



# What's on

## at Blackburn Cathedral

May-August 2026

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CATHEDRAL**

# Welcome to Blackburn Cathedral



Our centenary year is in full flow as we continue to celebrate this unique period in the rich history of Blackburn Cathedral.

This season there is so much happening and we are delighted to be hosting a range of celebratory events, including worship, exhibitions, concerts and live performances as well as special projects that bring our communities together.

Within this guide are details of many exciting events and we thank you for supporting us in all that we do. Whatever the reason for your visit, we look forward to welcoming you to your Cathedral.

*Andrew Horsfall*

The Revd. Canon Andrew Horsfall  
Interim Dean of Blackburn

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

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**a safer church**

# What's on this Season?

From daily worship and weekly concerts, to live music, exhibitions and celebratory events, our centenary year continues with something for everyone at Blackburn Cathedral.

We're excited about the arrival of the Table For The Nation, hosting the National Festival of Making and Parishes in Bloom, as well as a Four Choirs Festival, candlelight concerts, special services and lots more!

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*	
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer	
	11:30am	BCP Eucharist	
	5pm	Choral Evensong*	
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist	
	5pm	Choral Evensong*	
<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.

\*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>May</b>			
Thu 14th May	Ascension Day		7.30pm
Sun 24th May	Cathedral Eucharist on Pentecost		10.30am
Sun 24th May	Civic Service at the Start of Mayor's Year		12.15pm
Sun 31st May	Cathedral Eucharist on Trinity Sunday		10.30am
<b>June</b>			
Thu 4th June	Corpus Christi		7.30pm
Sat 6th June	Diocese Volunteer Celebration Service		4pm
Sun 7th June	Celebration of The Journey Evensong		4pm
<b>July</b>			
Sun 5th July	Four Choirs Festival Evensong		4pm
<b>August</b>			
Sat 8th Aug	Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary Service		2pm

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# 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>May</b>	6th May	Michael Haynes
	13th May	Tom Bell
	20th May	Galina Vale (Guitar)
<b>June</b>	3rd June	Eira Lynn Jones (Harp)
	10th June	Stonyhurst Stars
	17th June	Lucy Farrimond (Soprano)
	24th June	Shaun Ward
<b>July</b>	1st July	Alessandro Bianchi
	8th July	Jonny Vaughan

Lunchtime concerts resume on Wednesday 9th September 2026.

### Bank Holiday Celebrity Concert Series

Entry to Bank Holiday Concerts is £10 on the door and are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust which supports music at Blackburn Cathedral.



**Maria-Magdalena Kaczor**  
International Concert Organist  
Mon 4th May, 11am



**John Robinson**  
Director of Music, Blackburn Cathedral  
Mon 25th May, 11am



**Maria Gajraj**  
International Concert Organist  
Mon 31st Aug, 11am

# A TABLE FOR THE NATION

A Table For The Nation at 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 will be on display for a year.

 **From May 2026**  
Learn more at:

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



## A Table For The Nation at Blackburn Cathedral

Created from a section of the nation's most significant tree - a gigantic 5,000 year old Fenland Black Oak - the 13m table is made from ancient, fossilised oak and is a masterpiece of craftsmanship.

Unlike anything seen before, 'A Table for the Nation' is made from timber older than the pyramids and gives us a unique insight into the scale and majesty of our ancient high forests.



The black oak was discovered in 2012, the year of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and was completed, unveiled, and dedicated to her in 2022, her Platinum Jubilee year. It will now enjoy a twelve month residency at Blackburn Cathedral where all are warmly encouraged to visit and marvel at this stunning piece of history.

