

The Baptism of Christ

Information and Notices for the week beginning 13 January 2019



Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral

In the name of Jesus Christ, we offer you a very warm welcome to this act of worship. God's greatest gift to the world is fullness of life in Christ, and it is our hope and prayer that you will experience something of God's love through this service. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please do introduce yourself to one of the clergy or wardens.

Communicant members of all denominations are welcome to receive Communion; please come forward as directed by the Stewards. If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like a blessing, you are warmly invited to come to the altar rail; please bring this service booklet with you. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

Please look after your belongings at all times. Regrettably, like any public building, we experience occasional thefts.

Gift Aid envelopes are available in the back of seats for use by UK tax payers. This enables us to increase your donation by a further 25% at no cost to you. You can also donate through www.justgiving.com/birminghamcathedral or by sending a text to 70070. In the body of the text you need to put CATH01 (CATH zero one) followed by the amount you wish to donate e.g. CATH01 £5. Thank you.

Planned Giving

If you give by bank standing order, please pick up a yellow offertory card at the back of the cathedral when you arrive for the service. Putting these in the offertory bag helps to prevent embarrassment on the part of the planned giver and is customary practice for those who choose to give in this way. Anyone wanting information about how to join the Planned Giving Scheme should speak to Canon Dr Terry Slater (he has a badge).

Children's Church meets during the I I am Eucharist in the undercroft, which is at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the cathedral. Please join us during the Gloria, and we will return at the Peace. Parents of children under four years who wish to come with their child are welcome to join us.

Recordings are available at

www.birminghamcathedral.com/recentevents (sermons) and at www.birminghamcathedral.com/TuesdayTalks (Tuesday Talks).

Following the I I am Eucharist

tea and coffee are served at the back of the cathedral. Do join us if you are able, particularly if you are new to the congregation or visiting us for the first time. We would encourage you to bring a re-usable cup to support our continued efforts to strive for sustainability and decrease our environmental impact.

Today's services

9.00am Holy Communion

The Reverend Elaine King

11am Choral Eucharist *Boys and Lower Voices*

Readings: *Isaiah 43.1-7; Acts 8.14-17; Luke 3.15-17, 21-22*

President: *The Very Reverend Matt Thompson*

Preacher: *The Reverend Elaine King*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Girls and Lower Voices*

The Reverend Canon Nigel Hand

Notices

On Friday 25 January, our own Cathedral Choir's annual performance of Britten's Ceremony of Carols and other seasonal music will now take the form of an Act of Worship called **A Service of Light** beginning at 7.45pm. This will launch our celebrations of the choir's 150th anniversary year in 2019, so for this year only, admission is now free!

The next **lunchtime concert** is on Monday 21 January at 1.10pm when we welcome Rebecca Poesh (Organ) from Royal Birmingham Conservatoire. Her programme includes works by Ritter, Widor and Franck. Admission is free with a retiring collection.

Many of you will remember **Joan Bates**, an erstwhile member of the cathedral congregation, who sadly died on Christmas Day. Her funeral service is at Perry Barr Crematorium at 12.30pm on 28 January. All are welcome to attend.

For your prayers

Those for whom prayer has been requested: Geoffrey Wilsher, Mary Partridge, Irene Lakin, Tony Stephenson, Shirley Knott, Margaret Phillips, Mary Spooner, Henry Burgess, Charlie Beattie, Noreen Murray, Stephen Wilcox, Jean Stevens, Beverley Hallahan, Vicky McGrath, Mary Lee, Ollie Partridge, Robert Howes, Eugene McGlynn, Omar Ferraro, Pam Jones, Carol Currier, David Morgan, Cheryl Harvey, Jess Hand, Fiona Paris, Jenny Hone, Heidi Ellis, Andrew Lancaster, Maureen Finn, Cildred Clarke.

Those who have died recently: Joan Bates, Reg Hitchman.

Anniversaries in the coming weeks: David Newton (2012), Ivy Hurst (2008), Kath Woodridge (2004), May Evelyn Gibbons (1963), Molly Delany (2008), Bishop Gore (1932), Sheila Utley (2009), Mary Farr (2015), Alice "Muriel" Reay (2015).


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CATHEDRAL DIARY

Sunday	13	9.00am	Holy Communion
The Baptism of Christ		11.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i>
		3.30pm	Preacher: <i>The Reverend Elaine King</i> Choral Evensong <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i>
Monday	14	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
		12.30pm	Free Guided Tour (meet at main entrance)
		5.45pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	15	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
		5.45pm	Shorter Choral Evensong <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i>
Wednesday	16	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
		12.30pm	Free Guided Tour (meet at main entrance)
		1.10pm	Holy Communion
		5.45pm	Shorter Choral Evensong <i>Boys' Voices</i>
Thursday	17	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Antony of Egypt, Abbot d.356 Charles Gore, Bishop d.1932		2.00pm	Bible Study Group <i>Candlemas (One Colmore Row)</i>
		5.45pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	18	8.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
The week of prayer for Christian unity 18-25 Jan		5.45pm	Choral Evensong <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i>
Saturday	19	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Wulfstan, Bishop d.1095		3.30pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	20	9.00am	Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of Epiphany		11.00am	Choral Eucharist <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i>
		3.30pm	Preacher: <i>The Reverend Canon Nigel Hand</i> Choral Evensong <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i>

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The deadline for the next issue of the notice sheet is noon on Thursday 10 January.
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