

## Birmingham Cathedral

### Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Information and Notices for week beginning 25 July 2021



## Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral

Following the government's lifting of restrictions and the publication of updated guidance from The Church of England, we have considered carefully next steps at Birmingham Cathedral and shall proceed cautiously during this next phase, conscious of current infection rates; differing views within the cathedral community about the pace of change; and aware that we may need to return to a more limited model if the government reintroduces restrictions. Details of the principal elements are outlined in this notice sheet.

### This week's services

#### Sunday 25 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral (ticketed)*

11am Communion in the Cathedral – *in the cathedral (ticketed) and online*

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

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Andy Delmege *Canon Missioner*

Readings: *Isaiah 61.1–9; Luke 4.14–21*

#### Monday 26 July

**James the Apostle**

7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

#### Tuesday 27 July

7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

#### Wednesday 28 July

7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1.10pm Holy Communion in traditional language – *in the cathedral*

#### Thursday 29 July

7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

#### Friday 30 July

7.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

8.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

8.00pm Compline – *online only*

#### Saturday 31 July

8.40am Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

9.00am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

## **Sunday 1 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

9am Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

11am Communion in the Cathedral – *in the cathedral (ticketed) and online*

President: The Reverend Canon Dr Josephine Houghton *Canon Precentor*

Preacher: The Reverend Professor David Cheetham *Associate Priest*

Readings: *Exodus 16.2–4, 9–15; John 6.24–35*

Online services are available via [www.birminghamcathedral.com](http://www.birminghamcathedral.com) or our YouTube channel.

## **Notices**

**Summer Family Day** Come and discover the Churchyard Trail and build a windmill in Cathedral Square on Monday 26 July 11am – 1pm. All are welcome to pop in to this FREE family event.

**Jesus Shaped People** JSP concludes this week. The final sessions will be on Thursday 29 July from 1.30pm – 3.00pm and 7.30pm – 9.00pm (the evening group repeats what is done in the afternoon). The Zoom link is the same for these sessions; should you need this, please contact [enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com).

**Eucharists on Sunday 1 August** The 9am Eucharist will no longer be ticketed with effect from 1 August. Booking for the 11am Communion in the Cathedral will be open from Monday 26 July at 12noon until Friday 30 July at 4pm. To book your ticket, please visit – <https://11am1august.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.

Booking details will be retained for 21 days to enable contact tracing.

### **Worship at Birmingham Cathedral from 25 July 2021**

*We have sought to find an appropriate and safe balance for worship at Birmingham Cathedral in this next phase; the principal elements are as follows:*

**Health:** Please do not attend if you are unwell or you or a member of your household has Covid symptoms; has tested positive for Covid; or has been asked to self-isolate.

**Face coverings:** Masks are warmly recommended for services and when visiting the cathedral unless you are exempt, although these are no longer required by law, as part of our care for one another.

**Arriving and leaving:** The cathedral will be opened 20 minutes before services and closed afterwards for cleaning. Please sanitise your hands on the way in and move away from the doors as you leave so others can exit safely.

**Services with full social distancing:** The following services will continue to have full social distancing arrangements in place (arrangements for seating for Choral Evensong will be reviewed and advertised in September when the new choir term begins)

Sunday 0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Mon 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online (0840 on Bank Holidays)*  
0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral (0900 on Bank Holidays)*

Tue 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*  
0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Wed 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*  
0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*  
1310 Holy Communion in traditional language – *in the cathedral*

Thurs 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*  
0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Fri 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*  
0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Sat 0840 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*  
0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

**1100 Sunday Communion in the Cathedral:** Over the summer whilst the choir is on holiday, the main Sunday service is Communion in the Cathedral – a said Eucharist which will include two hymns (see below), an organ meditation or recorded choir anthem, and short sermon; this service will be livestreamed.

**Seating:** Seating at this service will include a number of complete rows towards the front of the cathedral so those who wish to sit together in larger groups can do so, but with 2m between each row so there is no-one sitting immediately behind; the ticketing system will ensure reduced numbers in the building so not every seat will be filled. There will also be several pairs of chairs towards the back of the cathedral, plus a small number of seats in the side aisles, for those who wish to maintain social distancing individually or as a household.

**Tickets:** The 1100 Sunday service will continue to be ticketed. If you arrive on the day without a ticket and there is room up to our capped capacity (which is less than the number of chairs to allow for gaps), you will be welcome, but you are strongly advised to book.

*Singing:* Congregational singing will be introduced very slowly at the I I am Sunday Eucharist, beginning with just two hymns through the summer at the Offertory and before the final Blessing.

