

Newsletter

October 2018



BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

Diary

2nd

Open Guided Tour – see below for more details

3rd

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital. Kris Thomsett from Newcastle Cathedral

6th

1.00pm The Sixteen Choral Workshop.

7.30pm A Concert by The Sixteen.

Please see the choir's website for more information and booking.

10th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital. Tom Bell from the Royal College of Organists.

7.00pm Blackburn with Darwen Deanery Synod Meeting, please see the Diocesan Website for more information.

11th

2.00pm Cathedral Mothers' Union Meeting in Hilda at the Cathedral. The Speaker will be Stuart Rothwell on "Confessions of an Aero Space Engineer"

New Members are welcome.

13th

10.30am This Sunday we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at the Cathedral Eucharist, please see the bulletin for more details

'Rejoice to be Rubbish!'

'For too many people, their greatest fear is being ordinary.' It's not often I read the Daily Mail, but those words in an article by the novelist Nancy Tucker really caught my attention. Tucker is a young woman who speaks out with great courage about her own mental health issues and encourages other women to talk about their own. And for her the heart of the mental health problem, not just for women but for men, is the pressure to be extraordinary.

On the internet our young people are constantly comparing themselves with others, trying to look more beautiful or make out that they have more fascinating lives. They are bombarded with images of apparent perfection in the lives of celebs and youtubers and feel inadequate when their own lives do not match up. Their schools place them under constant pressure to work harder, do better, aim higher and reach for the stars. The result is that there is no middle way, no space to be ordinary. Our young people either have to be exceptional or they are pathologised.

And our young merely hold up a mirror to the culture we all inhabit. We prize achievement over contentment. It's no good to be a rubbish singer, a bad runner, a half-hearted cook or an overweight walker. If you do anything, you have to be great at it. And if you're not, don't bother.

When I confirm groups of 11 and 12 year old children, I usually ask them beforehand some questions about themselves, such as what they want to do when they grow up. The answers are predictable. They want to be film stars, singers, footballers and celebrities for the goal for most young people today is simply to be famous. But then invariably one child, perhaps not the most gifted academically, will give a different sort of answer. 'I want to be a plumber, Bishop.' Or a farmer, or an electrician. And I think yes, and you're the one who's going to be happy.

Because this culture of perfection is radically at odds with the teaching of the Scriptures. In fact when Jesus set about his task of choosing followers he seems to have gone to the opposite

16th

11.00am Chorley Chapter Deanery Meeting, please see the Diocesan Website for more information.

17th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital. Ian Pattinson from Lancaster Priory.

22nd

The Cathedral Choirs are on holiday until Sunday the 4th of November when the Men's Voices will return.

27th

15.30pm Choral Evensong sung by the St Mary's Ecumenical Singers, Shropshire

28th

The Cathedral Eucharist and Evensong will be sung by the St Mary's Singers, Shropshire

31st

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital by **Daisy-Belle Dumsday** (Soprano).

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.**

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extreme. He chose an unmarried peasant to be his mum, he chose a disorganised crowd of inept fishermen, failed revolutionaries, and sinners to be his disciples, he chose a shamed woman to discover his resurrection. Why these bizarre choices? Because in Jesus, where we are weak is where we are strong. It is where we are imperfect that he can use us to his glory, because that is where we depend solely on his presence and love.

So, let's make peace with our imperfection, because that is where God can work in our lives. Rejoice to be rubbish! Who cares if you've got a voice like a corncrake, sing his praises at the top of your voice! Never mind if you get bored in worship or fall asleep when you're meant to be praying. As long as you're there and trying God can still speak to you. Never mind if your efforts at discipleship and sharing your faith never seem to lead anywhere. If you are co-operating with him. God is using you in ways you may never see. Let's be proud of our mediocrity. Not only will we be happier, but God's glory will shine through us even more.

Bishop Philip North,
Episcopal Canon

PILGRIM COURSE

The Pilgrim Course begins on Wednesday 3rd October at 7pm, and runs for six weeks.

