

Time by Lumenalis, St. Mary's Cathedral

# What's on

at Blackburn Cathedral

January-April 2026

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**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

# Welcome to Blackburn Cathedral



Welcome to 2026 - a significant moment in the life of Blackburn Cathedral and we look forward to you joining us as we celebrate our Centenary.

We're delighted to be marking this unique period in the rich history of our Cathedral with a range of celebratory events, exhibitions, concerts and thanksgiving services along with a number of special projects that will bring our communities together.

As it has always been, Blackburn Cathedral is a place for everyone. You'll find there's so much happening - so whether you join us for prayer or a moment of quiet reflection, to enjoy live music, visit an exhibition or simply to explore our iconic building - please know that this is your Cathedral, and you are always welcome.

*Andrew Horsfall*

The Revd. Canon Andrew Horsfall  
Interim Dean of Blackburn

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# What's on this Season?

From daily worship and special services to concerts, live music and unique exhibitions... it's a bumper start to our Centenary year.

Following The Longest Yarn - Britain at War exhibition (see p8-9) in January, the spectacular TIME by Luxmuralis (see p14-15) is guaranteed to captivate and enthral us all in February. The Turin Shroud exhibition arrives in March (see p18) and there's also the Lent and Easter period plus the return of The Sixteen to Blackburn Cathedral.

Within this guide you'll find details of all that's happening and we hope that there is something that interests you from our diverse range of events.

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## Regular services at Blackburn Cathedral

Worship is at the centre of Cathedral life and services take place each day of the year

You are invited to join us - we're open to all - and you will receive a warm welcome at any of our regular services:

			WORSHIP
<b>Sunday</b>	9am	Parish Eucharist	
	10.30am	Cathedral Eucharist	
	4pm	Choral Evensong	
<b>Monday</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer <sup>+</sup>	
	5pm	Evening Prayer <sup>+</sup>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist	
	5pm	Choral Evensong <sup>*</sup>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
	11:30am	BCP Eucharist	
	5pm	Choral Evensong <sup>*</sup>	
<b>Thursday</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist	
	5pm	Choral Evensong <sup>*</sup>	
<b>Friday</b>	8.30am	Morning Prayer	
	12:30pm	Common Worship Eucharist	
	5pm	Evening Prayer	
<b>Saturday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist	
	4pm	Evening Prayer	

<sup>+</sup> On Bank Holiday Mondays, Morning Prayer is at 9am and Evening Prayer is at 4pm.

<sup>\*</sup> Choral Evensong is term time only and is replaced by Evening Prayer during the holidays.

## Special services at Blackburn Cathedral

The Cathedral hosts a number of special services throughout the year and you are welcome to join us.

Highlights this season include:

			WORSHIP
<b>January</b>	Sun 11th Jan	Epiphany Carols	4pm
	Sat 17th Jan	Family-Friendly Service	3pm
	<b>February</b>		
Sun 1st Feb	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	4pm	
Sun 8th Feb	Racial Justice Sunday	10.30am	
Wed 18th Feb	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm	
<b>March</b>			
Sun 8th Mar	International Women's Day	10.30am	
Sun 15th Mar	Mothering Sunday	10.30am	
Sun 29th Mar	Palm Sunday	10.30am	
<b>April</b>			
Thu 2nd Apr	Chrism Service	11am	
Thu 2nd Apr	Maundy Thursday Eucharist <sup>o</sup>	8pm	
Fri 3rd Apr	Pilgrimage of Prayer	10am	
Fri 3rd Apr	Good Friday Liturgy in Three Hours <sup>o</sup>	12pm	
Sat 4th Apr	Easter Vigil <sup>o</sup>	8pm	
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Parish Eucharist	9am	
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Cathedral Eucharist <sup>o</sup>	10.30am	
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Choral Evensong	4pm	

<sup>o</sup> With guest Dr Rowan Williams - see p20-21 for details.



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

# Organ Appeal

Our iconic Walker organ is famous across the world for its remarkable sound, innovative design and unique appearance.

Help us raise £250,000 to restore this unique musical treasure.

Learn more and pledge your support:

[organappeal.com](http://organappeal.com)



## Concerts at Blackburn Cathedral

Our popular Wednesday lunchtime concerts are a wonderful opportunity to experience music at Blackburn Cathedral.

