

Birmingham Cathedral

The Baptism of Christ

Information and Notices for week beginning 10 January 2021



Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral

We hope that you and your loved ones remain well and safe in the coming days. Please note that owing to the current situation, the cathedral will be closed for private prayer for the time being; this will be reviewed weekly and we look forward to reopening as soon as we can. Services will continue as planned in the cathedral and online and you will find details of these below, with the exception of Choral Evensong on Wednesdays which has paused during lockdown. However, as always, you may wish to check the cathedral website before travelling; our website address and other contact details are in the Keeping in Touch section at the end.

This week's services

Sunday 10 January – The Baptism of Christ

9.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

11am Choral Eucharist – *in the cathedral (ticketed) and online*

President: The Reverend Elaine King *Associate Priest*

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Andy Delmege *Canon Missioner*

Readings: *Philippians 2.1–11; Mark 3.1–12*

3.30pm Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral (ticketed) and online*

Monday 11 Jan 7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Tuesday 12 Jan 7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

5.45pm Shorter Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral*

Wednesday 13 Jan 7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Thursday 14 Jan 7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Friday 15 Jan 7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

5.45pm Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral*

8.00pm Compline – *online only*

Saturday 16 Jan 8.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*
9.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Sunday 17 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

11am Choral Eucharist – *in the cathedral (ticketed) and online*

President: The Very Reverend Matt Thompson *Dean of Birmingham*

Preacher: The Reverend Professor David Cheetham *Associate Priest*

Readings: *James 2.1–8; Mark 10.46–52*

3.30pm Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral (ticketed) and online*

Notices

Services during lockdown As things stand, we plan to continue to hold services in the cathedral and online, details of which are listed above. During the lockdown whilst schools are shut, our choristers are not able to sing in the cathedral, and we wish them and their families well during the coming weeks. This means that the Wednesday Choral Evensong will pause during this time, but other choral services will continue, sung by the choir adults.

Jesus Shaped People The cathedral community begins Jesus Shaped People on Sunday 10th January. JSP allows us to look deeply and practically at Jesus' teaching, allowing it to shape and form us. It will take the form of Sunday Sermons and groups on Zoom. These will be on Thursdays either from 1.30 to 3.00 or 7.30 to 9.00. To join the groups, please email enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com or contact Canon Andy. For further details, please see <http://www.birminghamcathedral.com/followme/>; the sermon series as it unfolds will also be available via this link. Please keep JSP and the cathedral in your prayers that it may help us on our journey to Christ-likeness and that it will bring us more together in this dispersed time.

Mary Partridge RIP My mother, Mary Partridge, died peacefully on Christmas Eve at the age of 97. I would like to thank everyone who prayed for her for such a long time. Gill Partridge.

Sunday 17 January On Sunday 17 January there is a short said service of Holy Communion at 9am; a Choral Eucharist at 11am; and Choral Evensong at 3.30pm with entrance by ticket in order to enable social distancing. Booking will be open from Monday 11 Jan at 12noon until Friday 15 January at 4pm. To book your ticket, please visit:

Sunday 17 January at 9am – <https://9am17january.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sunday 17 January at 11am – <https://11am17january.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sunday 17 January at 3.30pm – <https://330pm17january.eventbrite.co.uk>

If you do not have internet access, please ring the cathedral office on 0121 262 1840 once booking opens and we will complete the booking with you. Following government guidance, booking details will be retained for 21 days to enable contact tracing.

A Service of Light incorporating A Ceremony of Carols – Sadly this service, which was planned for Friday 29 January, has been cancelled. In its place, we plan to hold a service of Choral Evensong in the cathedral at 5.45pm that day.

Daily Hope The Archbishop of Canterbury's free national phone line continues to be available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044. It offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

Dispersing after services Under current restrictions, we are asked to disperse straight after services. Choir families will need to wait outside the cathedral to collect choristers but others are asked please to try to avoid gathering outside for the moment. We all look forward to seeing each other and know what a hard thing this is. For the time being the clergy will stop coming outside at the end of Sunday services as we try to adhere to the restrictions – whilst very much looking forward to the time when it will be possible again, hopefully before too long. As ever, should you want to get in touch including with any prayer requests or pastoral concerns, please feel free to, using the contact details at the end of this notice sheet.