*The Peace:* For the time being, the invitation to share the Peace will continue to be omitted from our services; please remain in your place at this point.

*Communion:* Communion will be distributed in one kind – the bread only, given to the hand. The clergy distributing Communion will continue to wear face coverings. Hand sanitiser will be available or you may prefer to bring your own.

*Refreshments:* We are not yet at a point of resuming refreshments after the I I am Sunday Eucharist.

**Contact tracing:** We are no longer required to take details for contact tracing purposes but there will continue to be an option to scan the NHS Track and Trace QR code or to sign in manually. For ticketed services, contact details will be held for 21 days as before and then destroyed.

**Giving:** No collection will be taken during services, and giving continues to be invited using the contactless donation machines in the building or online; please see also the notice on Stewardship below.

**Livestream:** We shall continue to livestream a number of services through the week including the I I am Sunday Eucharist; Morning Prayer Mondays – Saturdays; and Choral Evensong on Sundays in choir termtime (this will resume in September), plus special services which will be advertised in advance. Please note that your attendance at one of these services indicates your consent to this and speak to the Verger on duty if you have any concerns. There are a number of services throughout the week which are not streamed for those for whom this is important.

**Visiting Birmingham Cathedral:** From Monday 26 July, midweek opening hours for the cathedral will increase to 10am – 2pm Mondays – Saturdays for those who want to visit or to pray. Chairs will be available for those who wish to sit and it will continue to be possible to light a candle. Please check [www.birminghamcathedral.com](http://www.birminghamcathedral.com) for any updates.

**Gore Lecture** The First Annual Gore Lecture (Anglican Social Vision: Past, Present and Future) will be held on Thursday 16 September at 7.30pm inside Birmingham Cathedral, led by the Right Reverend John Perumbalath, Bishop of Bradwell. Please register your interest to attend this free lecture at [enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com](mailto:enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com).

**Book a FREE place on our churchyard tours** – Take a short tour of the churchyard at Birmingham Cathedral. All are welcome. Meet at the main door at 12.30pm. All places are free, however donations are welcome. To reserve your place on a Monday tour, please book at <https://bit.ly/bhamchurchyard>.

**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.

**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.

**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 were impacted significantly in 2020. Whilst we were 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](http://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.

**Vaccine Twinning** If you have been vaccinated we would encourage you to donate to the Unicef Vaccine Twinning Programme. Your donations will ensure

vaccinations for vulnerable people and health workers in low income countries. More details on how to give here:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/coronavirus/>

## For your prayers

Wednesday 28 July is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Convention on Refugees. The following meditation on the Lord's Prayer was written by refugees from El Salvador, and published by Cafod:

**Our Father who art in Heaven,**

you want us your children to build a new earth of sisterhood and brotherhood, not a hell of violence and death.

**Holy be your name,**

that in your name Lord, let there be no abuse, no oppression and no manipulation of the conscience and liberty of your children.

**Your Kingdom come,**

not the kingdom of fear, force or money, of seeking peace through war.

**Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven,**

in this land of ours and in sister lands which echo with gunfire and cries of fear.

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

the bread of peace, Lord, so that we can sow our maize and beans, watch them grow and share them together as a family.

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Do not let our relationships be based on self-interest. Let us change laments for songs of life, clenched fists for outstretched hands and the weeping of widows and orphans for smiles.

**Lead us not into temptation,**

the temptation to conform, to do nothing: the temptation not to collaborate with you in the search for justice and peace.

**But deliver us from evil,**

from behaving like Cain to our brothers and sisters, from believing ourselves rulers over life and death.

**For yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory.**

You are our hope of salvation, in you we place our trust.

[https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/666/6022/version/8/file/Prayer\\_refugees\\_refugee-prayers.pdf](https://cafod.org.uk/content/download/666/6022/version/8/file/Prayer_refugees_refugee-prayers.pdf)

**Those for whom prayer has been requested:** Irene Lakin, Shirley Knott, Stephen Wilcox, Debbie Wilcox, Beverley Hallahan, Eugene McGlynn, Frances Buchanan, John Warren, Derek Owen, Jennifer Owen, Priscilla White, Vanico James, Margaret Boggis, Sara Packer, Poppy Bailey, Heather Maxim, Angela Collingwood, Tara Torbati, Mohammed Torbati, Marjan Torbati, Zara Chaharmir, Irene Johnson, and Charles Marks.

**Recently departed:** Dawn Foster.

**Anniversaries in the coming week:** Jane Evelyn Tyler (1990), Matthew Beattie (2010), Hazel Shelton (2009).

## Keeping in touch



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