Starting at 12.15pm, there is no entry charge and no ticket is required. A donation of £5 per person is suggested and all are welcome to join us.

<b>January</b>	7th January	Nigel Spooner
	14th January	Graham Eccles
	21st January	Mark Brafield
	28th January	Kumi Choi
<b>February</b>	4th February	Andreana Chan
	11th February	Sebastian Johansson
	18th February	John Robinson
	25th February	Charles Spanner
<b>March</b>	4th March	Joshua Simoes
	11th March	Nigel Spooner
	18th March	Roger Judd
	25th March	Tom Bell
<b>April</b>	1st April	Milkica Radovanovic
	22nd April	Andrew Canning
	29th April	John Hosking

The latest concert schedule is at [blackburncathedral.com/concerts](http://blackburncathedral.com/concerts)

**Bank Holiday Concert Series**  
Monday 6th April 11am

**Dr Colin Walsh**  
*Organist Emeritus, Lincoln Cathedral*

Entry to Bank Holiday Concerts is £10.00 on the door and are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust.





THE LONGEST YARN II

# BRITAIN AT WAR

A striking exhibition of knitted and crocheted panels depicting life in Britain between the declaration of war in September 1939 to VE Day in May 1945.



Jan 7th to Feb 7th

Learn more and see opening times at:

[blackburncathedral.com/yarn](http://blackburncathedral.com/yarn)

Entry by  
Donation



## The Longest Yarn - 'Britain at War'

EXHIBITION

1926-2026 Wed 7th Jan - Sat 7th Feb 2026 | See website for times | All welcome | Entry by donation

This impressive exhibition of intricate knitted wartime scenes has been visited and loved by thousands and we're delighted to be hosting it at Blackburn Cathedral.

Hundreds of volunteer knitters from across the UK have created a stunning set of 80 individual knitted panels, each depicting a scene of Britain during wartime. It builds on the international success of *The Longest Yarn*, an exhibition of scenes from D-Day, which following a tour of the UK, is now in the USA.

The work that has gone into the storytelling panels is informed by guidance from expert historians, although the knitter often has a personal connection with the story they portray - sometimes a relative, sometimes a place or moment in time, making this a truly unique, heartfelt and historically important exhibition.

Attracting thousands of visitors as it tours the UK, this exhibition appeals to people of all ages from schoolchildren upwards. Entry is by donation in support of both the Cathedral and veterans' charities.

[blackburncathedral.com/yarn](http://blackburncathedral.com/yarn)



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**100** The Official Launch of  
1926:2026 Blackburn Cathedral's Centenary Year

COMMUNITY

Tue 6th Jan 2026 | 7pm | | All welcome

Please join us to mark the beginning of our Centenary year on the Feast of Epiphany - a special time of light, renewal, and shared hope for the future.

We will gather outside in darkness, before the Cathedral gradually comes alive with light and music. As we move into the building, we will bring light into our iconic home - symbolising faith, unity, and new beginnings. All are welcome to celebrate the start of a new chapter in the life of our Cathedral with great joy, warmth and anticipation for the year ahead.



[blackburncathedral.com/centenary-launch](http://blackburncathedral.com/centenary-launch)

**Epiphany Carol Service**

WORSHIP

Sun 11th Jan 2026 | 4pm | | All welcome

All are warmly invited to the Cathedral to join a special service of carols and hymns sung by the Youth Choir.

This service celebrates how Jesus was revealed to the world through the arrival of the Kings at the crib. The service will be followed by refreshments.



[blackburncathedral.com/epiphany](http://blackburncathedral.com/epiphany)



**Tina Turner by Candlelight**

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 23rd Jan 2026 | 7.30pm | | Book online

This euphoric night of the best of Tina Turner will be performed by Dixie Daye and her incredible live band.

Including all of Tina's biggest hits such as *River Deep Mountain High*, *Nutbush City Limit*, *We Don't Need Another Hero*, *What's Love Got to Do With It*, *Private Dancer* and many more, this is the ultimate tribute to one of the most iconic performers of our time!

So if you *Can't Stand the Rain* and don't want to stay at home looking out of your *Steamy Windows*, cast your *Golden Eye* on tickets to this amazing concert, guaranteed to have *Proud Marys* everywhere singing along and dancing in the aisles!



