

# Newsletter



June 2018

## Diary

5<sup>th</sup>

**10.00am Volunteer Fair in the Nave.** Come along and find out what volunteer opportunities there are in Blackburn with Darwen.

6<sup>th</sup>

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** - This week's recitalist is **David Scott-Thomas** from Lancashire.

13<sup>th</sup>

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** - This week's recitalist is **David Bednall** from Bristol Cathedral.

14<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

Come along and take a look at **Blackburn College University Centre's Art and Design Department Exhibition** in the Crypt.

15<sup>th</sup>

**10.30am – 6:00pm 100 Club – Salon Privé.** See page 4 for more details.

19<sup>th</sup>

Join authors from the Children's' Reading Festival in Café Northcote for an evening of verse accompanied by Drinks and Canapes. **Tickets available from the Festival website.** (see page 3 for more details)

20<sup>th</sup>

**1.00pm Lunchtime Recital** - This week's recitalists are **The Blackburn Cathedral Scholars.**  
**5.15pm Schools' Evensong.** Children from local schools will

## Revised Cathedral Constitution and Statutes



On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the Bishop of Blackburn, the Right Reverend Julian Henderson; the Chair of the Cathedral Council, Dr Chris Carr; and the Dean signed the revised Cathedral Constitution and Statutes (C&S), marking the end of nine months of consultation. The C&S are the

governing document for the Cathedral and now reviewed, will help us to maintain good governance in all that we seek to do under God. If you want to read them, they are on the Cathedral website together with the Statutory Accounts for 2017.

## A Warm Welcome to Rev'd Canon Dr Rowena Pailing.

Rowena was, most recently, Director of Pastoral Studies and lectured in Church History at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, which forms men and women from all traditions for ordained ministry.

Before that she held posts in the Diocese of Birmingham, including as a parish priest in the diverse Handsworth area.

With her experience in education, growing churches and working with different faith communities, Rowena is looking forward to being part of the Cathedral community.

In her short time here, Rowena has already become an invaluable member of the Cathedral Community preaching to our regular congregations and welcoming groups of young visitors from local schools and colleges alongside beginning to develop her role as Canon Missioner.

be joining our choristers for regular evensong. All welcome.

**21<sup>st</sup>**

**Sing Together School**

**Children** with the Choristers, Renaissance Singers, Blackburn People's Choir, accompanied by the Blackburn with Darwen Brass Band.

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10.00am-4.00pm Blackburn Children's Reading Festival.**

Free Entry – See Page 3 for more details.

**27<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** - This week's recitalist is our very own **Samuel Hudson**.

**30<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am** Ordination of Deacons.

**2.30pm** Ordination of Priests.

## Looking forward to July

**1<sup>st</sup>**

**Sunday School Picnic** – after the **10.30am Eucharist**.

Speak to the Sunday School teachers for more information.

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7.30pm** Installation of the New Bishop of Lancaster. Sung by the Renaissance Singers.

**7<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm 'A Royal**

**Composer'**. Join the Choirs of Blackburn Cathedral and the Northern Chamber Orchestra for their Summer Gala Concert.

# The Extraordinary in the Ordinary

## A Reflection by Rev'd Rowena Pailing

After the great festivals and the drama of Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, it feels as if we have returned to normal in the month of June. Indeed, the Church calls the period after Trinity and before Advent 'Ordinary Time'. But 'Ordinary Time' is also an extraordinary time, because God is always at work.

The challenge, perhaps, is to see this, and to recognise the extraordinary in the ordinary. It is wonderful to experience an encounter with God through beauty, but a mature faith is one which can both rejoice at the glory of nature and art, but which can also find God in places which may be dark or difficult, or just plain ordinary.

And if we look hard enough, we will see that it is not just that God is at work in those ordinary places, but that God seems deliberately to choose the most ordinary people and the most everyday situations, to demonstrate his presence. Nazareth was an ordinary place; the disciples were ordinary people; and the Eucharistic meal at the heart of Christian worship uses ordinary bread and wine.

What God does is to transform the everyday into something extraordinary, whilst still maintaining its ordinary nature. It is the tension and the mystery at the heart of the Christian faith, as we believe that Jesus Christ was fully human and fully God: completely ordinary and at the same time entirely extraordinary. It is the mystery and the gift which shapes our relationship with God, where all of us are equal, but all of us are wonderfully and remarkably made.

At the end of June is the Feast of Ss Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the earliest Christian communities. They are prime examples of individuals who showed extraordinary Christian faith whilst at the same time having very human characters which were far from perfect. Their Feast is traditionally the time when ordinations take place at Blackburn Cathedral and cathedrals across the world when men and women with a calling to serve in a particular way are made deacons and priests.

The celebration of Christian calling is an opportunity for each one of us to consider our vocations. Priesthood is

just one example, but all Christians are called to follow Christ in different ways, to live out our faith in our homes and our work and in our local community.

The ordination service reminds us that:

*The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.*

Sometimes it is difficult to believe that we are called; when we are ordinary people. But in Christ we are transformed so that we are extraordinary as well. And in Christ we are challenged to search out and make known the extraordinary wherever we least expect it.

### **Lunchtime Recitals**

Join us on Wednesday lunchtimes during term time to hear a variety of recitalists from near and far. All are welcome and admission is free but we do ask for a minimum donation of £3.50 to help cover costs.

**1.00pm in the Nave.**

### **Our New Newsletter**

We hope you like our new-style newsletter. If there is anything you would like us to include, in the diary section or as a small feature, please get in touch either via the cathedral office or by sending an email to [info@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:info@blackburncathedral.co.uk) putting 'newsletter' in the subject line.

## **Blackburn Children's Reading Festival**

The Blackburn Children's Reading Festival is very much a community event presented in partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Council, Community CVS Blackburn and Christina Gabbitas. A range of events will be held in the borough, culminating on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June with a Families and Community Day at the Cathedral. See the website: [www.blackburncrf.com](http://www.blackburncrf.com) for more details.

## **Festival of Voice: Gala Concert.**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018,  
7.30pm at King George's  
Hall, Blackburn.**

Blackburn Cathedral Outreach present a Gala Concert featuring music and song from local schools and choirs alongside the Cathedral Choristers, The Renaissance Singers and the Blackburn & Darwen Brass Band. Tickets are available from King George's Hall Box Office.

## 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
3.30pm	Evening Prayer

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## Club – Salon Privé.

**15<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am – 6.00pm.**

Join us at Browsholme Hall for a display of classic cars from vintage to present day with a light-hearted Concours d'Elegance. Champagne and canapes reception, followed by luncheon of two further courses, will be included within the entrance fee of £95.00 per person. For more information please e-mail [peterwhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:peterwhitman@yahoo.com) or download the application form from the website.

## Coming Up in July!

**Saturday 7th July, 7.00pm**

**'A Royal Composer'**. Blackburn Cathedral's Summer Gala Concert celebrating the music of Charles H H Parry and marking 100 years since his death. Including Parry's *I was glad* and *Jerusalem*, Elgar's *Nimrod* and works by Vaughan Williams, Stanford and Ireland. Join the Choirs of Blackburn Cathedral and The Northern Chamber Orchestra with Samuel Hudson conducting.