

Weekday Morning and Evening prayer

There has been something very lovely happening at the cathedral every weekday morning, at 8 o'clock, that most of us are missing.

Since the beginning of lockdown, the office of Morning Prayer has gone online, led by one of the clergy, from the Lady Chapel of our cathedral, supported by another member of the clergy at home.

I know that most of us are missing it, because I was missing it myself. Knowing it was going on, but a little unsure of how Zoom worked, and also loath to give up my usual early morning walks in the nearby hills of Holyrood park, to "attend".

However, I tuned in one morning recently and found a hidden treasure!

Zoom allows you to see who is attending – but not necessarily be seen– unless you have selected to have your camera turned on. If not – just your name appears on the screen. Either is fine - not everyone has a camera on their computer anyway. Everyone, apart from the readers, keeps their microphones off, except for the 5 minutes chat beforehand – while setting up, and briefly afterwards. Fellowship working even in isolation!

The surprise is the real sense of connection to be found when praying together – even in virtual space. The bonus is the familiarity of our cathedral, and the voices of our own clergy. And the reward is half an hour immersed in the strong beauty of the words of the psalms and canticles, and at the end, the gift of the Eucharist.

It is a wonderful way to start the day.

You can sit on your sofa and join in, - or get the Zoom app onto your smartphone and take to the hills with your camera off, and your earphones in.

Either way-even if you're *slightly* curious– come and join in. You are missed!

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