

FCM National Gathering to Newport and Monmouth 22 – 24 March 2019

Programme

Friday 22nd

- 1400 Welcome by the Dean of St Woolos Cathedral Newport, the Very Revd Lister Tonge.
1415 A talk by Director of Music, Dr Emma Gibbins, on music at St Woolos.
1445 A talk on the history of Newport Cathedral by local historian, Malcolm Phillips, with a tour of the Cathedral. There may be the possibility for a small number to climb the tower.
1545 Organ Recital, given by Associate Director of Music, Jeremy Blasby.
1630 Tea / coffee and cakes at the back of the Nave
1730 Choir rehearsal in the Cathedral
1730 DRs Meeting in the Cathedral Hall
1830 Choral Evensong
1915 Members make their own arrangements for the evening meal.

Saturday 23rd

- 0930 Coach to Usk to visit the Priory Church of St Mary. Pickup at Newport Cathedral and Holiday Inn
1015 A talk on the organ of the Priory Church of St Mary, given by Organist, Peter Alan, and a short organ demonstration by Dr Emma Gibbins.
1045 Short recital of Lenten music by the Unicorn Singers
1130 Tea/Coffee and biscuits
1200 Coach to Abergavenny
Members make their own arrangements for lunch in Abergavenny
1400 Short talk about St Mary's Priory Church and its music by Director of Music, Tim Pratt.
1415 Guided tour of the Church and adjoining Tithe Barn by Sir Trefor Morris, local historian
1500 Rehearsal for a Come & Sing Evensong led by Emma Gibbins and Tim Pratt.
The music will be: Responses: Ebdon, Canticles: Stanford in B flat Anthem: *Wash me thoroughly* - Wesley
1600 Tea/coffee and cake in the Priory Centre
1700 FCM Choral Evensong in St Mary's Priory Church.
1800 Coach to the Holiday Inn, The Coldra, Newport (at Junction 24 of the M4)
1900 Evening at the Holiday Inn, starting with Entertainment provided by Blaenavon Male Voice Choir, followed by a Fork Buffet. Guest Speaker: The Very Revd Lister Tonge, Dean of Newport.
Buffet menu: Starter - Continental melon drizzled with blackcurrant coulis (served at table)
Buffet choice: Roast leg of lamb with rosemary & garlic, Grilled salmon with a dill sauce, Roast chicken with thyme & lemon stuffing, Vegetarian Glamorgan sausages, a selection of seasonal vegetables and potatoes.
Dessert: Strawberry & chocolate cheesecake (served at table)

Sunday 24th

- 1030 Choral Eucharist at St Woolos Cathedral, Newport
1215 Coach to Tintern Abbey
1300 Tour of Tintern Abbey in two groups, part-guided by 'Brother Thomas the Cellarman'
1415 Two-course Sunday Lunch at the Anchor Inn, Tintern. Please choose from:
Mains: roast beef, roast lamb, vegetarian nut roast, or fish of the day
Desserts: chocolate fudge cake with vanilla ice cream, white chocolate & Baileys cheesecake with fresh cream, or trio of ice cream
1600 Return coach to Newport Cathedral
1700 Choral Evensong at St Woolos
1800 Tea/coffee and depart