

The Joy of Passover



Reflecting upon the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by Pope Francis, we are reminded of the joy of Passover, celebrating the mercy and love of God and His Covenantal promises to redeem and bring home to salvation His enslaved and captive people, a people He called to Himself.

For Jews, Passover or *pesach*, begins with the Seder Meal commemorating, first the slavery and suffering, and then the liberation, the Exodus, of His people from Egypt by Moses, who was called by God to lead them on their perilous journey and deliver them to the land promised to them through Abraham. Crucial to the ritual meal is the element of sacrifice to commemorate the time when the blood of a yearling lamb was daubed on doorposts as a sign to the destroying angel to pass over the house and spare the people and animals inside from the judgment of death imposed on all firstborn Egyptians, this being the final plague that triggered the release of God's people from bondage and suffering under Pharaoh.

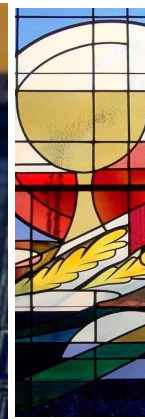
The Passover story continues to have strong resonances with Christians, who commemorate, first the suffering of Jesus Christ in His passion and death from Holy Thursday to Good Friday, and then the joy of His resurrection to new life, on Easter

Sunday. Clearly, God intended the Passover to foreshadow His greater deliverance: the sacrifice of Jesus for our deliverance from slavery to sin. When Jesus observed the Passover with His disciples, he re-interpreted the centuries-old elements of the Seder meal to make a revolutionary claim. Whereas the Passover celebration had always served to remember the Exodus as the pinnacle of God's great deliverance, Jesus told His disciples that in future Passovers [Eucharists] they were to remember *Him*; they were to tell *His* story (which unfolded before their eyes) as a memorial to God's greatest deliverance.

With the blood of faith in Christ daubed on our hearts, we are delivered from slavery to sin, the curse of death passes over us, and the Passover becomes a moving and poignant portrait of our own lives of faith: oppressed by the bitterness of our sin, we wait and long for the Kingdom where we will finally be set free and God's promise of deliverance in Jesus will be complete.

Wishing all our readers a happy Eastertide/Passover.

Rev Mike Denny
Airport Chaplain



You are invited to Holy Communion

a short (25 min) lunchtime service for staff, passengers and visitors of all Christian traditions followed by tea and coffee with the chaplaincy team

Thursday April 7 13.00

Thursday May 5 13.00

T1 Multi-faith Prayer Room
(at ground level check in)

After Paris... after Brussels
We have a message we want to share:

#WeStandTogether

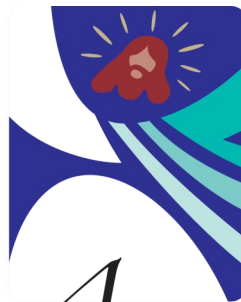
Friday 15 April 2016 11.30 - 15.00

T3 Prayer Rooms (Mezzanine floor)

(Muslim Friday Prayers will take place at 13.30BST as usual)

Free Food (including Kosher & Halal)
Come for a bit - stay as long as you like

A chance to find out more about each other and to celebrate the diversity of our Manchester Airport community - reflecting the diverse communities we serve in this country and abroad.



Ascension

The Christian members of the Chaplaincy Team would like to invite colleagues from all Christian denominations to join them for a celebration lunch for **Ascension Day on Thursday May 5, 2016 at 1.30 in Joe's Kitchen in Terminal 1 Arrivals**. If you can let us know that you're coming, we can choose our menu in advance, and make sure that the food is on the table promptly - in case you only have a short time for lunch. Email thechaplaincy@manairport with 'Ascension' as the subject or call us on 2838.

Daily Prayers (Christian) take place Mon-Fri at 08.30 in T1 Prayer Room

and at other times and places too - visit the chaplaincy website or see Multi-faith Prayer Rooms for more information.

Communion Service (Christian/Ecumenical) Thursday 4 at 13.00 in T1 Prayer Room

and at major Festivals and Holy Days - visit the chaplaincy website or see Multi-faith Prayer Rooms for more information.

Friday Jumma Prayers (Islamic) are held in T3 Prayer Room 1300 GMT / 1330 BST

Stranded and without a Passport

Jackie Lowe recently assisted a young vulnerable lady needing to get home

It's hard to think sometimes, where to turn to for help when arriving at an Airport. You are in a strange country, subjected to domestic violence, and theft, lonely, and no money. What do you do?

