



**#GMRemembers**  
**Launch of the COVID-19**  
**Online Book of Remembrance**  
**for Greater Manchester**

**Thursday 16 July 2020**  
**11.00 am**

**The Very Rev'd Rogers Govender**  
**Dean of Manchester**  
**and**

**Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham**  
**Mayor of Greater Manchester**

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.



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FOR THE SERVICE**

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are also available.**

## Welcome and Introduction

The Dean

### Prayer

Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all,  
as we come before you  
in grief and praise this day,  
comfort us with your presence,  
make us attentive to your voice,  
and sustain us with the hope of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

### Reading

The Rev'd Fujo Malaika

A reading from Lamentations

But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.

## **Message from the Bishop of Manchester**

The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker

## **The Lighting of the COVID-19 Memorial Candle**

His Honour Eamonn O'Neal DL  
High Sheriff of Greater Manchester

Lord we remember for good those whom we  
love but see no longer.

Make our voices one with all your people in  
heaven and on earth.

All **Amen.**

## **Prayers**

Led by Nidhi Sinha

Rabbi Warren Elf

The Rev'd Charles Kwaku-Odoi

Let us pray to God,  
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For all who are affected by coronavirus,  
through illness or isolation or anxiety,  
that they may find relief and recovery:  
Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who are guiding our nation at this time,  
and shaping national policies,  
that they may make wise decisions:  
Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For doctors, nurses and medical researchers,  
that through their skill and insights  
many will be restored to health:

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the vulnerable and the fearful,  
for the gravely ill and the dying,  
that they may know your comfort and peace:

Lord, hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we commend to your faithful love  
those who are crying from the depths;  
help them to watch and pray  
through their time of darkness,  
in sure hope of the dawn of your  
forgiveness and redemption.

All **Amen.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

All **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Message from the Mayor of Greater Manchester**

The Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham

**Launch of the Memorial Book**

The Rt. Hon. Andy Burnham  
Mayor of Greater Manchester  
and  
The Very Rev'd Rogers Govender  
Dean of Manchester

**Civic Prayer**

The Rt Rev'd John Arnold  
Bishop of Salford

Let us pray for our region of Greater Manchester  
and for ourselves:

Grant us, O God,  
a vision for Greater Manchester;  
where justice and peace shall flourish,  
where love and hope inspire  
neighbour to help neighbour,  
where fear and hatred are no more,  
and poverty shall cease;

Send us out from this place,  
committed to support and help all in our  
communities,  
that together we might live and work  
to your praise and glory.

All **Amen.**

**Closing Words**

The Dean

**Final Blessing**

The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker  
The Bishop of Manchester

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
And be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace.

All **Amen.**

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