*We are deeply honoured that Blackburn Cathedral will be the home to the Fenland Black Oak Table for the next twelve months. This magnificent work of exceptional skill and artistry is genuinely without equal.*



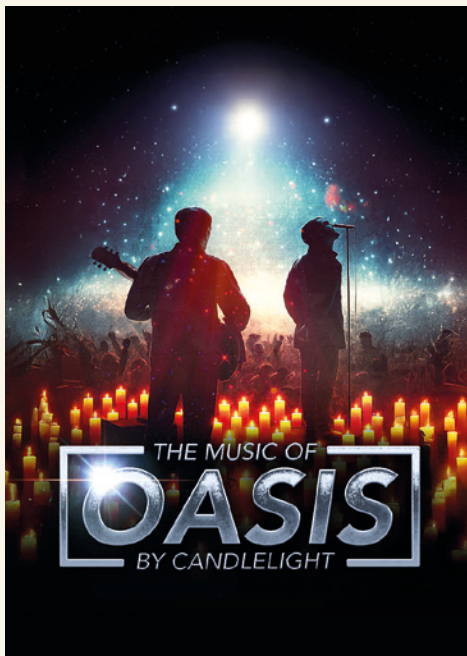
*We trust it will inspire everyone who comes to visit it or who gathers around it for special events. As a powerful centrepiece that draws people together, we hope it will stand as a unifying focal point - truly living up to its calling as 'A Table for the Nation'.*

**The Revd.**  
**Canon Andrew Horsfall**  
Interim Dean of Blackburn



Having previously been displayed at Ely, Rochester, Lincoln and Lichfield cathedrals, Blackburn Cathedral is the furthest north the table has been. Available to view during normal opening hours, it will be used for special worship, community activities and commercial events throughout our centenary year and into 2027.

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## The Music of Oasis by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 1st May 2026 | 7.30pm | £15 | [Book online](#)

Calling all 'Rock 'n' Roll' Stars, stop 'Crying Your Heart Out', this one's for you...

The Music of Oasis by candlelight is finally here, featuring an epic cast of world-class vocalists and incredible live band - it's guaranteed to be electric!

Expect to hear the best of Oasis, from 'Champagne Supernova', 'Live Forever' and 'She's Electric' to 'Slide Away', 'Wonderwall', 'Morning Glory' and many more!

So, if you don't believe that anybody feels the way you do about Oasis, 'Don't Look Back in Anger', book tickets now, and join us for a 'Supersonic' night of live music!



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

## The Music of Whitney Houston By Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 2nd May 2026 | 7.30pm | £15 | [Book online](#)

Get ready for the best of Whitney! You have been 'Saving All Your Love' for this 'Moment In Time'!

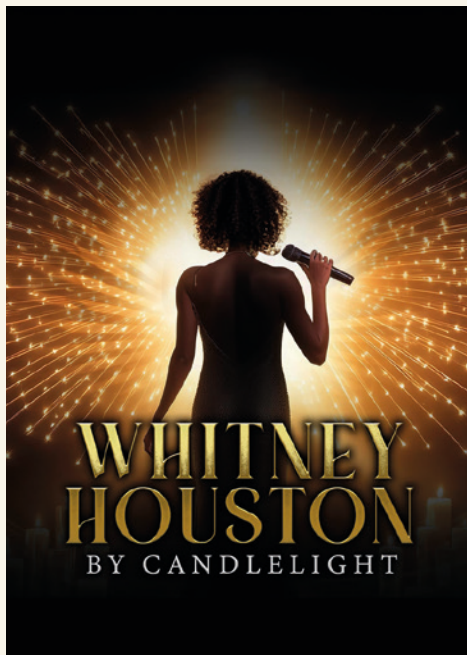
Experience the best of Whitney Houston 'All At Once', at this epic live concert!

Starring Kieshia Chun and her Million Dollar Band, expect to hear her biggest hits from "I Have Nothing", 'Greatest Love of All' and 'How Will I Know' to 'I Will Always Love You', 'My Love Is Your Love' and more.

So, if this sounds like the 'Greatest Night of All'... grab your tickets, get ready to 'Dance With Somebody', and get 'So Emotional' at this epic live concert!



