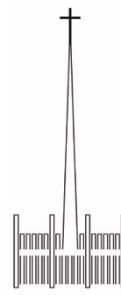


Newsletter

April 2019



BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

Diary

3rd

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ
Recital William Fielding
(Hampton Court Palace)

5th

8.00pm Compline sung by the
Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir

7th

12.00 Noon Cathedral AGM
to be held in Hilda/Paulinus, all
welcome. All relevant papers are
available on the Welcome Desk or
from the Virgers.

8th – 23rd

Schools' Bible Images
Exhibition. See below for further
information.

11th

2.00pm Mothers Union
meeting in Hilda, access through
the Temple Gallery. A Talk by Bill
Honeywell: The Hebrides

14th

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist
with Palm Procession.

17th

7.30pm The Renaissance
Singers' Holy week concert:
Vexilla Regis including music by
Bruckner and Palestrina.
£10 for adults, under 16 free.
Please book through the cathedral
website.

18th

11.00 Diocese of Blackburn
Chrism Eucharist

19.30pm Maundy Eucharist
with the washing of feet, stripping
of the altar and procession to the
Garden of Repose.

Take Time Out.

As I write, our parliamentary system appears to be creaking under the rising pressure of indecision, anxiety and fear. MPs of all political persuasions are pushing in one direction and then pulling in another. The simple aspiration to 'leave Europe' has proved increasingly complex and as the deadline approaches, common ground is not surprisingly hard to find.

It's an old adage, that leadership is never easy! As political agendas fail to resonate with public opinion, the storm clouds can so quickly gather bringing with them a crisis that is not easily contained.

All too often the pressure on leaders is further compounded by the lack of space to think and wise council to ponder. In striving to determine the right cause of action, leaders can very easily find themselves caught between a rock and a hard place, with their integrity challenged and their loyalty divided.

Two millennia ago, in the days running up to Easter, the challenges of leadership appeared little different. As the Holy Week story unfolds, the writers of the four Gospels vividly paint a picture of leadership in crisis – Annas passes the problem of Jesus to Caiaphas who in turn sends Jesus to Pilate for him to decide. On discovering that Jesus was a Galilean, Pilate abdicates his responsibility sending Jesus on to Herod whose jurisdiction he was under. Finally, when Pilate realises he has lost control he washes his hands of the situation and passes the responsibility to the crowd who in turn demand the crucifixion of Jesus.

The only consistent leader in the whole story appears to be Jesus. From the moment of birth to the point of death, Jesus has been motivated solely by his desire to be about his father's business, revealing the good news of God's kingdom. His dedication to duty and his determination not to be distracted even by his closest friends is a remarkable achievement.

A clue to his triumph over retreat comes in John's Gospel chapter 17. John, unlike the other three writers, gives over a whole chapter to record the fact that Jesus spent a considerable amount of time praying on the evening of his arrest. He prays for himself,

21.00pm **Passion Watch.**

19th

10.00am **Pilgrimage in Prayer Service**

12.00 Noon **Good Friday Reflections and Devotions**

14.00pm **The Liturgy of Good Friday**

20th

8.00pm **Easter Vigil, Confirmations and First Mass of Easter**

21st

Easter Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.00am **Parish Communion**

10.30 **Cathedral Eucharist**

4.00pm **Festal Choral Evensong**

28th

2.00pm **Royal Society St. George Service** led by The Dean

Holy Week Concert

Come and join Samuel Hudson and The Renaissance Singers for their Holy Week Concert: Vexilla Regis. A sequence of music and readings including Bruckner and Palestrina.

Wednesday 17th April, 7.30pm

The Renaissance Singers
Shaun Turnbull *Organ*
Samual Hudson *Conductor.*

Tickets: £10 (under 16s Free) via the website or on the door.

Save the Date!

Join Director of Music, Samuel Hudson for his final major concert at Blackburn Cathedral.

Last Night of the Proms!
Saturday 6th July 2019, 7.00pm

his disciples and future believers. I'm personally convinced that it is this action that gives Jesus such assurance in his leadership and the task before him.

On a night when Jesus could have been so preoccupied with other things, not least his imminent crucifixion, He finds time to stop and pray. He takes time to step back and think about how he will respond in the crisis that will soon be upon him. He opens himself up to his Father in heaven stating, 'not my will, but yours be done.' Such conviction.

With another Holy Week just days away, can I encourage you to take time out to pray, to listen to what God might be saying and to commit yourselves afresh to seek God's will in your own life, our community here at the cathedral and in our nation.

The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
Dean of Blackburn

Schools' Bible Exhibition

We are pleased to be able to join the Diocese this year in their Schools Bible Challenge.

This has been an annual activity where children in our Church of England schools participate in a weekly challenge to 'hunt' for clues in the bible and complete a trail which will point to finding 'treasure' at the end.

This year, the Cathedral will be welcoming an exhibition of some art work produced by the participating schools in response to their findings on the challenge. Over the Easter holiday we will host the children's art pieces and welcome families to visit to see their schools' creations.

