

Birmingham Cathedral

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday



Information and Notices for the week beginning 22 March 2020

Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral

Following national advice from the Archbishops issued on Tuesday 17 March, public worship at Birmingham Cathedral has been suspended for the time being. The Archbishops have challenged us to become “a different sort of church in these coming months”.

The Dean of Birmingham has written to everyone on the electoral roll, and in his letter notes that –

The cathedral is open The cathedral will be open for personal prayer and reflection Mondays-Fridays 0900-1500, and Saturdays and Sundays 1000-1500.

The rhythm of prayer continues The daily rhythm of prayer will be sustained privately within the cathedral outside cathedral opening hours, and some services will be livestreamed via our website (www.birminghamcathedral.com).

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Prayer resources are available A sheet with the reading and prayers for this Sunday will be posted on the website. You will also find there a link to Common Worship Daily Prayer to enable you to pray Morning and Evening Prayer, and Compline (Night Prayer) at home.

Care continues Within the boundaries of the advice given, we will be exploring ways of looking after one another and continuing the service of the diocese, the parish and the city region.

Today's services

9am Holy Communion

President and Preacher: The Bishop of Birmingham.

This service is closed to the public but will be livestreamed via the cathedral website at 0900 and repeated at 1100. See www.birminghamcathedral.com.

3.30pm Evening Prayer

This service is closed to the public but you may wish to consider praying at home at this time so we are gathered together in prayer.

Notices

Day of action today – Our Archbishops with other church leaders are calling for this Sunday 22 March to be a day of prayer and action, remembering especially those who are sick or anxious, and all involved in the Health Service. As one action, they are calling on everyone to place a lighted candle in their window at 7.00pm as a sign of solidarity and hope in the light of Christ that can never be extinguished. We're also invited to consider how we can offer prayer and practical support to one another, perhaps eg. through donations to local foodbanks for those in a position to do so.

Marion Phillips RIP – We are sad to announce the death of Marion Phillips, a past and loved member of the cathedral congregation, who returned to live in Jamaica in November 2017. She died in Jamaica on Friday 13 March. Her daughter Lorna writes "She loved the cathedral and would be pleased to be remembered"; she will notify us of funeral arrangements in due course.

Electoral roll If you are a regular member of the cathedral congregation and wish to attend and vote at the annual meeting you are required to be on the Electoral Roll. The annual revision of the electoral roll has to be completed by Sunday 29 March this year. This is an updating of the existing roll not the preparation of a new roll; only those who are not already on the roll need to take any action. Under current circumstances, please email enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com if you would like an application form and we shall email this to you.

Lent book – The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2020 is Ruth Valerio, *Saying Yes to Life*. The meeting on 24 March to discuss it has been cancelled but each chapter of the book contains questions for reflection should you wish to ponder these at home.

#LiveLent – Care for God’s Creation app. This free app provides a Bible reading, short reflection, and a suggested action for each day of Lent. It is available for iOS and Android:

iOS: cofe.io/iOSLiveLent

Android: cofe.io/AndroidLiveLent

Stewardship In these uncertain times, we are currently budgeting for a 100% drop in income from service collections and a 90% drop in income from the donations box. We are acutely aware of the pressures and uncertainties on you personally also. If this is a time when you might consider moving your regular giving to the parish giving scheme, please visit www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk or if you feel able to make a contribution to support the cathedral please visit our home page and click the link to donate.

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, Eugene McGlynn, Omar Ferraro, Pam Jones, Cheryl Harvey, Jenny Hone, Heidi Ellis, Andrew Lancaster, Danny Long, Frances Buchanan, Christine Whiteman, John Warren, Alec Paris, Janet Knox, Rodney Whiteman, Derek Owen, Jennifer Owen, Priscilla White, Vanico James, Fred Jesson, Nader Farahnak, Margaret Boggis, Peter Tod, Lorys Davies, Sara Packer, Barbara Wakelin.

Those who have died recently: Marion Phillips.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Basil Moss (2006), Audrey Norbury (2015), Margaret Rider (2011), Edith Fischer (2013)

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The following readings will be used in the cathedral during this week; you may like to read them at home.

Sunday	22	<i>Holy Communion</i> I Samuel 16.1-13	<i>Evening Prayer</i> Psalm 31.1-8
Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)		Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9	Micah 7 James 5
Monday	23	Psalm 30 Isaiah 65.17-21 John 4.43-end	Psalm 25 Jeremiah 17.5-18 John 9.18-end
Tuesday	24	Psalm 46.1-8 Ezekiel 47.1-9,12 John 5.1-3,5-16	Psalm 85 Genesis 3.8-15 Galatians 4.1-5
<i>Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396; Paul Couturier, priest, ecumenist, 1953; Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980</i>			
Wednesday	25	Psalm 40.5-11 Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38	Psalms 131.146 Isaiah 52.1-12 Hebrews 2.5-end
Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary			
Thursday	26	Psalm 106.19-23 Exodus 32.7-14 John 5.31-end	Psalm 94 Jeremiah 19.1-13 John 10.22-end
<i>Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883</i>			
Friday	27	Psalm 34.15-end Jeremiah 26.8-11 John 7.1-2,10,25-30	Psalm 16 Jeremiah 19.14-20.6 John 11.1-16
Saturday	28	Psalm 7.1-2,8-10 Jeremiah 11.18-20 John 7.40-52	Psalm 140 Jeremiah 20.7-end John 11.17-27
Sunday	29	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45	Psalm 30 Lamentations 3.19-33 Matthew 20.17-end
Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)			