[blackburncathedral.com/tina](http://blackburncathedral.com/tina)

**Pink Floyd by Candlelight**

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 24th Jan 2026 | 7.30pm | | Book online

Join us on the Dark Side of the Moon for the ultimate tribute to Pink Floyd.

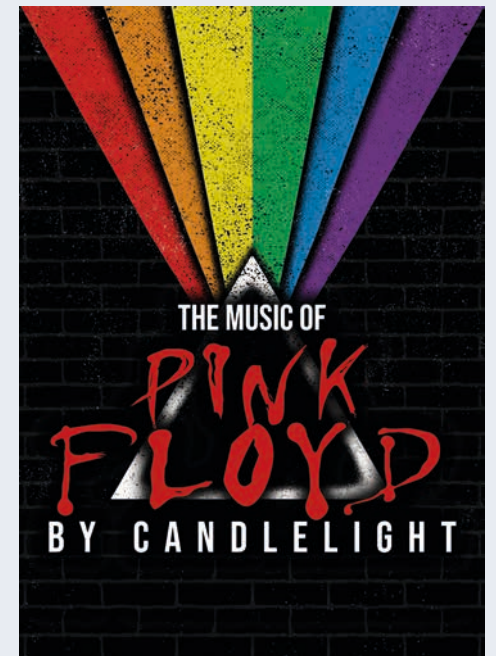
This concert will feature some of the most iconic music of all time including *Another Brick in the Wall*, *Comfortably Numb*, *Wish You Were Here*, *Us and Them*, *Shine On You Crazy Diamond* and more!

There's *No Time* to waste! Book your tickets now and join us for *The Great Gig in the Sky!*

This concert will be performed by 'What The Floyd', one of the UK's leading Pink Floyd tribute shows.



[blackburncathedral.com/pinkfloyd](http://blackburncathedral.com/pinkfloyd)







## Presentation of Christ in the Temple

WORSHIP

Sun 1st Feb 2026 | 4pm | 🕯️ | All welcome

We mark the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when Jesus was offered to his Father and revealed as the future Saviour of all people.

This service will feature readings, prayers and special music performed by the Cathedral Choir.

We celebrate the day Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem forty days after his birth, where he was recognised as the redeemer by the prophets Anna and Simeon.



[blackburncathedral.com/presentation](https://blackburncathedral.com/presentation)



## Elvis By Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 13th Feb 2026 | 7.30pm | 🎫 | Book online

It's time to get All Shook Up, as one of the UK's leading Elvis Presley tribute acts, along with an epic live band, perform in Elvis by Candlelight.

Grab your *Blue Suede Shoes* and join us for a night featuring all-time favourite hits including *Jail House Rock*, *Suspicious Minds*, *Devil in Disguise*, *The Wonder of You* and many more!

Performed by one of the UK's leading Elvis tributes - JD King, this concert includes a spectacular live band and sensational backing vocalists. So don't be *Lonesome Tonight* and book your tickets - they definitely won't be *Returned to Sender!*



[blackburncathedral.com/elvis](https://blackburncathedral.com/elvis)

## Racial Justice Sunday

WORSHIP

Sun 8th Feb 2026 | 10.30am | 🕯️ | All welcome

You are warmly invited to join us at this service of Holy Communion where we will affirm our joy at living, learning and growing together as a diverse community in Blackburn and beyond.

We will recommit ourselves to standing up to racism and discrimination in all its forms.

We shall reflect on the importance of racial justice, give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity and commit to end the racism and acts of discrimination that continue to mar our world.



[blackburncathedral.com/justice](https://blackburncathedral.com/justice)



## Bell Ringing Open Day

COMMUNITY

Sat 14th Feb 2026 | 10am-3.30pm | 🕯️ | All welcome

Come along and meet our bellringers as you learn more about our famous Cathedral bells.

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to see and hear the bells in action by climbing the steps of the Bell Tower (open to those aged 8+ and under 16's must be accompanied by an adult).