A young Albanian lady had recently been referred to the Chaplaincy office by GMP. She had presented herself to the Police as a victim of domestic abuse. She reported that her ex boyfriend had taken all her money and destroyed her passport.

First thing to do was to make contact with the Albanian Embassy in London. This I did, where she was able to speak to them and tell them of her

situation. She was advised by the Embassy to get to the Embassy as soon as possible, as she could then pick up an "Emergency Passport."

The Chaplaincy bought her a return ticket to London, departing at 22.00, this would be the safest option for her as she could sleep on the coach and would arrive at 06.00 the following morning, we did not want to leave her all night in London Victoria Coach station. She arrived at 06.15 on the 9th. At 09.30 she presented herself at the Embassy where she was given an Emergency passport. She then telephoned me to tell me she had got a passport and to ask what should she do now.

Unfortunately, as she had to fly direct to Tirana, there was no point in coming back to Manchester Airport, as there are no direct flights, and an emergency passport can only be used for a single journey. She was clearly distressed as she was once again in a strange city, with no money, nowhere to go, and desperate for help. I tried to make contact with LHR Airport, where I was able to speak to a chaplain.

I explained the situation and the chaplain kindly gave me the telephone number of the Travel Care Team at London Heathrow, and also the number of Saint Martin in the Fields, which works closely with homeless people.

The Travel Care Team, were, unfortunately, unable to help as the young lady was not on

Airport site, so I phoned St Martin in the Fields and explained the situation. They kindly offered assistance. They arranged to pick up the young lady from the coach station and provide food and accommodation for her. They were also able to purchase a ticket for her to fly back to Tirana.

Great News! She was finally able to get the help she desperately needed. This young lady had come out of a very dark, lost and desperate situation and was finally on the right track to being reunited with her family back in Albania.

Great result, great community networking, great achievement, and a happy ending for all.



(Left) Chaplains doing their bit for CLIC Sargent (we are ALWAYS available to eat cake!) (Above) Much loved, global spiritual leader, Deacon Terry Simms of the Chaplaincy Manchester Airport greets Pope Francis on an RC chaplains' conference in Rome recently.

Prayer Diary

April 4-10 2016 - Week 15

The Chaplaincies at:

Guadalajara Miguel Intl Airport, Guernsey Intl Airport, Hamburg Fuhlsbuettel Intl Airport, Hannover Airport, Hobart Intl Airport, Hong Kong Intl Airport, Houston Bush Intercontinental Airport, Houston Hobby Intl Airport

At Manchester:

Brodericks, Jet2.com, Easyjet, Terminal Services T1/T3, Airport City and Logistics Hub, M.A.G. Developments, Community Relations

April 11-17 2016 - Week 16

The Chaplaincies at:

Humberside Airport, Indianapolis Intl Airport, Inverness Airport, Isle of Man, Istanbul Ataturk Intl Airport, Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport

At Manchester:

Alpha Flight Services, Ryanair, Epernay, Strategic Airlines, Terminal Duty Managers and Team T2

April 18-24 2016 - Week 17

The Chaplaincies at:

Jacksonville Intl Airport, Jandakot Airport, Jersey Intl Airport, Johannesburg OR Tambo Intl Airport, Juba Intl Airport, Katowice Intl Airport

At Manchester:

Air Traffic Control, Boots, Travelex Currency Exchange, Monarch Airlines, Kurt Geiger

April 25-May 1 2016 - Week 18

The Chaplaincies at:

Kisumu Airport, Krakow-Balice John Paul II Intl Airport, Lagos Murtala Mohammed Intl Airport, Land's End Airport, Launceston Airport, Leeds Bradford Intl Airport, Leipzig/Halle Schkeuditz Intl Airport

At Manchester:

M.A.G Human Resources, M.A.G Overseas Operations and Lounges, M.A.G Information Technology & Services, Air France/KLM, Dixons, Mango, Burger King, Cloud Nails (Nail Bar)

You can also access our prayer diary online (with full details of the chaplaincy teams we're praying for) at:

www.thechaplaincy-manchesterairport.co.uk

If you'd like pray for a person or situation and to have others pray with you, visit the online prayer community at:
www.prayoneforme.org



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