Over the next few months and years we will be running a number of different courses for people to explore more about the Christian faith. Whether you are new to Christianity, or whether you have been attending church for years, it is good for all of us to have an opportunity to talk about matters of faith with others. There should be something for everyone as we develop different groups, but as a starting point this autumn we will be running a six-week Pilgrim course on Wednesday evenings. You can find out more at <http://www.pilgrimcourse.org/the-course> and it will be suitable for anyone who feels like a 'beginner' or who wants a 'refresher' or is interested in exploring more. For more information, contact: missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Looking Forward to November

A Series of Events to mark the Centenary of Armistice Day

8th Nov 7.00pm: Brothers in Arms

10th Nov 7.30pm: Blackburn Remembers: Blackburn Music Society will be joined by the Blackburn with Darwen Band for their **Armistice Centenary Concert.**

On **Sunday 11th November** there will be range of events will be taking place in the cathedral today to mark the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day. Come and join us for all or just one:

6.00am, A lone piper will mark the Centenary of the signing of the WWI Armistice documents.

9.30am, Our Civic Service of Remembrance.

10.40am, The Cathedral Eucharist with two minutes silence and short peel of bells. **7.05pm,** Battle's Over – Ringing out for Peace: our bell ringers will join with churches and cathedrals across the nation.

Donate to the Work and Fabric of the Cathedral

The Cathedral has now set up a Just Giving account to support our mission and maintain our beautiful historic building. To donate, go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/blackburncathedral>

The Cathedral has also set up Text Giving - you can donate by texting BLAC01 followed by the amount you wish to donate, to 70070.

You can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10.

As an example, to donate £5, you would text the following to 70070: BLAC01£5

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Brothers in Arms

An Inspiring True Story

Brothers in Arms seeks to personalise this vast conflict by telling the story of the Great War through the inspiring true story of two soldiers, Noel and Christopher Chavasse. These twin brothers were both highly decorated soldiers who served with great distinction in the trenches of World War One. Noel Chavasse is notable for being one of only three soldiers to have been awarded the Victoria Cross twice for his exceptional bravery under fire. His brother Christopher was awarded the Military Cross for his courage and steadfast service. Their lives tell an inspiring story of courage, service, sacrifice and faith lived out under fire.

Performed by Blackburn Creative Arts and featuring drama, film clips, images and music; Brothers in Arms is an extraordinary theatrical experience which brings to life the events of WWI in a moving and powerful performance.

Written by David Banbury a writer, clergyman and former soldier to commemorate the centenary of WWI, this multi-media performance has been seen by over 4,000 people across the North of England with extremely positive reviews. David is also the writer of Home Front - Front Line which was performed to sell out audiences at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2017.

For more information contact:

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Brothers in Arms - Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Blackburn Cathedral,
Cathedral Close,
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Admission: £2 per person (proceeds to go to the Royal British Legion).

Tickets available from: Cathedral Gift Shop

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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THERE BUT NOT THERE
— COMMEMORATE. EDUCATE. HEAL —

Ten transparent silhouettes funded by The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust have been placed throughout the seating areas of the Cathedral. A similar installation in a church in Kent in 2016 proved to be so powerful that it has become a national project: the defining centenary commemoration of the end of the 1914-1918 war, installed where the men and women came from across the country, back in the communities they left behind.

There But Not There aims to place a representative figure for as many as possible of the names on local war memorials, around the country, into their place of worship, their school, their workplace or wherever their absence was keenly felt.

The aim is three-fold:

- Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.
- Educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.
- Heal today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds.

For the stories behind some of the names on our war memorial, see the continuing exhibition in the South Transept. You can also find prayer resources with two of the silhouettes in St Martin's Chapel.

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Open Guided Tours

Tours are held most first Tuesdays of the month, all are welcome. Please be at the Welcome Desk for 3.00pm.