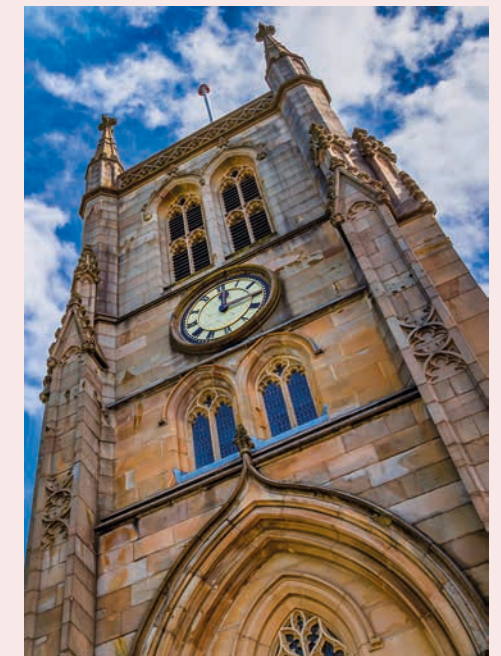
Try ringing handbells and listen to an introductory talk about the bells, learn what's involved in ringing and take the first steps in learning how to ring a bell yourself - and perhaps see if you could join the team.

**Please note:**

Access to the Bell Tower includes steep steps and confined spaces. Restrictions may apply.



[blackburncathedral.com/bells](https://blackburncathedral.com/bells)





# TIME

CREATED BY LUXMURALIS

Astonishing, immersive light and sound experience spanning the beginning of time to the present day.



Learn more and book tickets

[blackburncathedral.com/time](http://blackburncathedral.com/time)

24-28 Feb

Tickets on sale now



EXHIBITION

## TIME by Luxmuralis

1926-2026 Tue 24th - Sat 28th Feb 2026 | Various times |  | [Book online](#) | [Strictly limited availability](#)

The world-famous Luxmuralis arrives in Lancashire for the first time ever and this spectacular light and sound show is guaranteed to captivate and enthrall as it transforms the entire Cathedral into a fully immersive artwork.

As part of our Centenary celebrations, this major centrepiece art installation invites you to explore humanity's evolving relationship with the concept of time. This innovative projected light and sound show is perfect for guests of all ages and will be an unforgettable journey through history, science and imagination.

You'll be taken on a journey through time, traversing wormholes, venturing inside the intricate workings of clocks, and experiencing a dramatic narrative that spans from the very beginning of everything to the present day.

The Cathedral will be open late each evening allowing you to experience a mesmerising voyage through the epochs of humanity, before ultimately reaching the formation of our planet, creating a profound and awe-inspiring conclusion to this strictly time-limited event.

[blackburncathedral.com/time](http://blackburncathedral.com/time)



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## Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons by Candlelight LIVE MUSIC

Fri 6th Mar 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Enjoy the iconic harmonies of one of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's most famous and prestigious groups.

With classics such as *Oh What a Night*, *Walk Like a Man* and *Sherry*, let us take you to *Late December Back in '63* as we really make this a *Night to Remember*.

[blackburncathedral.com/frankie](http://blackburncathedral.com/frankie)



## Cathedral Eucharist on Mothering Sunday WORSHIP

Sun 15th Mar 2026 | 10.30am | | All welcome

At this service we give thanks and offer prayers in recognition of the many challenges and rewards of motherhood.

All are welcome to join us as we also celebrate the Mother Church and everyone will be invited to receive flowers if they wish.

[blackburncathedral.com/worship](http://blackburncathedral.com/worship)



## 80s Anthems by Candlelight LIVE MUSIC

Fri 7th Mar 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Get ready to turn back time as you experience The Best of the 80s, at this euphoric, ultimate pop celebration.

Expect the biggest hits by all your favourite artists, performed live at the ultimate throwback concert, serving up the best rock anthems, power ballads and pop classics of the decade.

[blackburncathedral.com/80s](http://blackburncathedral.com/80s)



## Blackburn Symphony Orchestra CONCERT

Sat 21st Mar 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Blackburn Symphony Orchestra - one of the region's leading amateur orchestras - return to Blackburn Cathedral.

Under conductor Richard Howarth, the programme includes Rautavara's *Cantus Arcticus*, Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No 3* and Nielsen's *Symphony No 4*.

[blackburncathedral.com/symphony](http://blackburncathedral.com/symphony)



## David Briggs: Live Improvisation Concert CONCERT

Sat 14th Mar 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

World-renowned organist David Briggs improvises a live accompaniment to the 1925 silent film *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Briggs will showcase his extraordinary talent on our iconic organ, as he creates an electrifying soundtrack, delivering an unforgettable, once in a lifetime evening of cinematic and musical drama.

