

Advent Sunday

Information and Notices for the week beginning 2 December 2018



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 this 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.

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. You can also donate through www.justgiving.com/birminghamcathedral or by sending a text to 70070. In the body of the text you need to put CATH01 (CATH zero one) followed by the amount you wish to donate e.g. CATH01 £5. Thank you.

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).

Children's Church meets during the I I am Eucharist in the undercroft, which is at the bottom of the stairs at the back of the cathedral. Please join us during the Gloria, and we will return at the Peace. Parents of children under four years who wish to come with their child are welcome to join us.

Recordings are available at

www.birminghamcathedral.com/recentevents (sermons) and at www.birminghamcathedral.com/TuesdayTalks (Tuesday Talks).

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

The Reverend Canon Nigel Hand

11am Choral Eucharist *Girls and Lower Voices*

Readings: *Jeremiah 33.14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-36;*

President: *The Reverend Dr David Cheetham*

Preacher: *The Reverend Canon Nigel Hand*

4pm Advent Procession *Boys and Lower Voices*

and the Chapel Choir and Choral Society of the Blue Coat School

Notices

Give a coat and warm a heart – We will be displaying winter coats outside the cathedral from Friday 16 November. These will be available to the homeless and people in need. Anyone able to donate a coat, please bring it along to the dedicated collection chalet within the Christmas Market in Cathedral Square. The chalet will be open 10am – 6pm Monday to Saturday and 1pm – 6pm on Sundays. **We also need help to distribute the donated coats to those in need and to sort the items ready to be displayed outside the cathedral.** If you can help, please contact stephen.brooker@birminghamcathedral.com

IBD awareness week begins on Saturday 1st December 2018 until Friday 7th December 2018. IBD is short for Inflammatory Bowel Disease also known as Crohns Disease and Colitis. There is a slight difference between the two, Colitis affects the Colon and Crohns effects the wider digestive and bowel area. It affects thousands of people here in the UK every year, and as of yet, there is no cure for the condition. We give thanks to all IBD nurses, doctors, consultants and surgeons throughout the hospitals here in the UK. Further information and more details as regards to Crohns and Colitis can be found at www.crohnsandcolitisuk.org

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet before the 11am service TODAY. We will meet in Matthew (behind the South Altar) at 10.15am. Please feel free to join us between 10.15am and 10.45am, for the whole or part of the time. Pauline Stammers

The Flower Arrangers will be holding a sale TODAY Advent Sunday 2 December after the 11am Eucharist. Table decorations, flowers and homemade goodies: please come and support us; all proceeds will go towards the Cathedral Christmas flowers.

Christian Aid Market Stall: A plea for volunteers to help with the Christian Aid Market Stall on 12 and 13 December. Contact enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com

City Centre Churches Together are holding a Carol Singing event together on Thursday 13 December. The group will be meeting outside St Martin's at 4.30pm and will finish near M&S in the High Street about 5.30pm. Further details from Pauline Stammers.

There will be a **Christian Aid Concert** at the Cathedral on Friday 14 December at 7pm featuring talented young musicians from The Young Strings Project and Ex Cathedra Junior and Children's Academy. £10 tickets available on the door.

Tickets can now be reserved for Handel's Messiah performed by the Cathedral Choir. Come and enjoy our superb performance of this famous choral masterpiece in the beautiful setting of Birmingham Cathedral. A rare opportunity to enjoy famous movements such as 'For unto us a child is born', 'I know that my redeemer liveth' and the iconic 'Hallelujah!'. Admission on the door is £15 (£13 Concessions) Saturday 15 December at 7pm. Tickets can be reserved by visiting www.birminghamcathedral.com/Messiah.

New Year interactive project: The Reverend Elaine King is working on a project for visitors to the Cathedral at the end of the year / start of the New Year. Do you have any scraps of material which you could cut into 10cms (4 inches) squares for this project? - it doesn't matter how tatty the material, because she wants all sorts: patterned, plain, posh, scruffy. If you can help, please give whatever you can cut out to Elaine or Geoff, on any Sunday until 16 December.

