

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Information and Notices for the week beginning 1 September 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 has now broken up for the holidays and will return in September. In the meantime, there are children's activity bags available. Please ask a steward for one.

Recordings of recent sermons 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 and Preacher: *The Very Reverend Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham*

11am Sung Eucharist

Readings: *Proverbs 25.6-7; Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16; Luke 14.7-14.*

President: *The Reverend Elaine King, Associate Priest*

Preacher: *The Very Reverend Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham*

3.30pm Evening Prayer

Officiant: *The Reverend Nick Parker*

Notices

In:Site 2019 Craft:Design:Make “In:Site by Craftspace” are presenting contemporary craft and design by emerging makers and designers for all to experience and take part in between 5–7 September in Cathedral Square. This is a free event and takes place between 11am and 5.30pm each day.

Visiting Choir On Saturday 7 September we welcome the choir of St Margaret's Church, Olton to sing Choral Evensong at 3.30pm. Please come along and support them if you are able.

The Bible Study Group restarts on Thursday 12 September from 2.15pm until 4pm in Candlemas Room, Floor 2 at 1 Colmore Row. New members are welcome to join us. Please bring a Bible (Old and New Testaments will be required). Further details are available from Pauline Stammers or Anne James.

Heritage Week The Cathedral is taking part in Birmingham Heritage Week again this year. Throughout the week, floral displays will reflect 150 years of the robed choir. The following activities are free and open to anyone to enjoy:

- Saturday 14 September 11am-12pm Tour of the Churchyard with Sally Nagel-Whyte.
- Sunday 15 September 1.30-3pm Architecture Tour of Birmingham Cathedral with Canon Dr Terry Slater.
- Monday 16 September 12.30-1pm Tour of the Cathedral with Jane McArdle.
- Wednesday 18 September 11.30-12pm Tour of the Cathedral with Andrew Packer.
- Sunday 22 September 3.30pm Choral Evensong for Heritage Week with the Cathedral Choir and Reverend Canon Dr Josephine Houghton.

Road Closure Parts of the A38 expressway will be closed between 10am and 4pm on Sunday 22 September. Further details will soon be available on our website, but please be aware that it may take longer than usual to get to the cathedral on this day.

Lunching Together invites the congregation to a soup and bread lunch on the 22 September after the 11am service. There will be a vegan and a meat-based soup. Please give your names to Pauline Stammers. Donations to the Malawi appeal will be welcome.

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, Eugene McGlynn, Omar Ferraro, Pam Jones, Carol Currier, Cheryl Harvey, Jess Hand, Jenny Hone, Heidi Ellis, Andrew Lancaster, Claire Woods, Danny Long, Frances Buchanan, Joseph Vella-Gafiero, Marion Phillips, Christine Whiteman, John Warren, Jeremy Alcock, Alec Paris.

Anniversaries in the coming weeks: George Oldershaw (1970), Norah Ferguson (2008), Yvonne Collins (2010).


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CATHEDRAL DIARY

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| Sunday | 1 | 9.00am 10.15am 11.00am 3.30pm | Holy Communion Contemplative Prayer Group <i>Matthew Room</i> Sung Eucharist Preacher: <i>The Very Reverend Matt Thompson</i> Evening Prayer |
| Monday | 2 | 8.00am 12.30pm 5.45pm | Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Free Guided Tour (meet at main entrance) Evening Prayer |
| Tuesday | 3 | 8.00am 5.45pm | Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday | 4 | 8.00am 11.30am 1.10pm 5.45pm | Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Free Guided Tour (meet at main entrance) Holy Communion Evening Prayer |
| Thursday | 5 | 8.00am 5.45pm | Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Evening Prayer |
| Friday | 6 | 8.00am 5.45pm | Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Evening Prayer |
| Saturday | 7 | 9.00am 3.30pm | Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Choral Evensong <i>Choir of St Margaret's Church, Olton</i> |
| Sunday | 8 | 9.00am 11.00am 3.30pm | Holy Communion Choral Eucharist <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i> Preacher: <i>The Reverend Canon Dr Josephine Houghton</i> Choral Evensong <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i> |

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

Please send items to notices@birminghamcathedral.com.