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



## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

CONCERT

Mon 4th May 2026 | 11am | £10.00 on the door

Our popular Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert Series continues as we welcome international concert organist, Maria-Magdalena Kaczor, to perform.

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



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

## Ascension Day Evening Service

WORSHIP

Thu 14th May 2026 | 7.30pm | All welcome

All are welcome to this service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day which will include censing of the altar and seasonal choral music.

Blackburn Chamber Choir will join us as we celebrate Jesus ascending into the heavens, leaving the disciples to continue his work on earth.



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



## The Drifters Live in Concert

LIVE MUSIC

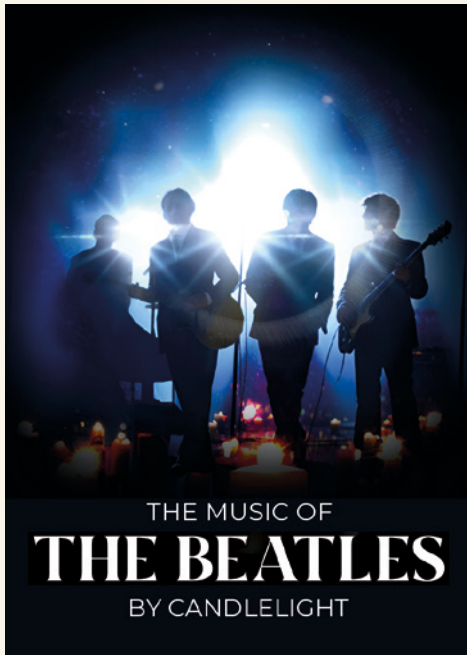
Fri 15th May 2026 | 7.30pm | £15 | [Book online](#)

Enjoy the wonder of The Drifters as they perform all of their classic hits including:

'Saturday Night at the Movies', 'Come on Over to My Place', 'Under the Boardwalk' 'You're More Than a Number', and many more! As Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees, they are also listed among the Greatest Artists of All Time by Rolling Stone magazine.



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



## The Music of The Beatles by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 22nd May 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Following sell-out concerts at Blackburn Cathedral in 2024 and 2025, if you're a fan of the Fab Four, it's time to 'Get Back!' for The Music of The Beatles by Candlelight.

Featuring a cast of West End Singers and epic live band, 'Come Together' for a 'Magical Mystery Tour', jam-packed with over 40 Beatles hits.

This incredible show features some of the best loved songs of all time including 'Help!', 'Hey Jude', 'Let it Be', 'All You Need Is Love', 'Yesterday' and many more. So after a 'Hard Days Night', grab your 'Ticket to Ride', and join us as we 'Twist and Shout' the night away at this euphoric sing-along spectacular!



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

## The Music of Westlife By Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 23rd May 2026 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Calling all 'Fragile Hearts', 'Bop Bop Babies' and 'Uptown Girls'... The Music of Westlife by Candlelight is here, and it'll have you 'Flying Without Wings'!

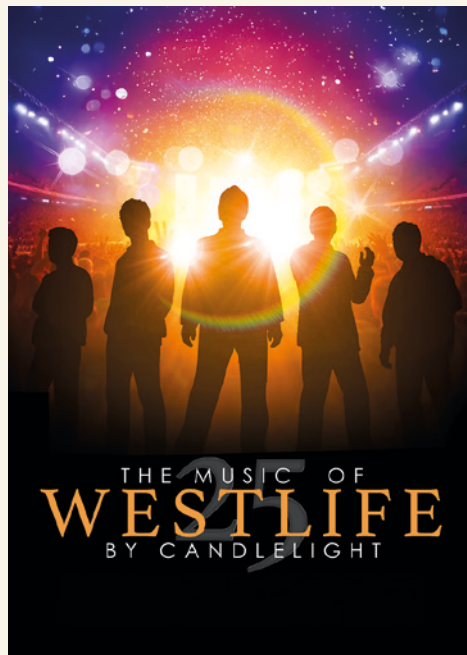
Get ready to relive the magic of Westlife's biggest hits, like you've never heard them before - from 'World of Our Own', 'Against All Odds' and 'Swear It Again' to 'The Rose', 'Uptown Girl' and many more - this is the ultimate Westlife experience, where every song is a singalong.

