

Special Services and Events

Saturday 20 March

7.30pm Cathedral Chorus Concert
Stainer's Crucifixion
*Tickets £5.00, available from
the Cathedral office or on the door*

Monday 22 March

7.30pm NSPCC West Midlands
Child's Voice Appeal
Concert
Tickets £15.00, available on the door

Monday 29 March

1.00pm Messiah (Part 2)
Allegri's Miserere
(Schola Philippi)
*Tickets £6 (£5 concessions), available
on the door*

Sunday 2 May

11.00am Patronal Festival

Friday 21 May

7.30pm Cathedral Choir Concert
'The Month of Maying'

*More information may be obtained from:
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A message from the Acting Dean

Birmingham Cathedral has designated 2010 a year to focus on prayer. In the busy world of every day living finding space to stop, to be still and to pray is for many a very difficult task. We are all too easily distracted by the immediate demands of the moment and taking time out can feel like an unnecessary luxury.

The unfolding of the events of Holy Week and Easter are recorded so vividly by the four Gospel writers. John, unlike the other three writers, gives over a whole chapter (chapter 17) to record the fact that Jesus spent a considerable amount of time praying on the evening of his arrest. He prays for himself, his disciples and future believers.

On a night when Jesus could have been so preoccupied with other things, not least his imminent crucifixion, He finds time to stop and pray. He takes time to step back and think about how he will respond in the crisis that will soon be upon him.

With the ongoing challenges facing world economies together with the instability surrounding the business sector of our own city the call to prayer is critical. Taking time out to pray and contemplate God's activity in our lives helps to open up new perspectives on life's difficult situations.

Why not take time this Holy Week to stop and contemplate afresh God's activity in our world today. In a world of uncertainty and anxiety we need to be a people of hope. A people who recognise that in prayer we are 'tuning in' to the one in whom our ultimate hope is found.

So, please join with me and members of this faith community as we worship together seeking to embrace prayer as a way of life in 2010.

**The Revd Canon Peter Howell-Jones
Acting Dean**



BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL
CELEBRATING CHRIST IN THE CITY

Holy Week & Easter 2010



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

Holy Week

Sunday 28 March

Palm Sunday

- 9.00 am Holy Communion (CW)
- 11.00 am Choral Eucharist (*Girls' and Men's voices*)
Blessing of Palms and Procession
The Passion according to Luke
- 3.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
(*Boys' and Men's voices*)
Preacher: Canon for Development

Monday 29 March

- 1.00pm Messiah (Part 2)
Allegri's Miserere
(*Schola Philippi*)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross and
Holy Communion
*Led by Canon Liturgist and
Canon Missioner*
Please be prepared to go outside

Tuesday 30 March

- 6.00 pm Short Choral Evensong
(*Girls' & Men's voices*)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross and
Holy Communion
*Led by Canon Missioner and
Acting Dean*
Please be prepared to go outside

Wednesday 31 March

- 1.10 pm Choral Eucharist (*St. Philip's Singers*)
- 6.00 pm Choral Evensong (*Boys' voices*)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross and
Holy Communion
*Led by Acting Dean and
The Revd Tim Clarke*
Please be prepared to go outside

Holy Week

Thursday 1 April

Maundy Thursday

- 10.30 am Choral Eucharist (*Boys' and Men's voices*)
Renewal of Ministerial Vows
and Blessing of Oils
Preacher: Bishop of Birmingham
- 7.30 pm Choral Eucharist (*Schola Philippi*)
Washing of Feet and
Watch of silent prayer until 9.30pm
Preacher: Canon Missioner

Friday 2 April

Good Friday

- 10.00 am Sung Morning Prayer
Preacher: Acting Dean
- 12 noon The Three Hours
Reflections on Christ's Passion
Preacher: Canon Liturgist
- The Cathedral Choir
(*Boys' and Men's voices*)
joins the service at 2.00pm
for Proclamation of the Cross
and distribution of Holy Communion
Led by The Revd Tim Clarke
- 3.00 pm Conclusion of Three Hours
- 7.30pm Tenebrae
(*Men's voices*)

*Tenebrae' means 'darkness'; the
Office of Tenebrae is a meditation
on the events that took place in the
darkness on the night that Jesus
was betrayed.*

Easter

Saturday 3 April

Holy Saturday

- 9.00 am Morning Prayer
- 3.30 pm Evening Prayer
- 7.30 pm The Easter Liturgy
(*Chapter House Singers*)
The Vigil
The Service of Light
The Liturgy of Initiation
- This service will not include Holy Communion*
Preacher: Bishop of Aston

Sunday 4 April

Easter Day

- 7.00 am Holy Communion (CW)
In the churchyard
- 9.00 am Holy Communion (CW)
- 11.00 am Choral Eucharist
(*Boys' and Men's voices*)
Preacher: Bishop of Birmingham
- 3.30 pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
(*Girls' and Men's voices*)
*Preacher: Archdeacon of
Birmingham*