

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

## **To remember Florence Nightingale's bicentenary**

Welcome

**Rev Mia Hilborn**

Opening prayer

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Poem, a thank you to nurses

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdj4seqmMqc>

Thank you to nurses

**Toni Lynch, Deputy Chief Nurse**

Bible reading      Psalm 121

**David Mastecky, Matron**

Blessing of the new Nightingale altar frontal,  
stole & lectern fall, & the Lea art work

**Archbishop Justin Welby**

*The Nightingale Prayer*

**Gillian Prager, President  
Nightingale Fellowship**

Laying of floral tulips tribute at Nightingale relief

**Aisha Agasha, Staff Nurse**

Santa Filomena

**Fiona Hibberts, Head of  
Nightingale Academy**

Lighting of Nightingale candle

**Leonil Selibio & Ebylet Michael,  
Staff Nurses**

*The candle will be lit, then passed from nurse, to each nurse present, each holding separate candles and then to all nurses.*

Blessing & word

**Archbishop Justin Welby**

**Breathe Choir**

**Video clip (below)**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_mpT2vJgzp0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mpT2vJgzp0)



## Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—

where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,

the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—

he who watches over you will not slumber;

indeed, he who watches over Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—

the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

the sun will not harm you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—

he will watch over your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and going

both now and forevermore.

**Santa Filomena (extract) by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

*Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,  
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,  
Our hearts, in glad surprise,  
To higher levels rise.*

*The wounded from the battle-plain,  
In dreary hospitals of pain,  
The cheerless corridors,  
The cold and stony floors.*

*Lo! in that house of misery  
A lady with a lamp I see  
Pass through the glimmering gloom,  
And flit from room to room.*

*On England's annals, through the long  
Hereafter of her speech and song,  
That light its rays shall cast  
From portals of the past.*

*A Lady with a Lamp shall stand  
In the great history of the land,  
A noble type of good,  
Heroic womanhood.*

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A quote from The Nightingale Fellowship's President, Gillian Prager:

“The 12th May holds a special place each year in the heart of every Nightingale Fellowship member, many of whom are still practising nurses and midwives. On the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday we are eager to show our support for the Museum at St Thomas' Hospital, and solidarity with all NHS staff. We are proud of the response by nurses all over the world to COVID-19; Florence's teaching and example shines through them all.”

Please go to the Events page for further details.

During the COVID 19 pandemic the Fellowship is still here to support you in times of need. Wherever you are in the world, we are thinking about you and praying for you. We are so very grateful for all the wonderful healthcare staff working extremely hard to keep us safe and find a cure. Despite having to cancel many of the planned

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[https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/?gclid=CjwKCAjwkun1BRAIEiwA2mJRWQAuP8QxiShqjcveGSPNOuJUXxsDZ\\_yBBvkjmdxW82\\_YlEdnOUiRiRoCwJ\\_UQAvD\\_BwE](https://www.florence-nightingale.co.uk/?gclid=CjwKCAjwkun1BRAIEiwA2mJRWQAuP8QxiShqjcveGSPNOuJUXxsDZ_yBBvkjmdxW82_YlEdnOUiRiRoCwJ_UQAvD_BwE)

Please donate now to save the Florence Nightingale Museum

2020 is Florence Nightingale's bicentenary but without your support, the Museum faces the threat of closure.

What happened in 2020

2020 has been designated the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honour of Florence Nightingale's bicentenary. International Nurses Day on 12 May is also her 200th birthday. In what should have been a hugely important and successful year for our museum, we instead find ourselves, like most other organisations, facing the threat of closure due to a world pandemic.

Nursing, washing your hands and evidence based-healthcare, pioneered by Florence Nightingale, have become more important than ever before and we're calling upon our friends and supporters to help us preserve her story and legacy.

Why we need your help

Under normal circumstances, 98% of our income is earned from admissions, retail and our schools programme which we can't achieve under closure. We receive no government funding and therefore have no substantial income stream. We've taken numerous strategic and practical steps to make savings but we still face high operational costs totalling upwards of £20,000 per month which are becoming increasingly difficult to afford. With no clarity over when we'll be allowed to re-open, and what the landscape for our sector will be like by that time, our museum is at great risk of permanent closure which is why we've decided to try and raise roughly three months worth of costs.

It is not an easy step to ask for help. We know and understand that this crisis has put many people and workplaces in financial difficulty.