Thinking about when to book your tickets?

Don't wait 'Until the End of Time' - 'What About Now!?' 'What About Today!?' Join us for an unforgettable night of pure boyband bliss, and relive 'That Special Thing' as we celebrate 25 years of Westlife hits.



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



## Cathedral Eucharist on Pentecost

WORSHIP

Sun 24th May 2026 | 10.30am | | All welcome

Join us to celebrate Pentecost which marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to a close.

It is a major feast of the Church's year as we recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension. We give thanks for the ways in which the Holy Spirit inspires us today.



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

## Civic Service at the Start of the Mayor's Year

WORSHIP

Sun 24th May 2026 | 12.15pm | | All welcome

The Cathedral hosts a special civic service to welcome the new Mayor to the role as part of the Borough's Civic Sunday.

Those representing the life and work of the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen and dignitaries from across the area will join a procession to the Cathedral ahead of the civic service which begins at 12.15pm.



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



## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

CONCERT

Mon 25th May 2026 | 11am | | £10.00 on the door

The Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert Series continues as Director of Music John Robinson joins us to perform.

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



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## Corpus Christi WORSHIP

Thu 4th June 2026 | 7.30 pm | 🙏 | All welcome

Join us for a solemn and joyful celebration of Corpus Christi, giving thanks for the gift of Holy Communion and the abiding presence of Christ in the sacrament.

Through scripture, prayer, music, and worship, this service invites us to adore the Lord who feeds his people with the bread of heaven.



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



## 'Portraits of Courage' Exhibition EXHIBITION

15th - 21st June 2026 | Various | 🙏 | All welcome

During Refugee Week, this exhibition features images and stories from sanctuary seekers across Blackburn with Darwen.

Presented by Kairos Housing, a local charity providing specialist accommodation and support, this exhibition captures real stories of resilience.



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



## Cathedral and Diocese Volunteer Celebration Service WORSHIP

Sat 6th June 2026 | 4pm | 🙏 | All welcome

During our centenary year, we're paying tribute to all the wonderful volunteers across the Cathedral and the diocese.

Taking place during Volunteers Week 2026, this special service offers the opportunity to show our appreciation to the huge number of volunteers who contribute so much to the life of the church.

**There is no charge to attend but please register for free tickets via the link below:**



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

## 'The Journey' 21st Anniversary Evensong WORSHIP

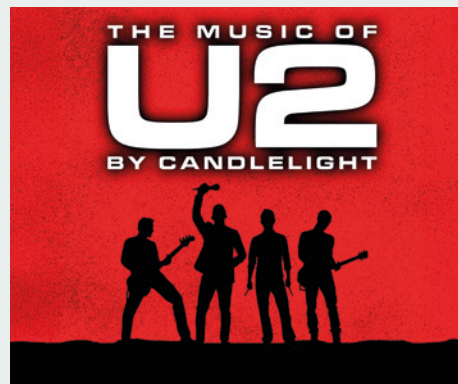
Sun 7th June 2026 | 4pm | 🙏 | All welcome

All are warmly welcome to join us as we celebrate the 21st anniversary of 'The Journey' - Penny Warden's stunning artwork series at Blackburn Cathedral.

At this celebratory Evensong we will mark the anniversary and give thanks for its place in the life of Blackburn Cathedral. During this service we will reflect upon the enduring power of art to deepen prayer, enrich worship, and draw us more fully into the mysteries of faith.



[blackburncathedral.com/journey21](https://blackburncathedral.com/journey21)



## The Music of U2 By Candlelight LIVE MUSIC

Fri 19th June 2026 | 7.30pm | 🙏 | Book online

Featuring a cast of world-class vocalists and an epic live band, this concert might be 'Even Better Than The Real Thing!'

