

Welcome to Birmingham Cathedral

This week's services

Sunday 19 November – Second Sunday before Advent

0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1100 Choral Eucharist – *in the cathedral and online*

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

Preacher: The Reverend Colleen Shekerie *Cathedral Chaplain*

Readings: *Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end; 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11; Matthew 25.14–30*

1530 Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral and online*

Mon 20 Nov 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1745 Evening Prayer – *in the cathedral*

Tue 21 Nov 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1745 Service marking the anniversary of the Birmingham Pub
Bombings – *in the cathedral*

Wed 22 Nov 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

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

1745 Shorter Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral*

Thur 23 Nov 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1600 Evening Prayer – *in the cathedral*

Fri 24 Nov 0740 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0800 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1745 Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral*

2000 Compline – *online only*

Sat 25 Nov 0840 Morning Prayer – *in the cathedral and online*

0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1500 RSCM Festival Service – *in the cathedral*

Sunday 26 November – Christ the King

0900 Holy Communion – *in the cathedral*

1100 Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation – *in the cathedral and online*

President and Preacher: The Rt Reverend James Langstaff *Honorary Assistant Bishop*

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

Readings: Ezekiel 34.11–16, 20–24; Matthew 25.31–end

1530 Choral Evensong – *in the cathedral and online*

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

Notices

Supporting Emerging Talent We are delighted this term to welcome several organ students from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire as part of our Supporting Emerging Talent programme. They will play at Evensong at 1530 this Sunday 19 November and on 17 December. Please do come and support them!

RSCM Festival Service We are pleased to welcome the RSCM for their annual Festival Service on Saturday 25 November at 1500. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Sunday 26 November The Choral Eucharist next Sunday 26 November at 1100 will include Baptism and Confirmation as we mark the Feast of Christ the King. We are very pleased to welcome candidates from a number of parishes and their guests. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this important step. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Homemade Christmas Puddings The flower arrangers will be holding their Advent Sale after the Choral Eucharist on Advent Sunday, 3 December. All proceeds will go towards the cathedral Christmas flowers.

Advent Carol Service You are warmly invited to an Advent Carol Service in the cathedral at 1600 on Sunday 3 December, a beautiful service of readings, music, and prayers to mark the start of the season of Advent. Music will be sung by the Cathedral Choir (Boys and Lower Voices) and the Chapel Choir of The Blue Coat School.

Eucharists for Peace On Wednesdays during Advent, following the regular office of Morning Prayer at 0740, the 0800 service of Holy Communion will be offered as a Eucharist for Peace as we pray for the devastating situations of war and conflict around the world. The dates of these services are 6, 13 and 20 December and everyone is welcome to attend.

Handel's Messiah On Saturday 9 December, Birmingham Cathedral Choir (Boys, Girls and Lower Voices) will perform Handel's Messiah in concert with orchestra and soloists Felicity Rogers, Hope Pugh, Tim Burton and Harry Brookes-Owen, conducted by David Hardie. The concert lasts from 1900 to approximately 2140 with tickets costing £15 (£13 concessions) and under-16s free. For more information and to book, please visit www.birminghamcathedral.com. Tickets also available on the door by card payment only but booking is advised.

Carol singing for Christian Aid We are again planning to sing carols for Christian Aid, four-part unaccompanied. We need both singers and collectors. This year we have **TWO** singing sessions, the first date is **Monday 11 December** from **1645 to 1745** on the podium in the Christmas Market outside the east end of the cathedral. The second session (possible rail strikes permitting!) is on **Thursday 14 December** from **1615 to 1830** at Birmingham New Street Station. Most of the carols will be standard ones from the white '100 Carols for Choirs'. Please bring one along if you have it, but don't worry if you haven't as I have some spares available. Since there will be no practice beforehand and the choir is unaccompanied, **ability to sing the relevant part is essential**. Please let me know if you can help singing or collecting at either or both of these events on davidlangton1955@hotmail.co.uk or by phone on 07841 223588, mentioning what voice part you sing. Please do volunteer – it's fun. Many thanks, David Langton

Christmas appeal As part of our Christmas appeal, the cathedral and Let's Feed Brum are asking for donations of new sweatshirts which will be given to those living on the streets during the winter. These can be brought to the cathedral before Christmas during opening times. (Due to lack of storage we are unable to accept other items).

Cathedral Christmas Cards can be purchased either by visiting the cathedral or emailing enquiries@birminghamcathedral.com with your order. There are three beautiful designs to choose from including Divine Beauty at Night; a piece of street art produced by Joe Miles; and an image taken from our 2022 Messiah concert. Pricing is as follows:

- £1 each
- 60p each for up to 50 cards (£6 per 10)
- 50p each for 50 – 100 cards (£5 per 10)
- 45p each for 101 cards or more (£4.50 per 10)

Divine Beauty at Night World-renowned light and sound projection company Luxmuralis will be returning to Birmingham Cathedral 4–6 January 2024, with their sell-out light and sound experience ‘Divine Beauty at Night’. For further details and to book tickets, please visit <https://birminghamcathedral.com/divine-beauty-at-night-2024/>.

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: Shirley Knott, Stephen Wilcox, Debbie Wilcox, Beverley Hallahan, Frances Buchanan, John Warren, Vanico James, Angela Collingwood, Tara Torbati, Mark Carroll, Peter Coyne, Helen Pocock, Phil Davis, Stephen Pattison, Paige Gilbert, Rodney Whiteman, Pauline Baiasu, Tamara Lawton-Thomas, and Lubomir Kupsa.

Anniversaries in the coming week: Henry Hands, Gary Allen (2011), Ted Lockwood (2005), Walter Hill (2005), Victims of the Pub Bombings (1974), Jeremy Winston (2011), Joan Davis (2006).

Keeping in touch



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