

Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral

This week's services

Sunday 29 January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1100 Choral Eucharist – *in the cathedral and online*

President: The Reverend Canon Andy Delmege *Canon Missioner*

Deacon and Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr Josephine Houghton *Canon Precentor*

Readings: *1 Kings 17.8–16; 1 Corinthians 1.18–end; John 2.1–11*

1530 RSCM Evensong with Choir and Orchestra – *in the cathedral and online*

Monday 30 Jan 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1745 Evening Prayer – *in the cathedral*

Tuesday 31 Jan 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1745 Evening Prayer – *in the cathedral*

Wednesday 1 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

Feb 0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1310 Holy Communion in traditional language – *in the cathedral*

1745 Shorter Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral*

Thursday 2 Feb 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

Presentation of 0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

Christ in the 1745 Evening Prayer – *in the cathedral*

Temple 1945 Choral Eucharist – *in the cathedral and online*

Candlemas

Friday 3 Feb 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1745 Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral*

2000 Compline – *online only*

Saturday 4 Feb 0840 Morning Prayer – *online only*

1100 Readers Admission and Licensing Service – *in the cathedral and online*

1530 Evening Prayer – *in the cathedral*

Sunday 5 February – Third Sunday before Lent

0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1100 Choral Eucharist – *in the cathedral and online*

President: The Reverend Colleen Shekerie *Cathedral Chaplain*

Deacon and Preacher: The Reverend Elaine King *Associate Priest*

Readings: *Isaiah 58.1–9a; 1 Corinthians 2.1–12; Matthew 5.13–20*

1530 Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral and online*

Online services are available via www.birminghamcathedral.com or our YouTube channel.

Notices

Response to LLF and Prayers of Love and Faith In advance of General Synod in February, the House of Bishops has published its response to the Living in Love and Faith process, together with a pastoral letter and the text of some draft prayers. A statement from Bishop Anne, as Acting Bishop of Birmingham, is here: <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/news-stories/living-in-love-and-faith.php>.

As the Bishops acknowledge, for some people, the draft prayers go further than they are comfortable with; for others, they do not go nearly so far as they would wish. They are not yet in their final form: they will be discussed at General Synod next month before returning to the House of Bishops for further amendments. Once finalised, the cathedral clergy, with Chapter's joyful support, will look to offer these resources at the earliest possible opportunity, whilst recognising that this is one milestone on a longer journey. As a cathedral, we are conscious that these matters affect many of us very personally, and all of us in our common life. Those who themselves identify as LGBT+ who are keenly affected or may be wrestling with how these discussions directly impact upon their lives, relationships, and calling, are invited to seek support from the diocesan LGBT+ Chaplaincy Support Team. More information and a link to request a confidential conversation can be found via this link:

<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/news-stories/lgbt-chaplaincy-support.php>. The team includes our Cathedral Chaplain, The Reverend Colleen Shekerie.

RSCM Evensong with Choir and Orchestra We are very pleased to welcome back the RSCM for an Evensong with Choir and Orchestra on Sunday 29 January at 1530. Everyone is welcome to attend in person. The service will also be livestreamed.

Restore training Restore is a Birmingham Churches Together project which supports refugees and asylum seekers in Birmingham through befriending and advocacy. The next befriending training course begins on Wednesday 1 February at 1915 via Zoom. There are three sessions, after which participants can apply to volunteer, and the course is open to anyone interested in finding out more about refugee issues. For more information about the work of Restore, please see <https://www.restore-uk.org/> or speak to Canon Josephine.

Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Everyone is warmly invited to a Choral Eucharist on Thursday 2 February at 1945. This beautiful service of Holy Communion includes music, candles, and incense, and marks our final look at Christmas before we turn towards Lent which is near.

Readers' Admission and Licensing – Saturday 4 February We are looking forward to welcoming candidates for Admission and Licensing as Readers to the cathedral on Saturday 4 February. In order to accommodate this service, Morning Prayer that day will be online only and there will not be a service of Holy Communion at 0900. Please keep all the candidates and their parishes in your prayers.

Palm crosses Canon Josephine is planning to burn palm crosses from previous years to create ash for use on Ash Wednesday and should be glad to receive your old palm crosses! Please bring these to the cathedral by Sunday 12 February at the latest. Many thanks.

Lent Quiet Day The Revd Hazel White will lead us in a Quiet Day on Saturday 18 March (both in the cathedral and online). Hazel is Vicar of Selly Oak and Bishop's Advisor for Spirituality. More details soon.

Lent Course We will be following the Church of England's Living in Love and Faith Course during Lent. This will be on Zoom on the evenings of March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. More details to follow.

New streaming arrangements In recent months, we have been delighted to welcome many people back to the cathedral to worship here in person, and also to meet new worshippers who have made their home with us. We remain committed to streaming a number of services for those for whom attendance in person is not possible, whilst also preserving a number of services which are not streamed for those for whom personal safety and privacy are a concern. We are aware that the sound quality on the stream is variable currently and our sound engineers are working with us on a solution, so we hope this will improve in the coming weeks. For logistical reasons, we are changing our arrangements for

streaming to make it sustainable in the long term. Streams are now available on the Birmingham Cathedral YouTube Channel and through the main page of the cathedral website – scroll down to the ‘What’s On’ section and click on the link for the relevant service: this will take you through to the stream. From the start of February, streams of Choral and Sung Services will be taken down on the next office working day, and streams of most said services will be taken down on the Monday following those services.

Safeguarding If you have an urgent concern for the safety of yourself or someone else, call 999. The cathedral community seeks to be safe and welcoming to everyone. 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; their details are also on posters at the back of the cathedral.

For your prayers

Those for whom prayer has been requested: Irene Lakin, Shirley Knott, Stephen Wilcox, Debbie Wilcox, Beverley Hallahan, Frances Buchanan, John Warren, Derek Owen, Vanico James, Sara Packer, Poppy Bailey, Angela Collingwood, Tara Torbati, Mark Carroll, Peter Coyne, Megan Penfold, Helen Pocock, Rodney Whiteman, Irene Johnson, Phil Davis, Stephen Pattison, Paige Gilbert, and Miloslava Kupsova.

Recently departed: Michael Lee.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Norman Webb (1995), Jessie Rider (2018), Peter Dallow (2005), Ethel Oldershaw (1953), Kathryn Parry (2014), Jean Howes (1996), Michael Whinney (2017).

Keeping in touch



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