Get ready to hear all your favourites, from 'One', 'Bad' and 'Beautiful Day' to 'Pride', 'Vertigo' and many more, all performed live.

This concert is going ahead 'With Or Without You', so don't wait 'Until The End of The World', book your tickets now for the 'Sweetest Thing' you'll see all year! It's a must for all U2 fans.



[blackburncathedral.com/u2](https://blackburncathedral.com/u2)



## The Great British Film Orchestra Presents The Music of James Bond LIVE MUSIC

Sat 20th June 2026 | 7.30pm | 🙏 | Book online

This is more than a concert – it is an orchestral tribute to one of cinema's most iconic musical legacies.

Performed by world-class musicians and vocalists, every note echoes the sophistication of the Bond universe. Where music and cinema intertwine, the incredible Chamber Orchestra brings the music of James Bond to life in a way that is bold, elegant and utterly unforgettable.



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



## The Cathedral Choristers Entertain

CONCERT

Fri 3rd July 2026 | 7pm | 🎻 | All welcome

The Choristers Entertain features our young choristers performing in styles you wouldn't normally get to hear.

In contrast to leading worship, it's a chance for them to sing different styles of music or play their favourite instrument. It's a friendly evening where choristers are encouraged to take the plunge and perform.



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



## Blackburn Chamber Choir 'Baroque Brilliance'

MUSIC

Sat 11th July 2026 | 7.30pm | 🎻 | Book online

The popular choir's final concert of the season features masterpieces from the Baroque period.

This summer concert in the delightful Cathedral setting will feature Bach's Komm Jesu Komm and Vivaldi's Beatus Vir & Magnificat.



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

## The National Festival of Making

FESTIVAL

Sat 4th & Sun 5th July 2026 | 🎨 | All Welcome

Presenting works combining making, art and manufacturing, the festival delivers free family entertainment for all to enjoy.

As host partner, Blackburn Cathedral will be home to art installations, talks and workshops, and the ever-popular Makers Market. For full event details see The National Festival of Making website.



[festivalofmaking.co.uk](https://festivalofmaking.co.uk)



## The Music of Bruce Springsteen by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 24th July 2026 | 7.30pm | 🎸 | Book online

'Hungry Hearts'... this one's guaranteed to have you 'Dancing In The Dark'!

Experience the passion, power and poetry of The Boss's greatest hits - from 'Born in the U.S.A.' to 'The River' and everything in between - as this special concert takes you back to the 'Glory Days'!



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



## Four Choirs Choral Evensong

WORSHIP

Sun 5th July 2026 | 4pm | 🙏 | All welcome

Join the choirs of Blackburn, Manchester, Chester and Liverpool Cathedrals for a spectacular Choral Evensong.

This celebration of cathedral choirs offers the chance to hear all four renowned choirs simultaneously, within the glorious acoustic of Blackburn Cathedral.



[blackburncathedral.com/4choirs](https://blackburncathedral.com/4choirs)



## The Music of Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 25th July 2026 | 7.30pm | 🎸 | Book online

Join us for a 'Landslide' concert featuring best loved songs including 'Little Lies', 'The Chain', 'Rhiannon' and 'Don't Stop'.

So, 'Go Your Own Way', release your inner 'Gypsy' and book your tickets for the concert of 'Dreams'!



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



## Celebrating 150 Years of the Mothers' Union

EXHIBITION

Sat 8th Aug 2026 | 10am-5pm | | All welcome

Join Blackburn Diocese Mothers' Union as they celebrate their 150th birthday with a magnificent exhibition showcasing the work of the Mothers' Union in our diocese, nationally and worldwide as members seek to put their faith into action.

Exhibits will highlight campaigns raising awareness of domestic abuse and modern-day slavery whilst others provide examples of the outreach work undertaken to support hospitals, prisons and refugees. Also on display will be deanery and branch banners, showcasing the skill and vision of those who designed and made them.