Face coverings in the cathedral Those who come into the cathedral for private prayer are required to wear face coverings unless they have a valid exemption, consistent with the requirements for any other public space. Those officiating at services continue to be exempt.

Let's Feed Brum We are delighted that the cathedral is working with Let's Feed Brum to offer a hot breakfast to people who are homeless or hungry each Tuesday and Thursday morning in Cathedral Square. For more details of this and how to help, please click here:

<http://www.birminghamcathedral.com/letsfeedbrum/>
or speak to Canon Andy.

Midweek services Tickets are not required for midweek services but you will be asked on the day for your details for contact tracing purposes.

Pastoral listening service The Church of England Birmingham has set up a dedicated phone line offering pastoral support and prayer for anyone whose loved one has died recently in hospital, residential care, or at home; and support to those who are anxious about relatives who are gravely ill. To access this ministry, please dial: 0121 426 0405 and leave a message with your name and telephone number. A member of the pastoral team will call you back as soon as possible – usually within 24 hours.

Private prayer in Birmingham Cathedral The cathedral is now closed for private prayer. This decision will be reviewed weekly and we look forward to reopening as soon as we can. Please check www.birminghamcathedral.com for any updates.

Safeguarding If you need to contact someone with a safeguarding concern, please call our Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, Steph Haynes, on 07717 205215 or Deputy Safeguarding Officer, Anna Pitt, on 07769 216890. If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999.

Stewardship We are immensely grateful for financial support received from the congregation and supporters during what we know is an uncertain time for many. As you may know, roughly a third of the Cathedral's income comes from donations, fundraising and income from lettings and events; all of which have been impacted significantly in 2020. Whilst we have been grateful to receive additional support from the government and Church Commissioners in 2020, the outlook for 2021 and beyond remains unclear. With that in mind, your generous support is an important source of financial sustainability for the cathedral in the future. If this is a time when you might consider moving your regular giving to the parish giving scheme, please visit www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk; you will need these details – Church/Parish Name: St Philip; PGS Parish Code: 020602001. Alternatively, if you feel able to make a contribution to support the cathedral please visit our home page and click on the link to donate; cheques may be made payable to Birmingham Cathedral Chapter.

For your prayers

In this cold weather, you may like to use this prayer by the Columban Missionaries for those experiencing homelessness:

Heavenly Father

Thank you for who you are and for giving us hope.

We pray for those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus

stations.

For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime.

For families broken because they could not afford to pay the rent.

For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.

For those who have no place to keep possessions.

For those who are afraid and feel hopeless.

For all people affected by homelessness, we pray that you will help us to provide shelter, security, comfort and hope.

Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless person we meet so that we may be empowered through word and deed, and through all the means we have, to bring justice and peace in their time of need.

Stir our hearts to move more deeply in our walk with you, so that we can be active to share your love with our neighbours and the community.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

<https://columbans.co.uk/pray/4973/a-prayer-for-the-homeless/>, abridged

Those for whom prayer has been requested: Irene Lakin, Shirley Knott, Stephen Wilcox, Debbie Wilcox, Jean Stevens, Beverley Hallahan, Eugene McGlynn, Cheryl Harvey, Frances Buchanan, Christine Whiteman, Rodney Whiteman, John Warren, Alec Paris, Derek Owen, Jennifer Owen, Priscilla White, Vanico James, Margaret Boggis, Lorys Davies, Sara Packer, Jane Kenchington, Zoë Chidlow, Marlene Parsons, Paul New, Poppy Bailey, Sr Christine CSJD, Heather Maxim, Angela Collingwood, Amelia Lightfoot, Iseult Owen, Tara Torbati, Mohammed Torbati, Marjan Torbati, Zara Chaharmir, and Nicholas Williamson.

Recently departed: Mary Partridge, Peter Hunter.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Jean Lloyd (2005), Luke Arnold (2017), David Newton (2012), Ivy Hurst (2008), Kath Wooldridge (2004), May Evelyn Gibbons (1963), Molly Delany (2008).

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