A group from the Cathedral is meeting on Sunday 16 December after the 11am service to go to House of Fraser sixth floor restaurant for lunch. There is a one, two, or three course Christmas menu available and also soup and a bread roll, salads and sandwiches. Further details from Pauline Stammers.

Volunteers wanted to make Christingle oranges: A team will be making Christingle oranges ready for them to be given to those attending the service on Wednesday 19 December. As in previous years we are looking for volunteers to help to make the Christingle oranges on Tuesday 18 December from 12.30pm onwards. There will be refreshments provided. If you can help we would be very grateful. Please email enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com for further information about getting involved.

Carol Singing for Christian Aid (a request from David Langton): For some years now, a group of us have sung carols outside the cathedral for an hour one night before Christmas to raise money for Christian Aid, typically raising a very worthwhile £200 or so. This year there may be an opportunity to improve on this due to the presence of the Christmas Market, and it is also an opportunity to represent the specifically Christian reason for the celebrations. So we will gather on Wednesday 19 December starting singing at 5pm, for an hour. We will be able to muster four parts, and harmonies will be taken from Carols for Choirs. If you have a copy of Carols for Choirs Book 1, or 100 Carols for Choirs, it would be helpful if you could bring it along.

Anyone is welcome to participate. In order for me to have a view on the balance between the four parts and how many carol books we might need to provide, it would be helpful if you could let me know if you can come, which part you sing (or the tune), and whether you will be able to bring your own carol book. I'm on davidlangton1955@hotmail.co.uk or phone me on 07841 223588. Alternatively catch me in person after the service. Don't feel though that if you haven't said that you will come that you can't do so – just turn up. Non-singing volunteers are also needed to carry collecting tins and buckets.

Feeding the homeless: The cathedral and Let's Feed Brum will be running a homeless Christmas Dinner event again this year. Time to be confirmed, but it will be the afternoon of Saturday 22 December. If there is any way you can help, please email enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com for more information.

Cathedral Guide Book: With the support of History West Midlands we are soon to be reprinting the Cathedral Guide Book, and would like a new image of the Cathedral to go on the front. If you have an image you'd like to be considered please send it to jane.mcardle@birminghamcathedral.com. The resolution needs to be as good as possible and the image needs to be portrait rather than landscape.

Christmas Cards are now available to purchase in batches of 10 for £3.50. If you would like to buy some of this year's design, please visit our website, email enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com or see Sandra Oakes who has kindly offered to sell these after the Sunday services.

Due to members of the **Coffee Rota** taking on other roles, we again invite volunteers to join us in serving refreshments (approximately once every six/seven weeks) after the 11am Sunday morning Eucharist. If you are interested, please contact speak to a Church Warden or contact David Whyte (0121 475 1042) or email David.L.Whyte@gmail.com

Homemade Christmas Puddings – Back by popular request: The Flower Arrangers are taking orders for homemade Christmas puddings again this year. Please complete the order form inside your service sheet and hand it to Judith Piggott, Judith Whalley or Madeline Sandilands. All proceeds will go towards the Cathedral Christmas Flowers.

The production of 'Praying Together' has been delayed this time, and we know many of you are keen to have the most recent copy. We are assured that they will be available this week and have requested an increase in the number delivered to the cathedral for distribution. It is encouraging how well used this publication is. Apologies to those who have missed having it in recent weeks.

The Music Department is looking for additional adult volunteers, particularly to help with Choir Teas on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and also with chaperoning at concerts. If you might be able to offer your assistance, please speak to Pauline Stammers in person for further information or alternatively email David Hardie on David.Hardie@birminghamcathedral.com. Thank you!