The day will reach a climax in a service, led by the Bishop of Blackburn, from 2pm until 3pm to remember and give thanks for founder Mary Sumner and her legacy today. This special day will offer the opportunity to experience the friendship and fellowship enjoyed by members in their branches across the diocese.



[blackburncathedral.com/mu150](http://blackburncathedral.com/mu150)



## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

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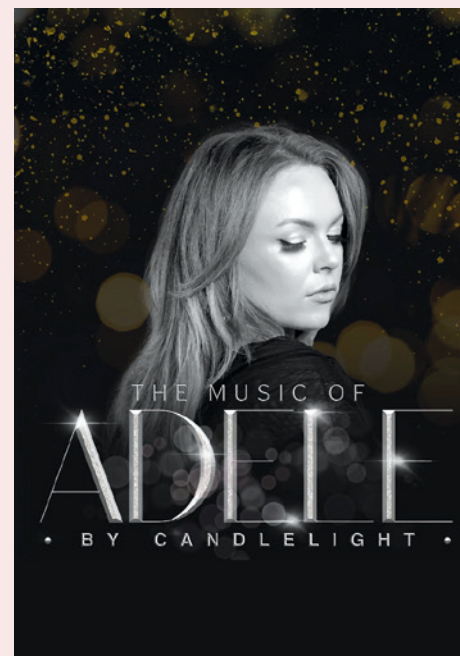
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Our 2026 Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert Series comes to a close as we welcome international concert organist Maria Gajraj to perform.

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



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



## The Music of Abba by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 15th Aug 2026 | 7.30pm | | Book online

Featuring the UK's leading Abba Tribute Act, Abba Reunion, this sing-along concert will be packed to the rafters with legendary Abba hits, that will leave you dancing in the aisles.

The concert features some of the most iconic pop songs of all time including 'Mamma Mia', 'Voulez Vous', 'Thank You for the Music', 'Dancing Queen' and many, many more!

So grab your 'Honey, Honey', be a 'Super Trouper' and get some tickets with your 'Money, Money, Money' before they go!



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

## The Music of Adele by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 14th Aug 2026 | 7.30pm | | Book online

Featuring J'Adele, the UK's leading Adele tribute and her incredible live band, 'Rumour Has It... this is going to be an unforgettable evening packed full of best loved Adele Hits!

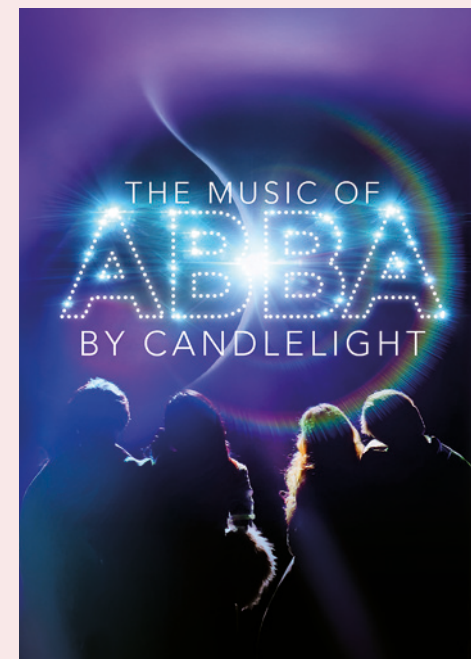
Bathed in candlelight, let's put 'Water Under the Bridge' and let the 'Skyfall' as we celebrate the music of one of the world's most iconic divas!

Featuring hit after hit including 'Rolling in the Deep', 'Chasing Pavements', 'Someone Like You' and 'Turning Tables', this uplifting show will have you singing along and dancing in the aisles!

So, 'Hello'... don't wait, get your tickets now!



