



COVID-19 UPDATE

From the Dean:

It is with heavy hearts that the Chapter of Bristol Cathedral have decided that we must once again close the doors of the Cathedral in the light of the rising rates of coronavirus in the city.

Although legally we are permitted to remain open, we cannot encourage people to leave their homes while the dangers of the pandemic are so evidently worsening. We do so with the encouragement of Bishop Viv and in the knowledge that other cathedrals and churches in the region have made similar decisions so we are not alone in this.

We are grateful for the opportunities that we have to pray together and to worship on-line and we shall continue to do so. Our clergy and vergers will maintain the rhythm of prayer in the Cathedral praying for our city, our diocese, and for you each day.

We will review the situation continually, hoping and praying that it will not be long before we can meet again in person. Please do keep in touch via [Sarah Evans](#) and let us know if we can pray for you or for anyone in particular need.

Following the announcement of the third National Lockdown, the new pattern of worship and opening from Tuesday 12 January is as follows:

BROADCAST WORSHIP		
Morning Prayer	Choral Evensong	Choral Eucharist
8.00am Monday – Saturday	5.15pm Friday	10.00am Sunday
Services broadcast via Facebook , YouTube , and Twitter .		

GENERAL

Support your Cathedral If you would like to support the Cathedral financially, particularly during these difficult times, there is a new donate button on our website.

To donate, visit here: tinyurl.com/cathedraldonate. Thank you.

Placement Lydia Morey is a recently ordained priest, joining us on placement. She writes:

My name is Lydia Morey and I am very much looking forward to joining you on placement for six months to a year. I was ordained in 2018 and I have been working in a deprived parish in Swindon since then. I know I will have a very different experience at the Cathedral, and am keen get to know you all and to continue learning as much as I can in this new context.

I speak with an accent in English as I have an English father and a Dutch mother, and was brought up in Japan, attending Japanese school until the age of 16. On the plus side, this means I am bilingual. I am a self-supporting minister, meaning that I am still in secular employment: I teach Japanese and Chinese at Bradfield College and Oxford Brookes University, despite the fact that my first degree was in maths. I enjoy hiking, and completed the Ridgeway as my lockdown project in 2020. I also like sewing and cross-stitch. Differing from most other single clergy I know, I don't have a dog (or a cat, for that matter)!

I am looking forward to meeting you all, possibly virtually initially, but face to face when circumstances permit.

Prison Gift Bags – Social Justice Group Many thanks from Charles Ross to all those who donated, and to those who filled them in difficult circumstances. A Chaplain at HMP Leyhill says: 'Thank you so much for all your hard work in yet again providing gifts. We handed out nearly 500 goody bags between Monday and Wednesday leading up to Christmas and also delivered to our residents who are shielding, along with mince pies and cards from Prison Fellowship. People were so grateful and the updated contents went down really well (including water bottles and posh biscuits). For many, these will be the only gifts received, and for everyone, with face to face visits and many Christmas activities cancelled, it really brightened up Christmas. We're pleased we were able to hand them out in person; it was a chance to chat to folk who don't normally engage with chaplaincy.

Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter (BCWNS) For the past few years we have been privileged to be able to help with the BCWNS. This year is a little different. The guests will be staying in a B&B and church and cathedral volunteers will be providing three meals a day in three shifts. The Cathedral will start on 15 February for seven weeks, providing meals on Mondays. If you are able to support this initiative, providing food and warmth to the most vulnerable during the coldest months, please mark any donations "night shelter" and send them to the Cathedral care of Chrissie Graham: Chrissie.graham@bristol-cathedral.co.uk, or by post to the Cathedral Gatehouse, College Green, Bristol, BSI 5TJ. Thank you.

New Chapter Members The Bishop has appointed two new members to Chapter, the governing body of the Cathedral. They are Elizabeth Cairncross and Naomi Miller. Elizabeth is a member of the congregation and active in the social justice group. Elizabeth is the former Head of Wells Cathedral School, and currently Chair of Governors of Salisbury Cathedral School. She brings a wide knowledge of education and concern for social justice to the Chapter. Naomi will be known to many as the former Development Director at the Cathedral, she is currently Deputy Director of the Bristol Cultural Development Partnership. Naomi brings a wide ranging set of skills and networks to the Chapter as she will continue to help us to focus on our welcome to all.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Cathedral Community	Andrea, Andrew, Barbara, Dilys, Roger, Ian, Jannie, Jean, Jean, John, Jon, Keith, Mary, Nathan, Parag, Richard, Simon, Sue, Tanya, Tony, Sarah, Victoria and James, Trevor, Yvonne	
We also pray for	Alexandra, Anne, Ben, Caroline, Elin, Jeffrey, Jeffrey, John, Judy, Lily, Llinos, Maria, Philip, Stuart, Tom	
RIP	Ian Inglis; Kath Tansley	
Year's Mind	Christine Williams (18 th), Fred Hatherell (20 th), W Kenneth Thomas (20 th), Joan Hore (23 rd), Robert Hugh Punt (23 rd)	
CYCLES	DIOCESAN	ANGLICAN
Sunday	St Stephen, Southmead	The Anglican Church of Australia
Monday	St Paul's and St Agnes	Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea)
Tuesday	St Andrew, North Swindon	Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)
Wednesday	St James, Lockleaze BMO	Akobo (Sudan)
Thursday	St John, Haydon Wick	Akoko (Nigeria)
Friday	Hospital Chaplaincy	Akoko Edo (Nigeria)
Saturday	St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop	Akot (Sudan)
Porvoo	The Diocese of Tampere in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland, and the Diocese of Manchester	