[blackburncathedral.com/briggs](http://blackburncathedral.com/briggs)



## Blackburn Chamber Choir Passiontide Concert CONCERT

Sat 28th Mar 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

*From Ash Wednesday to Easter* is a musical journey through Passiontide with a special programme of music for choir and organ.

Directed by John Hosking, with organ accompaniment by Graham Eccles, this concert will feature moving works by Felix Mendelssohn, David Briggs, Maurice Greene, and Kenneth Leighton.


[blackburncathedral.com/passiontide](http://blackburncathedral.com/passiontide)





## Turin Shroud Exhibition

EXHIBITION

1926:2026 23rd Mar - 12th Apr 2026 | See website for times |  | All welcome

Few people have had the privilege of standing before the actual Shroud of Turin during its limited public display in Turin, Italy and so we are delighted that a life-size replica and supporting exhibition will be on display during the Lent and Easter period.

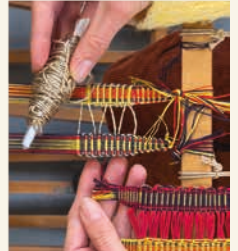
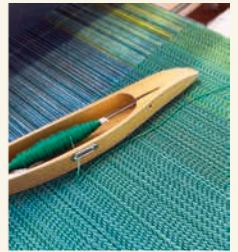
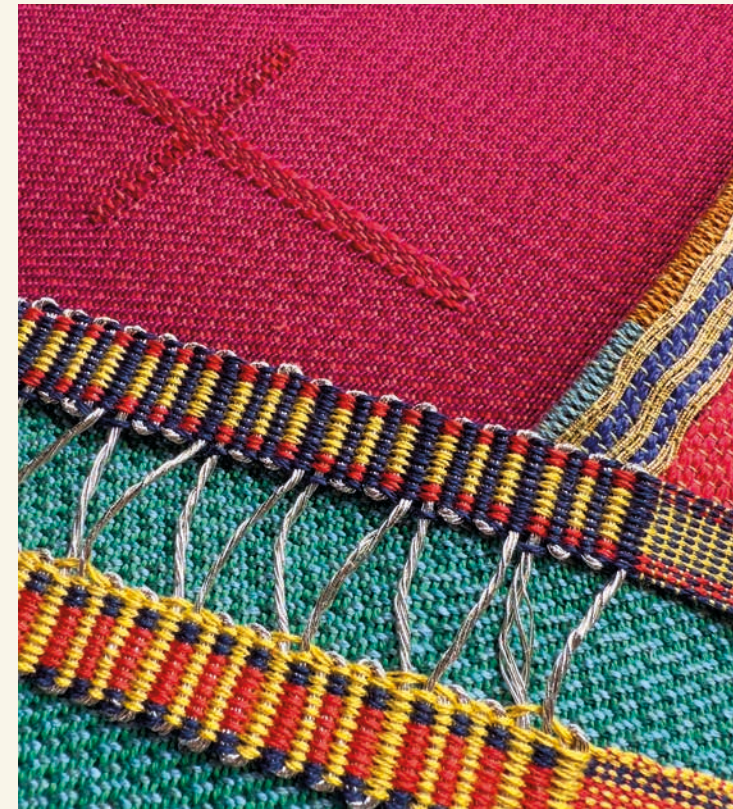
Believed to have been used to wrap the body of Jesus after the Crucifixion, the Shroud is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front and back of a crucified man, believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of the Lord Jesus after his crucifixion, and upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted.

This installation offers a fascinating opportunity to examine it in detail, and for some this has proved to be a moving and profound experience which has deeply strengthened their faith.

The accompanying exhibition provides evidence revealed by historical and scientific research, explaining how the Shroud's image and bloodstains align with Gospel accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection.



[blackburncathedral.com/shroud](http://blackburncathedral.com/shroud)



## 'Fabric of Faith' A Century of Vestments

EXHIBITION

1926:2026 27th Mar - 26th Apr 2026 | See website for times |  | All welcome

Uncover the rich history and significance of the garments worn by clergy during worship, over the last century. This special exhibition will explore how faith is woven into the fabric of everyday life.

'Fabric of Faith' will showcase a range of historical pieces from the Cathedral archives, whilst also explaining the theology of religious garments and the rich history and importance of fabric production and weaving to our region.

