

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## The Start of Christian Aid Week

Information and Notices for the week beginning 12 May 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 a 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.

### 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).

**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. Thank you.

**Children's Church** meets during the I I am Eucharist in the undercroft from the Gloria until the Peace. All children are welcome and they are asked to join the leaders at the back of church during the Gloria. Parents of children under four years of age are required to bring them down to the undercroft and if they are preschool to stay with their child for at least their first few visits. Once a preschool child is willing to stay on their own we ask parents to come and collect them at the Peace.

**Recordings** of recent sermons and Tuesday Talks are available on our website.

### 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

President: *The Very Reverend Matt Thompson*

Preacher: *Kate Ormerod, Christian Aid Regional Co-ordinator*

## 11am Choral Eucharist

Readings: *Acts 9.36-end; Revelation 7.9-end; John 10.22-30*

President and Preacher: *The Right Reverend Dr Rowan Williams*

## 3.30pm Choral Evensong with the Collation and Installation of the Archdeacon of Birmingham

President: *The Right Reverend David Urquhart*

Preacher: *The Reverend Canon Jennifer Tomlinson*

# Notices

**Installation service** This afternoon, the Bishop will be installing and collating the Reverend Canon Jenny Tomlinson as Archdeacon of Birmingham at 3.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please remember Jenny and her family in your prayers as she prepares to take up her new appointment.

**Christian Aid Week** this year is this week – 12-18 May! In addition to individual giving, the cathedral activity involves a bucket collection around the cathedral square throughout the day on Monday to Saturday. This needs plenty of collectors, and a couple of dozen people have kindly been involved on a rota basis in past years. We don't only need collectors, but people to give out and receive buckets and count cash (we have a particular need in this area this year). Any help would be hugely appreciated. Today, we welcome the Right Reverend Dr Rowan Williams, Chair of the Christian Aid Board, as our president and preacher at the 11am eucharist. Donation envelopes will be available. Please contact David Langton (in the choir) or Lucy Akehurst if you would like to offer any help. There are also some prayer booklets at the back of the cathedral for those who wish to make use of them.

**Sunday 19th May 2019** is World Inflammatory Bowel Disease Day, a day to raise awareness of a condition that affects many thousands here in the UK and over 10 million globally. There is an event to learn more at the Beynon Centre, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, on 18th May 10am – 1pm, and an awareness stand at New Street Station on 19th May, 10am – 3pm.

**Noreen Murray's funeral** will take place at St Augustine's Church, Edgbaston on 30 May at 12.30pm, followed at 13.45pm at Lodge Hill Crematorium and afterwards at the Eaton Hotel, Hagley Road. Please let Doug and Raine Davies know ASAP if you intend to go to the hotel (tel: 07783506347). No flowers please, but donations to St Basil's.

**Ascension Day** this year falls on Thursday 30 May. There will be a Sung Eucharist at 7.45pm with music from the Cathedral Choir (Lower Voices). All are welcome.

**Confirmation** The cathedral is holding a confirmation service on Pentecost Sunday (9 June). If anyone would like more information about being confirmed, please speak to one of the clergy.

**Nigel Hand** On Palm Sunday, the retirement of Canon Nigel was announced by the Dean. His final Sunday in the cathedral will be Sunday 7 July. Nigel has been Canon Missioner at Birmingham Cathedral since 2008, Acting Dean in 2017 and a much loved member of the Cathedral Community. Nigel and Judy will be retiring locally within Birmingham so we will not be losing them from our midst completely. Please remember Nigel, Judy and their family in these coming weeks as all the details and arrangements for their retirement fall into place and they prepare for the next stage of life and ministry together.

**Summer Fayre** On Friday 19 July the Cathedral Community Committee is organising a summer fayre to raise money for the Divine Beauty project. We will be looking for crafts, bric-a-brac, books and other items to help us to stock a variety of stalls. Further details will be available shortly.

## For your prayers

**Those for whom prayer has been requested:** Geoffrey Wilsher, Mary Partridge, Irene Lakin, Tony Stephenson, Shirley Knott, Margaret Phillips, Mary Spooner, Charlie Beattie, Stephen Wilcox, Jean Stevens, Beverley Hallahan, Vicky McGrath, Mary Lee, Ollie Partridge, Robert Howes, Eugene McGlynn, Omar Ferraro, Pam Jones, Carol Currier, Cheryl Harvey, Jess Hand, Fiona Paris, Jenny Hone, Heidi Ellis, Andrew Lancaster, Joy Morgan, Claire Woods, Danny Long, Francis Buchanan, Joseph Vella-Gafiero, Marion Phillips.

**Those who have died recently:** Noreen Murray.

**Anniversaries in the coming weeks:** Richard Kenneth Wilson (2009), Bishop Hugh Montefiore (2005), Dorothy May Poole (1984), Reginald James (2008), Robert Dolton (2007), Edith Mary Sumner (1997).

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# CATHEDRAL DIARY

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Start of Christian Aid Week	12	9.00am 11.00am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i> Preacher: <i>The Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams</i> Choral Evensong with the Collation and Installation of the Archdeacon of Birmingham <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i>
Monday	13	8.00am 12.30pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Free Guided Tour (meet at main entrance) Evening Prayer
Tuesday <i>Matthias the Apostle</i>	14	8.00am 1.10pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Tuesday Talks Shorter Choral Evensong <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i>
Wednesday	15	8.00am 11.30am 1.10pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Free Guided Tour (meet at main entrance) Holy Communion Shorter Choral Evensong <i>Boys' Voices</i>
Thursday <i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877</i>	16	8.00am 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Evening Prayer
Friday	17	8.00am 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Choral Evensong <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i>
Saturday	18	9.00am 3.30pm 5.00pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Evening Prayer Christian Aid Concert
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	19	9.00am 11.00am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i> Preacher: <i>The Reverend Canon Nigel Hand</i> Choral Evensong <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i>

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