



The Cathedral Church
of All Saints, Derby



The High Sheriff of Derbyshire's Legal Service

***In thanksgiving for our freedom
under the law, the Queen's peace
and our national heritage***

*Streamed online
Sunday 31st January 2021 at 2.30 pm*

Welcome to the High Sheriff of Derbyshire's Legal Service.

The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, is leading the service.

The preacher is The Revd Tim Morris, Superintendent Minister, Ashbourne Methodist Circuit, and Chaplain to the High Sheriff.

The music during the service is sung by the Lay Clerks of Derby Cathedral Choir, conducted by Alexander Binns, Director of Music.

Due to the current Covid restrictions we are unable to hold this service in person in the Cathedral. The service will be scheduled as a 'Live premiere' video on Derby Cathedral's YouTube page (bit.ly/derbycathedral) at 2.30pm on the 31st January, and will be available thereafter.

*Wherever you are viewing this service, you are encouraged to join in with the words which appear in **bold type**.*

YMCA Derbyshire

The High Sheriff has identified YMCA Derbyshire as his chosen charity for this service.

YMCA Derbyshire is an independent Christian charity that seeks to enable people who are homeless, socially excluded or disadvantaged, to achieve their potential and play a full part in society, regardless of their gender, race, ability or faith.

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The Office of High Sheriff

The office of High Sheriff is at least one thousand years old and is the oldest continuous secular office under the Crown. Originally the office held many of the powers now vested in Lords-Lieutenant, High Court Judges, Magistrates, Local Authorities, Coroners and the Inland Revenue. The High Sheriff remains the Sovereign's representative in the county for all matters relating to the Judiciary and the maintenance of law and order. As with so many Royal Officers, the Sheriff began life as a royal official above local interest and therefore able to enforce the King's interest in the county. The land, after all, was the King's land and he was due levies on it. The role given to the King's deputy (the reeve) in the Anglo-Saxon shires was to do justice and help keep the peace through the "posse comitatus" and later the militia.

High Sheriffs are responsible for duties conferred by the Crown through Warrant from the Privy Council including attendance at Royal visits, ensuring the well-being and protection of High Court Judges, acting as Returning Officer for Parliamentary elections in County Constituencies, proclaiming the accession of a new Sovereign and maintaining the loyalty of subjects to the Crown. In practice, some of these responsibilities are delegated to the professional services.

There is a nomination ceremony for all counties on 12th November each year in the Royal Courts of Justice when three names are put forward for the office of High Sheriff in each county. Subsequently the selection of a new High Sheriff is made by the Sovereign at a meeting of the Privy Council in March, when by ancient custom the appointed name is 'pricked' with a bodkin.

The office is unpaid and non-political, which enables the holder to bring together a wide variety of individuals and office holders for the good of the community served by the High Sheriff. High Sheriffs are now encouraged to undertake duties to help voluntary and statutory bodies engaged in the maintenance and extension of law and order.

As we wait for the service to begin, there is a collage of photographs highlighting the fundraising which has taken place during the High Sheriff's year including the High Sheriff's Peak Pilgrimage.

Organ Prelude

Praeludium in D (BuxWV139) – Buxtehude

played in Derby Cathedral by Edward Turner, Assistant Director of Music.

The Greeting

The Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, says

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

The Dean says words of introduction, concluding

In the name of the Chapter and Foundation of Derby Cathedral,
I welcome you in the peace of Christ.
We gather to give God praise and glory
in thanksgiving for our freedom under the law,
the Queen's peace, and our national heritage.
In prayer and praise, in Scripture and in song,
we celebrate God's mighty deeds,
his justice and his love.

This year in particular we reflect on the current pandemic
affecting so much of all our lives at this time.
We hold in our prayers those who have died
and all who mourn the loss of a loved one.
We honour the dedication of all key workers,
and we seek God's will in these difficult times;
that we may be instruments of his peace
in a broken and needy world.

The Prologue

Anthony J Walker CBE DL, High Sheriff of Derbyshire, reads the Prologue.

The life we lead is in large measure an inheritance from the past. The thoughts we think and the language which clothes them, the houses we live in and the laws which protect us: our towns, our cities, our institutions, our leisure, have been bequeathed to us by our forebears, for us to enjoy and pass on in turn to those who follow us. The greatest of these legacies is freedom.

To every generation the choice is given to neglect or conserve the inheritance of the past: to foster our mental and spiritual resources or to dissipate them: to cultivate the civic values or to waste them: to seek the common good or to forsake it in pursuit of selfish ends. We acknowledge before God that we have not always been worthy of this inheritance. Our freedoms are not fully enjoyed by all.

Our concern at this service is to value afresh the civil liberties we enjoy; to consider how best we may extend them, and to acknowledge our debt to those who ensure their preservation. In particular under the Authority of Her Majesty the Queen, we recognise a freely elected Parliament, where laws are enacted in the nation's interests.

We recognise especially the work of judges and magistrates whose responsibility it is to preside over courts of law, and whose independence from Parliament must be protected. In addition we recognise the role of the Police Service which works with the courts and the community to see that the law is kept.

We recognise also the selfless voluntary service of many of our citizens, in all walks of life, who give up their time and resources for the benefit of others less fortunate than themselves, and we particularly recognise the courage and skill of those whose voluntary service may put them in situations of personal danger in order to protect the public and rescue those in distress especially in these most challenging times.

Finally we remember the witness of the Established Christian Church and other communities of faith in upholding the true worth and dignity of humanity in the order of creation, in teaching that all are equal in the eyes of God, and in showing that true liberty and justice are the gifts of God alone.