As we look to the future, an exciting project to design and produce a set of vestments to mark the Centenary will come to fruition, with the new items unveiled as part of this exhibition. Designed and woven by Margo Selby, the acclaimed British textile artist and designer, they will combine contemporary artistry with the traditional craft of hand weaving. These new pieces will be both beautiful and symbolic and a wonderful way to mark this milestone.

A striking new large-scale artwork piece will accompany and enhance this significant collaboration.



[blackburncathedral.com/vestments](http://blackburncathedral.com/vestments)



## Ash Wednesday

Wed 18th Feb 2026 | 7.30pm | 🙏 | All welcome

The start of Lent is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, as Christians prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter, which comes at the end of Lent. The evening Cathedral Eucharist service on Ash Wednesday includes the imposition of ashes, at which the priest puts ash in the form of a cross on people's foreheads if they so wish.



## Palm Sunday

Sun 29th Mar 2026 | 10.30am | 🙏 | All welcome

Beginning outside the Cathedral, all are very welcome to join us as we process into the Church, or to take your seats inside if that is more convenient for you. This service remembers Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and then tells the story of his journey to the cross.



## Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Thu 2nd Apr 2026 | 8pm | 🙏 | All welcome

We remember how Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then shared the last supper with him, before being betrayed. The service, with guest preacher **Dr Rowan Williams**, includes the ritual of foot washing, and ends in silence with the opportunity to remain until 10pm in silent prayer for those who wish.



## Pilgrimage of Prayer

Fri 3rd Apr 2026 | 10am | 🙏 | All welcome

An hour long service sung by the Youth Choir with music and interactive reflections on the cross. All are welcome to join us at this friendly and informal service which is particularly suitable for children.



## Good Friday Liturgy

Fri 3rd Apr 2026 | 12pm | 🙏 | All welcome

This service, which will be led by **Dr Rowan Williams**, lasts three hours. The first two hours consist of reflections, music and silence with a focus on the cross of Jesus. The final hour is sung by the Cathedral Choir, and focuses on the crucifixion of Jesus. Everybody is very welcome to come for all or part of this service and are encouraged to enter and leave quietly as they wish.



## Easter Vigil

Sat 4th Apr 2026 | 8pm | 🙏 | All welcome

This service begins outside as the Easter Fire is lit. With guest preacher **Dr Rowan Williams**, it includes the opportunity for baptism and confirmation - please contact your parish priest if you are interested in being baptised or confirmed. If you are a member of the Cathedral congregation please speak to a member of the clergy. Note that this service lasts around two hours.



## Easter Parish Eucharist

Sun 5th Apr 2026 | 9am | 🙏 | All welcome

The Parish Eucharist is a friendly, relaxed Eucharistic service which will feature a celebration of Easter. There will be hymns and a sermon and the service, which lasts around 45 minutes, will be sung by the Youth Choir.



## Easter Cathedral Eucharist

Sun 5th Apr 2026 | 10.30am | 🙏 | All welcome

Join us to celebrate on Easter Day at the full Eucharistic service with the Bishop of Blackburn presiding and guest preacher **Dr Rowan Williams**. The service, which lasts a little over an hour, will be sung by the Cathedral Choir. Refreshments will be served afterwards and all are warmly invited to attend.







## Holy Week With Dr Rowan Williams

1926:2026  
Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Sat 4th & Sun 5th Apr 2026 | See p20-21 for service times | 🙏 | All welcome

WORSHIP

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams is an active religious leader, theologian, author, and poet who often speaks on spirituality, theology, and social issues. We are delighted to welcome him as our guest during Holy Week 2026.

Dr Williams will join us for the following services: Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 8pm, Good Friday Liturgy at 12pm and the Saturday Easter Vigil at 8pm. He will also preach at the Cathedral Eucharist on Easter Day at 10.30am, at which the Bishop of Blackburn will preside. All are warmly welcome to join us at any or all of these services.

[blackburncathedral.com/easter](http://blackburncathedral.com/easter)



## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

Mon 6th Apr 2026 | 11am | 🎫 | £10.00 on the door

CONCERT

We welcome Dr Colin Walsh, Organist Emeritus at Lincoln Cathedral, to open our popular Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert series for 2026.

All Bank Holiday concerts are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust which supports the future of music at Blackburn Cathedral.

