



# Derby Cathedral

## Invitation to a service which celebrates Florence Nightingale and the diversity of all those who care.

**Derby Cathedral, Saturday 4th May 2024, 11.00AM**

The Derby Cathedral Chapter, the Derby and Burton Hospitals Charity and The University of Derby invite you and a guest to a community service, being attended by The Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire and the High Sheriff of Derbyshire. The service will celebrate the contribution of Florence Nightingale to the ideals of the nursing profession and the diversity of all those who now care for us.

Guests will hear personal reflections from professional nurses on how Florence Nightingale has influenced and inspired them in their careers. This will be followed by The Derby Cathedral Choir and the Derby and Burton Hospitals Wellbeing Choir, who will lead the singing of hymns and perform a number of anthems during the Service.

We very much hope you and a guest will be able to join us at this Community Service to celebrate the life and legacy of Florence Nightingale and the contribution nurses and carers make to our lives and welfare.

The service will commence at 11.00am, but we ask you to be seated by 10.45am to allow for the procession into the Cathedral.

### Florence Nightingale's connection to Derbyshire

Derby Cathedral is particularly appropriate as Florence Nightingale was brought up in Derbyshire and maintained close connections with the county throughout her life. Florence's family lived in the area of Lea and Holloway, in Derbyshire, for several generations and her family home was initially Lea Hall and then Lea Hurst to which she was very much attached. Florence was also consulted on the design of the Derby General Infirmary and the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

**RSVP**

We would kindly ask that you confirm your attendance, indicating whether you will be joined by a guest to Heather Rushbrooke by email [heather.rushbrooke@nhs.net](mailto:heather.rushbrooke@nhs.net) or telephone 01332 785731

**Very Revd Dr Peter Robinson**  
Dean of Derby

**Jill Matthews**  
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