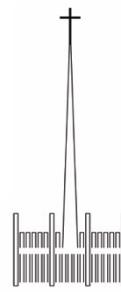


Newsletter

August 2019



BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

Diary

2nd

5.15pm Choral Evensong Sung by Holy Trinity Choir, Southport.

3rd

3.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by Holy Trinity Choir, Southport.

4th

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist Sung by The Northern Cathedral Consort.

4.00pm Choral Evensong Sung by The Northern Cathedral Consort.

11th

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist Sung by The Northern Cathedral Consort.

4.00pm Choral Evensong Sung by The Northern Cathedral Consort.

17th

3.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir, Shropshire.

18th

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist Sung by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir, Shropshire.

4.00pm Choral Evensong Sung by St Mary's Ecumenical Choir, Shropshire.

24th

3.30pm Choral Evensong Sung by The Ryedale Deanery Singers.

25th

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist Sung by The Ryedale Deanery Singers.

4.00pm Choral Evensong Sung by The Ryedale Deanery Singers.

The Lonely Place

Whenever I read the Gospels, I am always forcibly struck by the rhythm of life Jesus set for himself. At times he was furiously busy: pursued by crowds who demanded signs and miracles, sought out by those such as the pharisees who wanted to prove him wrong, trying to teach the stubborn disciples who barely understood a word he said.

Yet despite all this frenetic activity, Jesus always made time for the lonely place, the space apart where he could reflect and be with the Father. Before his public ministry he spent forty full days in prayer in the wilderness. Prior to the most significant events - choosing the twelve, feeding the 5000, going to the cross - he made time for prayer. There were moments when this rhythm of life drove the disciples mad. 'Everyone is searching for you!' Simon Peter says in frustration in Mark Chapter 1 when Jesus is praying in a lonely place. But no amount of pressure will take away from Jesus these special moments with the Father. He knew he needed them.

The message is clear. To sustain the Christian life, we need the lonely place.

As you read this newsletter, a small group of young people from the Cathedral will be joining with 50 others from around the Diocese to seek exactly that. Their place of prayer will be a small village in North Norfolk which has been a site of pilgrimage since the early twelfth century and they will be amongst 1000

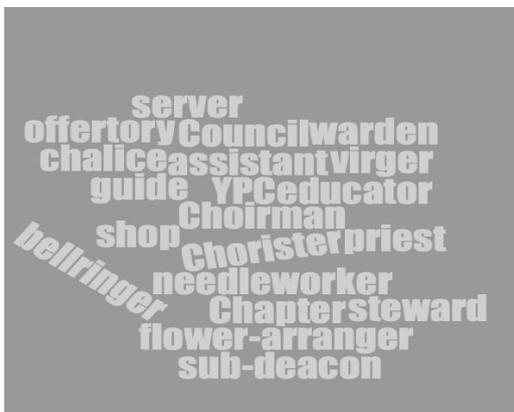
Community Forum Update

Following on from our latest meeting a few projects are beginning to take shape.

We hope to hold an evening of African food, dance and music in September – check the weekly bulletin for more information.

The Warden's Lunch for Stewards was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We aim to continue to build on this idea by holding our first Congregation Sunday Lunch on the **13th of October 2019**. The menu is still to be finalised but will be available in early September. As a way of funding both this and subsequent lunches we will be asking for a donation on the day.

Save the Date



Do you volunteer at the cathedral in any way? Be it stewarding, bell ringing, welcoming, flower-arranging or any of the many other ways in which volunteers ensure the continued smooth and successful running of the cathedral, The Dean and Chapter would like to invite you to attend a Service of Holy Communion to Celebrate the Work of Volunteers at Blackburn Cathedral, followed by Refreshments. **3.00pm Thursday 28th November 2019**

young people who each year travel to this holy ground for the annual Youth Pilgrimage.

The heart of Walsingham is the Holy House, a simple replica of the home in Nazareth where Mary received the angel's message and, in an act of reckless faithfulness, offered her life to be the mother of Jesus. It is a place that reminds us that, if we stop to listen, God is calling us to follow him and to find a deep joy in serving him.