In addition, there will be a Treasure Hunt here in the Cathedral where children are invited to find hidden clues around the building, directing them to a treasure chest where they will discover the greatest treasure of all time in the person of Jesus Christ.



hello! I've been hiding pictures around the Cathedral. If you find all six pictures and work out the clue that you will have an amazing job to do and make an important word. You can exchange this word for a special item from the treasure chest!

Blackburn Cathedral is full of interesting things. I hid a few things and would like you to find them in my treasure hunt! If you can find these things and work out what they are allowing us

Can you match these descriptions?

- Jesus's baptism
- Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane
- The resurrection
- Jesus goes into heaven
- The day of the Holy Spirit

Write the correct number by each picture.

Answer



Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday

The Triduum (meaning 'three days') from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday is actually one single and very long service, but during which (you will be relieved to know!) we take breaks now and then.

It begins at **7.30pm on Thursday** by recalling the Last Supper, and Jesus' act of love and service in washing his disciples' feet, before we hear of his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane, the altars are stripped and we watch and wait. Some churches hold a vigil through the night: we only do so until 10am, but then we resume our worship on Good Friday.

At **10am on Good Friday** there will be a simple service designed to help people of all ages, from the youngest to the oldest, to engage with our journey with Christ and the meaning of the Cross which is at the heart of our faith.

The sense of solemnity builds through the afternoon, during the three hours when Jesus was on the Cross. The first two hours offer readings, reflections and music, and in the final hour we reach the climax of the traditional Good Friday Liturgy. **This begins at 2pm**, and is structured around key texts including Psalm 22, John's account of Jesus' Passion, and the Lamentations of Jeremiah (set to music by Edward Bairstow and sung by the choir). The focus remains on the crucifixion.

Following ancient tradition (rather like Midnight Mass at Christmas) we move from the desolation of the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection on Saturday night. **At 8pm the Easter Vigil begins** with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, and a series of readings which tell the story of God's relationship with his people. This is traditionally a time when baptisms would take place, and we are delighted that we have seven candidates for confirmation. Five will be confirmed at the Vigil; and two a week later at St Peter's Salesbury. Please pray for them all. The Eucharist on Saturday night is the first celebration of Easter, which then continues with all the regular services on Sunday itself – just with extra joy!

Everyone is strongly encouraged to come to as much as they can, but especially on Good Friday (both morning and afternoon) and to the Easter Vigil. It goes without saying that the more you put into Holy Week, the more you will get out of it. If we stand at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, the joy of Easter will be so much the greater.



Eight 'Sing Together' concerts took place at the beginning of March at King George's Hall in Blackburn. Over 4000 children from 115 different schools across Lancashire (including 22 from our borough, Blackburn with Darwen) delighted audiences of 8000 with their fantastic singing and enthusiasm for performance. There is no religious direction to the Sing Together project run by Outreach Staff at the Cathedral as it encompasses children and teachers from all faiths and all walks of life to sing side by side in harmony and union.

Teachers are empowered during the 7 month project to deliver music with confidence and using this, sometimes existing, sometimes re-kindled or new born skill, their passion for performance and love of music is transmitted to the children. Exuberance, exhilaration and an overwhelming sense of pride and joy is evident at the concerts. It's the 'cup final' of their singing journey. Teachers and parents are delighted with the way their children step up to perform – often it gives the children from the most deprived wards the chance to shine and feel the buzz of performing. The children also experience singing with live accompaniment and stage lighting, a rare treat and one which is etched on their memory forever.

The Sing Together project goes from strength to strength year on year; a testament to the passion that the

Regular Service Times

Sunday:

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am	Parish Communion
10.30am	Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm	Evensong

Weekdays:

Morning Prayer - **8.40am** Monday to Friday

Holy Communion - Every day, but times may differ, please see the Cathedral Website or Weekly Bulletin for details.

Evening Prayer/Evensong - **5.15pm** Monday to Friday please see weekly bulletin or music list for details of sung services.

Saturday:

9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
5.15pm	Evening Prayer (Except when Evensong is scheduled which will be at 3.30pm – please see Weekly Bulletin or Website for details)

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singing leaders' feel is every child's right to 'find their voice through song and have access to quality music tuition'. Children learn 9 songs off by heart and the effects of singing from memory, learning music in general and participating in a concert have well documented knock-on positive academic, social and wellbeing effects.

This project would not be possible without the continuing support of teachers, parents, subsidy grants from private individuals and King George's Hall in Blackburn which is a fantastic performance venue.

A further 20 schools have signed up to take part next year 2019-2020 bringing our total to over 126 – over a quarter of Lancashire's Primary Schools!

Look out for our next concert at King George's Hall on Thursday 13th June 2019 – Sing Together's 10th Birthday concert. 400 children accompanied by the Blackburn and Darwen Brass Band and adult choirs. A truly inclusive concert for our region.

If you would like to support your local school to take part or would like to be involved as a school teacher, please get in touch with Gill Fourie on:

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Cathedral Opening Times

The Cathedral is open Monday to Saturday from 8.00am until after the last service of the day.

On Sundays we are open from 7.45am until after the last service of the day.