[blackburncathedral.com/concerts](http://blackburncathedral.com/concerts)



## Taylor Swift by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 17th Apr 2026 | 7.30pm | 🎫 | Book online

Swifties, get ready to sing your heart out, swap your bracelets, share the love and *Shake It Off*. The Music of Taylor Swift by Candlelight is here, and it's pure magic!

A night of your *Wildest Dreams* awaits, with stunning live performances of Taylor's biggest hits in this total sing-along spectacular. Featuring a *Fearless* live band and all star vocalists, this is your chance to hear Taylor's iconic hits reimagined in a way that will leave you daydreaming *With Your Eyes Wide Open*.

From *Cruel Summer* to *Blank Space* and *All Too Well* to *Style*, this concert will deliver an energy that truly *Hits Different*. Get ready to step into the spotlight and make memories that will last *Forever and Always*.

[blackburncathedral.com/taylor](http://blackburncathedral.com/taylor)



## The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage

CONCERT

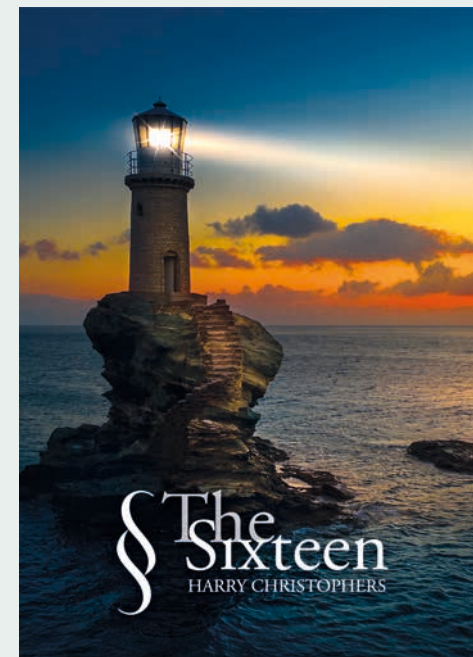
Sat 25th Apr 2026 | 3pm | 🎫 | Book online

The Sixteen - one of the world's most renowned choral ensembles - led by Harry Christophers, return to Blackburn Cathedral for what promises to be an another memorable concert.

The Sixteen's 2026 Choral Pilgrimage focuses on music by two masters of the Spanish Renaissance, Sebastian de Vivanco and Cristobal de Morales. Alongside a selection of their beautiful works, they will also present a new commission by Kerensa Briggs, and revisit one of James MacMillan's most evocative works, *Nothing in Vain*.











Expect a performance delivered with precision, power and passion and hallmarked by expressive intensity and compelling collective artistry.












[blackburncathedral.com/sixteen](http://blackburncathedral.com/sixteen)





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Fri 13th Feb	Elvis By Candlelight		p13
Sat 14th Feb	Bell Ringing Open Day		p13
Wed 18th Feb	Organ Concert: John Robinson		p7
Wed 18th Feb	Ash Wednesday		p20
24th - 28th Feb	TIME by Luxmuralis		p14-15
Wed 25th Feb	Organ Concert: Charles Spanner		p7

**EVENT LISTING KEY:**



Special worship event, free entry, all welcome



Ticketed event, available via [blackburncathedral.com/events](http://blackburncathedral.com/events)



















Lunchtime concert, no ticket required, all welcome



Community event, all welcome

March			
Wed 4th Mar	Organ Concert: Joshua Simoes		p7
Fri 6th Mar	Frankie Valli by Candlelight		p16
Fri 7th Mar	80s Anthems by Candlelight		p16
Sun 8th Mar	International Women's Day		p5
Wed 11th Mar	Organ Concert: Nigel Spooner		p7
Sat 14th Mar	David Briggs: Phantom of the Opera		p16
Sun 15th Mar	Mothering Sunday Eucharist		p17
Wed 18th Mar	Organ Concert: Roger Judd		p7
Sat 21st Mar	Blackburn Symphony Orchestra		p17
From 23rd Mar	Turin Shroud Exhibition		p18
Wed 25th Mar	Organ Concert: Tom Bell		p7
From 27th Mar	Fabric of Faith - Vestments Exhibition		p19
Sat 28th Mar	Chamber Choir Passiontide Concert		p17
Sun 29th Mar	Palm Sunday		p20