The Prayers of Preparation

The Dean says

As we celebrate our freedoms
and dedicate ourselves again to serve God and one another,
let us first call to mind and confess those ways in which,
both as individuals and as a society,
we fail to live up to our calling.

A moment of silence is kept.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Right Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby, says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who of his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith
turn unto him:
have mercy upon you;
pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and bring you to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Sung by the choir

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Words: 8th Century Irish Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)
Tune: Slane*

The National Health Service

Reflections on healthcare locally during the pandemic, by Kathy McLean OBE, Chair, University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust, and Caroline Swan, Senior Sister in Critical Care at the Royal Derby Hospital Site.

Prayers for Health and Wellbeing

The Revd Lew Greaves, Hospital Chaplain, says

2020 was the bi-centenary of the birth of Florence Nightingale and a plaque in her honour stands in Derby Cathedral as a lasting memorial to her dedication and in recognition of her connection with the people of Derby and Derbyshire. Nobody could have imagined, at the start of 2020, how health would become the single biggest issue in the world, how our healthcare workers would become national heroes and symbols of hope, or what they would be expected to bear for the sake of all of us.

With that in mind, let us pray.

Our God, we thank you for the life and service of Florence Nightingale and for those who, like her, have chosen to make an offering of themselves for others, bringing the highest standards of care to those in need, on both sides of the law. We give you thanks for the life and work of all those whose vision founded our National Health Service, and for those who serve others in care and compassion.

We pray for all who care for the sick, in hospital, in care homes, and at home, often putting their own health at risk; for doctors, nurses, other healthcare professionals and ancillary staff, and for all who promote health and wellbeing in policy and practice. We seek guidance and strength for all chaplains, and for all engaged in teaching and medical research.

We give thanks for all who provide leadership in healthcare, for those who exercise stewardship and allocate resources and pray that, in this time of pandemic, support and compassion may be shown to those most in need, patient and staff alike.

As we reflect on the way all our lives have been deeply affected by the current pandemic, we pray in particular for those who have suffered damage to their health and wellbeing in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for all suffering now through sickness, isolation, or anxiety about what the future might hold for them and the people they care about. We pray for all who have lost loved ones. And in a moment of silence, we commend to your loving care all those who have died: all those in Derby and Derbyshire, and also those known personally to each of us.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to your mercy and protection, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to heal all our brokenness.

All **Amen.**

Anthem

The choir sings

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and in my departing.

*Words: from the Sarum Primer (1514)
Music: John Rutter (born 1945)*

The Care Sector

Reflections on the effect of the pandemic on Care Home staff and residents by Sam Monaghan, Chief Executive, MHA – based in Derby and the largest charity care provider for older people in the UK.

The Police Service and the Judiciary

Reflections on the effect of the pandemic on the Police and the Judiciary by Rachel Swann, Chief Constable of Derbyshire Constabulary, and HH Judge Nirmal Shant QC, Recorder of Derby.

Bible Reading

Philippians 4.4-9

read by Mrs Helen Walker, High Sheriff's Consort.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Here ends the reading.

The Sermon

The Revd Tim Morris, the High Sheriff's Chaplain

Anthem

The choir sings

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown,
soaring, dying round thy throne.

Words: English version by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Music: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Prayers

The prayers are led by the Revd Loraine N Mellor, Chair of the Nottingham and Derby District of the Methodist Church.

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of all power, we pray for all in positions of authority; for Elizabeth our Queen and for all members of the Royal Family; for both houses of Parliament; for the Prime Minister and all the Ministers of the Crown; and for all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our society; that justice, truth, and integrity may direct our common life.
Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of all justice, we pray for all who administer the law in this land; for all judges, magistrates, jurors, ombudsmen, and the tribunals judiciary; for clerks and court officials; for barristers, solicitors, and all whose profession or expertise is the law. May they do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with you, our God.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of all goodness, we pray for Tony our High Sheriff and for all who give themselves in the service of others. For the police, the armed forces, the probation and the prison services, and for charitable and voluntary workers, especially those engaged in helping children and young people with disabilities, and all who foster and educate young people; that they may grow in understanding and fulfil their potential to live as good citizens of this nation and the world; Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of compassion, we remember before you the victims of crime in this and every nation; and we lift up to you all who live in anxiety or fear; that wisdom, righteousness, forgiveness and charity may heal the brokenness of communities torn apart by violence or hatred.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

A time of silence is kept, after which the Revd Loraine N Mellor gathers our prayers together before saying

○ God, the just and merciful Judge of all,
grant to all who minister justice in this land
the spirit of uprightness, the spirit of discernment
and the spirit of love,
that they may boldly, discreetly, and mercifully
fulfil their sacred duties, to the good of your people
and the glory of your name.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

We pray together in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The High Sheriff's Prayer

The Dean says

All **Grant your grace and guidance, almighty God,
to all who work for uniformed and voluntary organisations
and all those involved in bringing law, order and justice
to the County of Derbyshire;
support and encourage them,
that by their skill and compassion
they may bring help to those who are in need;
and bestow on all of us, we pray, O Lord,
a desire to serve our neighbour,
a respect for all creation,
and a sense of duty to one another and to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

sung by the choir.

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
lord, in your suffering this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause, of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need
God of the poor...

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.
God of the poor...

Words and Music: Graham Kendrick (b 1950)

The Blessing

The Bishop of Derby says

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and those whom you love,
this day and always.

All **Amen.**

The National Anthem

sung by the choir.

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen

Organ Voluntary

Toccata from Symphony No 5 - Widor