For your prayers

Those for whom prayer has been requested: Geoffrey Wilsher, Mary Partridge, Sidney Christian, Irene Lakin, Tony Stephenson, Shirley Knott, Margaret Phillips, Reg Hitchman, Mary Spooner, Henry Burgess, Charlie Beattie, Noreen Murray, Joan Bates, Stephen Wilcox, Jean Stevens, Beverley Hallahan, Vicky McGrath, Mary Lee, Ollie Partridge, Robert Howes, Eugene McGlynn, Omar Ferraro, Pam Jones, Carol Currier, David Morgan, Mary Tyson, Cheryl Harvey, Jess Hand, Fiona Paris, Jenny Hone, Heidi Ellis, Andrew Lancaster, Maureen Finn, Cildred Clarke.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Hazel Clarke (2000)

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detailing everything happening
in the Cathedral during
November and December
is available from the back of the Cathedral.
Please take a copy!
It's also available on our website.



Handel's
MESSIAH

Performed by Birmingham Cathedral Choir
(Boys, Girls and Lower Voices)

Saturday 15 December, 2018 7pm

Handel's masterpiece for choir and orchestra,
conducted by David Hardie.

Admission £15 (£13 Concessions)

birminghamcathedral.com/messiah

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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS AUTUMN 2018

1.10pm in St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham
Free entry with retiring collection

Monday 10th September

Abigail Davies (Cello) *Royal Northern College of Music.*
Music for cello by Bach, Lalo, Martinu, Bloch and Squire.

Monday 24th September

Samuel Bristow (Organ) *Birmingham Cathedral*
"London and Leipzig: A Romantic Affair"
featuring music by Mendelssohn, Stanford, Wagner and Parry

Monday 8th October

Curzon Brass *Royal Birmingham Conservatoire*
playing a variety of music for trumpet, horn, trombone and tuba.

Monday 15th October

Frank Oidtmann (Organ) *Evangelisches Stift, Tübingen, Germany*
Organ music by Marcel Dupre, JS Bach and Otto Dienel

Monday 22nd October

Boglárka György (Violin) Andrei Ivanov (Piano) *Royal Birmingham Conservatoire*
Music by Brahms and Schubert

Monday 5th November

Joshua Stephens (Organ) *Sheffield Cathedral*
Organ music by Bach, de Grigny, Bingham and Vierne

Monday 19th November

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Early Music Department
A programme of Baroque music performed on period instruments,
including Bach's Brandenburg Concerto no.3, flute music by Francois Couperin,

Monday 3rd December

Angela Zienko (Violin/Viola) and Kasia Skupien (Piano)
Music by Bach, Schubert and Rachmaninoff

CATHEDRAL DIARY

Sunday Advent Sunday	2	9.00am 10.15am 11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Contemplative Prayer Group <i>in Matthew Room</i> Choral Eucharist <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i> Preacher: <i>The Revd Canon Nigel Hand</i> Advent Procession <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i> <i>and the Chapel Choir and Choral Society</i> <i>of the Blue Coat School</i>
Monday <i>Francis Xavier, Missionary d.1552</i>	3	8.00am 12.30pm 1.10pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Free Guided Tour (<i>meet by main door</i>) Concert <i>Angela Zienko (Violin/Viola)</i> <i>and Kasia Skupien (Piano)</i> Evening Prayer
Tuesday <i>John of Damascus, Monk d.749</i>	4	8.00am 1.10pm 6.00pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Tuesday Talks Carol Service Gowling WLG Carol Service
Wednesday	5	8.00am 11.00am 1.10pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Barclays Bank Pensioners' Carol Service Choral Communion <i>St Philip's Singers</i> Evening Prayer
Thursday Nicholas, Bishop d.326	6	8.00am 2.00pm 3.00pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Bible Study Group <i>Candlemas Room</i> Birmingham City University Carol Service Evening Prayer
Friday Ambrose, Bishop d.397	7	8.00am 2.30pm 5.45pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion West House School Carol Service Evening Prayer
Saturday Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 4.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Shoppers' Carol Service Evening Prayer Flatpack Cinema Screening Flatpack Cinema Screening
Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent	9	9.00am 11.00am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist <i>Boys and Lower Voices</i> Preacher: <i>The Revd Dr David Cheetham</i> Choral Evensong <i>Girls and Lower Voices</i>

Please send items to notices@birminghamcathedral.com by noon on Thursdays.