescue collections which the owner no longer wants! (Please note we have now LOST our outlet for everyday 1st and 2nd class stamps). Also, **ALL POSTCARDS**, used or unused, are sold in aid of our link diocese in Khartoum to buy basics for their work in the church and community. Over £7000 was sent last year. Please leave postcards in the letter rack or Cathedral Office.

NEW! There is now a box for your old **SPECTACLES** alongside the stamps box. Glasses, with or without cases, are needed in the Third World countries where little healthcare provision is available. Thank you.

Jane Tarver

EXTENDED MEMBERSHIP: Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Cathedral fellowship who, through illness or incapacity, cannot attend in person:

Norman Addy

Judith Booth

Dorothy Dean

Michael Horsfall

Joan Simpson

Heather Wright

If anyone you know would appreciate being added to this list, please let one of the clergy or church wardens know.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

There is more to being a member of a choir than singing. The social and educational benefits of choral singing is now widely documented. Did you know that when you sing every part of your brain is stimulated!

The boys and girls of the Choir are from all areas of Bradford and beyond, and are drawn from over twenty local schools. Participation in services and concert performances is a culmination of many hours of dedicated preparation and hard work by the Choir who, along with the adult members, provide an enriching musical contribution to worship every week at the Cathedral. The Choir also take choral music out to churches and venues in the Bradford area and beyond.

Choir practice take place (during term time) on different days during the week for the various sections of the Choir. The main time for new members is Tuesday evening at 4pm (boys) and Saturday morning at 9.30am (girls). Full Choir practice is at 6.45pm on Thursday evenings.

New members of the Choir are always welcome and enquiries, from individuals or schools, should be made to the Cathedral Office or Mr Andrew Teague to arrange an initial visit.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE CATHEDRAL

BOYS BRIGADE

Meetings every Monday during term time in the Parish Room

6.30 - 8.00pm

Further details from Alan Briggs, Ruth Carr or the Cathedral Office

NGage YOUTH GROUP

Meetings every Monday in the Cathedral following Choral Evensong for
12 - 18 year olds during term time

CRÈCHE

Sunday morning crèche

THIRD SPACE

Every third Sunday at 10.15am in the Deanery
for pre-school children with their parents

GODLY PLAY

Every fourth Sunday in the Listening Room
Story time for 5 - 11yr olds during the morning service

Further details from Canon Andrew Williams

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean: The Very Revd Dr David Ison

Residentiary Canons: Canons Andrew Williams & Sam Corley

Residentiary Canon (Diocesan - part time): Canon Sam Randall

Chaplains: Revds Paul Booth, Barbara Glasson, Chris Howson

Head Verger & Reader: Jon Howard

Cathedral Administrator: Chris Aldred

PA to the Dean & Administrator: Sandra Howard

Treasurer: Chris Wontner-Smith

Lay Chaplain (Education): Caroline Moore

Interfaith Development Officer: Nuzhat Ali

Organist & Master of Choristers: Andrew Teague

Assistant Organist: Paul Bowen

Assistant Director of Music: David Condry

Music Administrator: Ann Foster

SingUp Co-ordinator: Phil Wilcox

Cathedral Secretary: Julie Bowyer

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