April			
Until 12th Apr	Turin Shroud Exhibition		p18
Until 26th Apr	Fabric of Faith - Vestments Exhibition		p19
Wed 1st Apr	Organ Concert: Milkica Radovanovic		p7
Thu 2nd Apr	Chrism Service		p5
Thu 2nd Apr	Maundy Thursday Eucharist		p20
Fri 3rd Apr	Pilgrimage of Prayer		p20
Fri 3rd Apr	Good Friday Liturgy in Three Hours		p21
Sat 4th Apr	Easter Vigil		p21
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Parish Eucharist		p21
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Cathedral Eucharist		p21
Sun 5th Apr	Easter Choral Evensong		p5
Mon 6th Apr	Bank Holiday Concert: Colin Walsh		p22
Sat 17th Apr	Taylor Swift by Candlelight		p23
Wed 22nd Apr	Organ Concert: Andrew Canning		p7
Sat 25th Apr	The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage		p23
Wed 29th Apr	Organ Concert: John Hosking		p7



# Plan your visit to Blackburn Cathedral

You are warmly invited to visit us - we're open to all.

Whatever the reason for your visit - be it worship or a special event, sightseeing, a concert or theatre production, there is much to see and we hope that you enjoy your time with us.

Here's some useful information to help you plan and make the most of your next visit to Blackburn Cathedral:



## Checks & Greys Café

The popular Cathedral café is situated in the delightful setting of Cathedral Square. It's a modern and relaxing space - perfect whether meeting for business or pleasure.

If you're in the area, on a visit to the Cathedral, a shopping trip or out for lunch, it's ideal for a quick bite or long relaxing afternoon.

Catch up with friends and enjoy delicious hot and cold food and refreshing drinks. For opening times, to view menus and to book a table, please visit:

[checksandgreys.co.uk](http://checksandgreys.co.uk)



## School visits

Our Education Team offer a wide variety of workshops, tours and experiences, all of which link to the National Curriculum.

Learning is brought to life, providing fun and informative experiences for all learners who come through our doors.

Pupils are offered an experience of a sacred and awe inspiring space which speaks of the journey of Christian faith in our region. Our exciting programmes are designed to inform, educate and enrich pupils' learning.

[blackburncathedral.com/school-visits](http://blackburncathedral.com/school-visits)



## Opening times

Blackburn Cathedral is open every day of the year, there is no charge for entry and opening times are:

Mon - Fri: 8.15am - 5.30pm

Sat & Sun: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Please check our website for the latest information, as opening times may vary due to special services or events taking place.

[blackburncathedral.com/events](http://blackburncathedral.com/events)



## Find us

Finding us is easy - we're in the heart of Blackburn town centre.

The Cathedral is located within a stone's throw of the bus interchange and railway station and it is less than a minute's walk from The Mall shopping centre and Blackburn Market. There are a number of public car parks close by.

[blackburncathedral.com/plan](http://blackburncathedral.com/plan)



## Toilets

Toilets are located next to Checks & Greys Café.

We have standard and disabled access toilets as well as a registered Changing Places toilet. Please ask a member of staff for access. We also offer baby-changing facilities.



## Accessibility

We aim to ensure everyone gets the most out of their visit.

Although there are some old, uneven surfaces and care should be taken, the Cathedral is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly.

There is level access into and around the building and there is a lift available to all floors. We also have a Changing Places toilet.

[blackburncathedral.com/accessibility](http://blackburncathedral.com/accessibility)



## Pre-booked tours

Our guided tours take you on a journey through our rich history.

Led by our knowledgeable and friendly guides, tours highlight the fascinating tales, hidden gems and impressive architecture within the Cathedral. Our tours will help you navigate over 1,500 years of Christian worship on the site and provides a unique insight into our fascinating past.

[blackburncathedral.com/tours](http://blackburncathedral.com/tours)



## Photography

We actively encourage photography in our beautiful building.

Photography is allowed within our buildings and at events for personal use, however we do not allow commercial photography or the use of tripods or flash without prior agreement.

Please note that the only time we request that you don't take photographs or film is during a service or any activities involving children.



# A TABLE FOR THE NATION

Archives of the Diocese of Blackburn Cathedral

Created from a section of the nation's most significant tree - a 5,000 year old Fenland Black Oak - the spectacular 13m table is a masterpiece of craftsmanship and will be on display for a year.



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