

## Prayers at Derby Cathedral to Mourn the Death of Her Majesty The Queen

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Prayers will be said this evening, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm in Derby Cathedral to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II which was announced on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The Cathedral will be open until 7.00pm today and will remain open from 8.00am until 7.00pm this coming week for mourners to light candles and sign a Book of Condolence. People are welcome to bring floral tributes to the Cathedral. A special Civic Thanksgiving Service and also a Service of Reflection will be held during the mourning period, and further details will be announced in the coming days.



The Queen at Derby Cathedral in 2010

The Queen visited Derby Cathedral twice during her long reign. On her first visit in 2003, the Queen opened the Cathedral Centre on Iron Gate. During her second visit, in 2010, the Queen distributed the Royal Maundy in the Cathedral - a traditional service in which the reigning monarch gives small silver coins to members of the congregation.

‘This is a sad day in our history,’ said the Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, ‘and like the whole nation, we mourn the death of a monarch whose life has defined an era, but we also give thanks to God for a life of exemplary service and dedication. The Cathedral is open to all to pay our respects and to pray at this time.’

### Editor’s Notes

#### **About Derby Cathedral**

Derby Cathedral is the seat of the Bishop of Derby, and a centre for mission and worship serving the people and parishes of the Diocese of Derby.

As well as being a lively place of worship, it is a place of musical and cultural excellence with a flourishing Cathedral Choir, and frequently hosts concerts and events. It is also one of the oldest buildings in Derby City Centre and as a Grade 1 listed building, it is of high historical significance.

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