

Wymondham Abbey

Sunday 8 September 2024 ❖ 10.30am Sung Eucharist

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – Principal Patronal Festival

The hymns, readings and prayers for the day:

Organ Prelude	<i>Mariales based on chants of the Marian antiphons</i>	Naji Hakim
Hymn	NEH 185 Sing we of the blessed Mother	Abbots Leigh in C NHWS 299
Gloria	St Peter's Mass	Goodrich
Hymn	NEH 161 For Mary, Mother of the Lord	St Botolph 385
Hymn	NEH 188 Ye who own the faith of Jesus	Daily, Daily
Setting	Mass of St Thomas	David Thorne
Anthem	Ave Maria <i>Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.</i>	Franz Schubert
Hymn	NEH 187 Virgin born, we bow before thee	Quem Pastores 387
Hymn	NEH 186 Tell out my soul	Woodlands

During the final hymn the altar party and choir process to the Statue of Our Lady
Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the birth and resurrection of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ, grant we beseech you, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We sing the Regina Caeli:

**Joy to thee, O Queen of heaven, alleluia,
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia,
As he promised, hath arisen, alleluia,
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

After the dismissal Fr Christopher will return to the front of the church where he will surrender his keys to the Churchwardens.

Organ voluntary	Nun danket alle Gott (Marche triomphale)	Karg-Elert
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The Collect

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The first reading: Galations 4: 1–5

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father.

So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

Gospel reading: Luke 1: 26–45

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her

womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Communion Prayer

God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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This week at the Abbey

Mon 9 Sept	10am	Morning Prayer
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Tue 10 Sept	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Centering Presence
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Wed 11 Sept	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Eucharist
	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Thu 12 Sept	10am	Morning Prayer
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7pm	Collation, induction, installation of Fr Andrew
Fri 13 Sept*	10am	Morning Prayer
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Sat 14 Sept*		Norfolk Churches Trust Walk/Bike ride event
Sun 15 Sept*	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5pm	Choral Evensong

*Timings of Abbey tours next weekend are overleaf

Churchwardens' Chat

A very warm welcome to the Abbey this morning.

Today Fr Christopher will preside and preach at the Sung Eucharist for the last time before he and Robert take leave of the Abbey.

Please join us after the service for a bring and share finger buffet in the South aisle. If you have not had a chance to sign Fr Christopher's leaving book please do so. It is at the welcome desk.

The Abbey Bellringers will ring a quarter peal this afternoon to mark Fr Christopher's retirement after 38 years as a priest.

There will be no Evening Prayer today at 5pm

On Thursday at 7pm Fr Andrew will be inducted as Vicar. Do join us then as we enter a new chapter in the life of our community.

This week we pray especially for:

Fr Andrew as he prepares for his ministry among us

The sick: Zorina Bell, Pauline Culyer, Isabel Davidson, Marion O'Connor, Julia Parker, Roy Pulsford, James

Recently departed: Kath Terry

All those who have lost loved ones

Years Mind: Carol Parmenter

We would like to purchase a new Lectern Bible. If you would like to contribute to the cost of this, perhaps in memory of a loved one, please speak to one of the Churchwardens.

From Friday: Pastoral visits: If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please contact Fr Andrew: Tel: 01953 605671 (office) vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk Mobile: 07884 185207 (direct).

Heritage Open Days all this week:

Tours at the weekend as below but please book your place with Hayley at office@wymondhamabbey.org.uk or call 01953 605671 (office)

Short group guided Abbey tours: on Fri. 13th, Sat. 14th and Sun. 15th at 11am, 12noon, 2pm and 3pm.

Bell Tower tours: Sun. 15th at 1.30pm, 2.45pm, 4pm.

Be aware that there are a lot of stairs (120 with a chance to rest after 90), all even and well-lit. Children must be accompanied by an adult.