Stopping to listen is just what the young people who attend the Youth Pilgrimage will be doing. Okay there will be lots of noise, upbeat worship, football, parties and hundreds of teenagers intent on enjoying themselves. But in reflective moments spent studying the scriptures, in the tranquillity of prayer and above all in the rich communion we find in the Eucharist these young people will find the space where they can hear God's call in their own lives and say yes. Even packed with people, Walsingham will be their lonely place where God can call, love, forgive, renew and send.

So what about you? Where is your lonely place? How do you emulate in your own life the rhythm of life that Jesus shows us in the Gospels? That lonely place may be your garden or a quiet part of your house. It may be the tranquillity of worship in the Cathedral. It may be a retreat or a pilgrimage.

Jesus knew that if he gave and gave and never received, his life would lose its purpose. If he, as Son of God, needed the lonely place, how much more do we whose faith is weak and whose resolve can so quickly crumble away? This summer let our young people be your example. Seek out the lonely place, offer time to God and hear afresh his precious call.

+Philip Burnley

News from the Gift Shop

Pathway to Prayer With Bishop Julian

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying – _Ephesians 6:18

What are Pathways to Prayer?

This is a wonderful opportunity for all people of every tradition, to explore fresh perspectives on patterns and styles of prayer, contemplation and meditation, through a diverse range of workshops.

Places must be booked via the Eventbrite booking link, available from the Blackburn Diocese website on

www.blackburn.anglican.org/events

Where and When

Saturday September 21st

10.30am to 2.30pm
(coffee served from 10.00am)

St Ambrose Leyland
With Bishop Julian

The workshops will include

- Praying with pictures
- Using prayer stations
- Lectio Divina
- Praying out loud in small groups
- Franciscan spirituality

Remembrance Sunday

We would like to offer hand-knitted poppies for sale in the shop for Remembrance Day this year. If anyone can donate red and/or black wool to help with this, or would like to knit poppies for us, please get in touch by either leaving donations or your details in the shop or dropping an email to:
shop@blackburncathedral.co.uk

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Building on last year's success, we will be hosting a larger pop up shop for Cards for Good Causes in the run up to Christmas 2019. This requires a part time paid manager who will be employed directly by the charity. Applications from the congregation and existing volunteers are encouraged, please see the information below.



HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A WIDE
RANGE OF CHARITIES

"CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES"

Is looking for a **Shop Manager** in Blackburn Cathedral, from October to December.

Our seasonal pop-up shop sells Christmas cards and gifts to support local and national charities. If you are organised, enthusiastic and enjoy being part of a friendly team, running one of our shops is rewarding, sociable and fun. Paid, Part-time flexible hours available.

To find out more please contact:

Vicky Monaghan 07543478186/01931 714057

Vicky.monaghan@cfgc.org.uk

www.cardsforcharity.org.uk



JOIN SANTA'S
LITTLE HELPERS

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)

Contacts

Blackburn Cathedral
Cathedral Close
Blackburn
BBI 5AA

The Dean: The Very Rev'd Peter Howell-Jones
Canon Sacrist: The Rev'd Canon Colin Williams
Canon Missioner: The Rev'd Canon Dr Rowena Pailing
Canon Pastor: The Rev'd Canon Andrew Horsfall
Episcopal Canon: The Right Rev'd Philip North
Dir. of Music: Mr John Robinson
Shop Manager: Mrs Julie Eatwell
Events: Mr Phil Hunwick
Head Virger: Mr Mark Pickering

Tel: 01254 277430

Email: info@blackburncathedral.com

Website: www.blackburncathedral.com

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

Email: secretary@fobc.info

Website: www.fobc.info

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.



Donate to the Work and Fabric of the Church

Have you seen our new contactless payment machine? It defaults to £3.00, but you can alter it to any amount up to £30.00. Just follow the instructions on its plinth.



Friends of Blackburn Cathedral Flower Festival 2020

The Festival has now been officially launched and has its own website. It will take place on the 17th to the 21st of June 2020 so please save the date! For further information please visit: www.blackburncathedralflowerfestival.com, or you can contact us by telephone on 01254 449016 or email:

info@blackburncathedralflowerfestival.com