

Saturday 19th November

12.45pm Official Opening of the Festival

With Stroud Town Mayor Stella Parkes, Leader of Stroud District Council Steve Robinson and Stroud Team Rector Rev Kate Stacey

1:00pm: Welcome to wonder! Come in and enjoy!

Browse the Wall of Wonder, enter Into the Wonder of Stillness: Cave Space, get creative on the Craft Table, have your face painted at Wondrous Beauty, and enjoy free hot drinks and cake in the Warm & Wonderful Cafe (including under 5's play area) or enjoy a Hot Vegan Meal especially prepared by Community Chef Sam Angelo (special festival price of £5pp).

2.30pm – 3.30pm: Open Dress Run of After Elijah

The Festival's centrepiece circus spectacular. An exhilarating and uplifting aerial and circus show exploring the power of wonder. This is a free one-hour show, the audience will stand throughout but seats are available for those who need them.

Please note: No tickets are needed. Entrance will be on a first come, first served basis and will be limited to the maximum number allowed in the church. Donations are invited at the end of the performance.

3.30pm – 5.15pm: Voice of Wonder: David Benjamin Blower & Chloe Smith

All of the Festival Activities & the cafe are open for to explore. Relax, have a free coffee, explore the quiet space or listen to spoken word and songs of wonder.

5.30pm – 6.30pm: After Elijah

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6.30pm – 7.15pm: Voice of Wonder: David Benjamin Blower & Chloe Smith

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7.30pm – 8.30pm: After Elijah

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9:00pm Sounds of Folk and Taize

Join together in a special vigil for peace & hope with David Benjamin Blower, Rev Simon Howell and Juliette Saville

9:30pm: Festival closes for the day. Back on Sunday at 10am.

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Sunday 20th November

10:00am: Welcome to Day 2, come in and enjoy!

Browse the Wall of Wonder, enter Into the Wonder of Stillness: Cave Space, get creative on the Craft Table, have your face or nails painted at Wondrous Beauty, and enjoy free hot drinks and cake in the Warm & Wonderful Cafe (including under 5's play area)

11:00am - 12noon: The Wonder of Worship:

Come and join our intergenerational time of celebration - a Sunday morning at church as you've never experienced it before. Exciting activities for all ages, try one, try them all or just sit in the cafe with a free coffee and be. Also includes as a finale a very special aerial display

12:00 - 4.30pm: All Festival Activities reopen for all to explore

Relax, have a coffee, explore the Wonder of Stillness: Cave Space or check out the inspiring Wall of Wonder and much more.

12.30pm - 1:30pm: The Festival of Wonder's Free Community Lunch

A simple meal where all are welcome, free food and beverages are provided.
(Donations invited).

1:30 pm- 3:30pm: FamProv Workshop

This fantastic workshop will be led by Andy Bewley (Associate Director of Giffords Circus) and will focus on having fun and being freer through improvisation. Everyone is welcome but particularly families- even weird uncles! (Andy says he is looking at you Keith)! Bring anyone you like - very relaxed and lots of fun.

4.30pm - 6pm: Jazz Vespers Concert

With Alyn Shipton and his New Orleans Friends' Jazz Band.

This concert offers an inspiring and fresh interpretation of the traditional revivalist jazz bands that made up the birth of New Orleans jazz.

As this is the only paid ticketed event of the festival - space is limited so please book ahead of time to avoid disappointment.

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All timings approximate - and may change at short notice. This version of the Programme was published on 11th November. Check out our website for updates and follow us on Socials @FOWStroud for live information!