

## Photo Call + Press Release

### Service of 'Courage and Faith' marks opening of the 2012 Paralympic Games

#### **PHOTO CALL**

#### **Wheelchair basketball played under the dome of St Paul's Cathedral**

Date: **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Time: **1000-1100**

Location: **St Paul's Cathedral, EC4M 8AD**

What: **Four members of the Great Britain women's wheelchair basketball team play a demonstration game on the church floor of St Paul's Cathedral, directly underneath the dome.**

All press photographers and video crews are invited to attend this session. Arrive at the main west entrance of the Cathedral, no earlier than 0930.

Please confirm attendance to: [ed@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:ed@stpaulscathedral.org.uk)

A selection of Paralympic sports will be on display at St Paul's, as the Cathedral holds a special service to mark the opening of the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

The service, at **6pm on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August**, is titled 'Courage and Faith' and will praise and celebrate the exceptional talents of the athletes gathering in London for the Games. It will be attended by the Bishop of London, the Lord Mayor of London and Lord Coe, and is the first time a Paralympic service, which is open to all people, has been held.

Highlights of the service include:

- A procession of Paralympic medallists, led by gold medallist Chris Holmes, MBE
- A wheelchair basketball demonstration by the GB Men's Under-22 team as part of the service
- A number of Paralympic Sports being demonstrated both inside and outside the Cathedral before and after the service
- An address by Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, gold medallist and Patron of the British Paralympic Association
- Readings by Sir Philip Craven, President, The International Paralympic Committee and Peter Norfolk, OBE, Paralympic gold medallist
- A Performance by the Kaos Signing Choir for Deaf and Hearing Children

'Courage and Faith' is being organised in conjunction with the [British Paralympic Association](#) and the [English Federation of Disabled Sport](#). Many Paralympians who have participated in past Games and the people who have supported the Games through the years and especially in London 2012 will attend, as well as a number of Ambassadors from different nations.

A limited number of seats for the service will be available to the public on the door, on a first-come, first-served basis.

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To reserve a press seat, please email: [ed@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:ed@stpaulscathedral.org.uk)

A limited number of photography positions inside the Cathedral are also available for the service. Please email [ed@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:ed@stpaulscathedral.org.uk) to register your interest.

## **ENDS**

### **St Paul's Cathedral**

St Paul's is the cathedral church of the diocese of London, which it has served for over 1,400 years. The current building has become a potent symbol of the life of a nation and is one of the world's most beautiful buildings. Designed by Sir Christopher Wren in the late seventeenth century, its stones have absorbed the hopes, fears, sorrows and joys of generations and stand as an enduring symbol of our communion with those gone before and those still to come. Each year nearly two million people flock to the cathedral for services, concerts, debates, educational events, performing arts and sightseeing. All are most welcome.

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