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



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# PARISHES IN BLOOM



## 'Parishes in Bloom' Flower Exhibition

EXHIBITION

1926:2026 Fri 21st Aug - Mon 24th Aug 2026 | See website for times | 🎫 | All welcome | Donations encouraged

Proudly presented by the Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, churches from across the Diocese will bring parish life into the Cathedral in the form of stunning displays to form a special centenary exhibition.

This unique event will combine creativity with community as exhibitors showcase both their creations and life in their parish. Designed to celebrate the centenary of both the Cathedral and the creation of the Diocese of Blackburn, churches will display their floral artistry through the exhibition theme which is 'Celebrating the Uniqueness of Your Parish'.

Guests are welcome to view the exhibition during the Cathedral's normal opening hours (some entry restrictions may apply on certain days) and full visitor information and opening hours will be published online.

The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral is an independent charity who raise funds to support projects that enhance the fabric and facilities of the Cathedral. Learn more about [fobc.info](http://fobc.info)

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



## Coming soon to Blackburn Cathedral

### The Music of Queen by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 18th Sept 2026 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

This is your chance to relive the music of Queen, like never before. Sing along to timeless classics including 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'It's a Kind of Magic', 'We Are The Champions', 'Who Wants to Live Forever' and many more! Grab your tickets now to this spectacular celebration of Queen's biggest hits, guaranteed to 'Rock You'!



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



### The Music of Eagles by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 19th Sept 2026 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

'Take It Easy' and join us at the 'Hotel California' for an unforgettable evening of Eagles hits. Featuring all your favourites, including 'New Kid In Town', 'Life in the Fast Lane', 'Tequila Sunrise' and 'How Long'. This euphoric concert promises to be a real feast for your 'Lyin' Eyes' and will 'Take It to the Limit' book tickets now for 'One of These Nights' and avoid 'Heartache Tonight'!



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



### Appeal Trust: Charity Golf Day

FUNDRAISING

Wed 23rd Sept 2026 | 11.30am |  | [Book online](#)

Join Blackburn Cathedral Appeal Trust for their annual Golf Day at Clitheroe Golf Club, one of the North West's finest courses. Teams of four are invited to enjoy a wonderful afternoon golfing in the scenic Ribble Valley. There'll be great hospitality and a friendly atmosphere as you support the important work of the Trust.




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



## Coming soon to Blackburn Cathedral

### The Music of Céline Dion by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 9th Oct 2026 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

Featuring the UK's leading Céline tribute, January Butler and her spectacular live band, expect to hear anthems like 'My Heart Will Go On', 'Because You Loved Me' and 'All By Myself' to 'Falling Into You', 'The Power of Love' and many more. So, don't 'Think Twice', book tickets now and get ready to 'Surrender' to the music, as you experience Céline Dion like never before!



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



### The Music of Coldplay by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 10th Oct 2026 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

You've been waiting for 'Something Just Like This'! Direct from the West End, prepare for total 'Paradise', as you experience Coldplay's biggest hits, like never before! This concert will take you on the 'Adventure of a Lifetime', with a 'Sky Full of Stars'. Get ready to hear all your favourites, from 'Viva La Vida' and 'Hymn For The Weekend', to 'Yellow', 'The Scientist', 'Fix You' and more.




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



### Kathleen Ferrier Bursary Competition

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 24th Oct 2026 | Various |  | [Book online](#)

Blackburn contralto Kathleen Ferrier was and still is one of the world's great singers and her voice is heard and loved by millions around the world. This one day Bursary Competition features 16 short recitals by eight outstanding undergraduates, before the finalists are chosen with prizes presented to the winners at the end of the evening.



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



# What's on at a glance

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	Sat 26th Sept	Blackburn Cathedral Silent Discos	£	p20
	Fri 9th Oct	Céline Dion by Candlelight	£	p23
	Sat 10th Oct	Coldplay by Candlelight	£	p23
	Sat 24th Oct	Kathleen Ferrier Bursary Competition	£	p23

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

The events calendar, which is updated daily, can be found at [blackburncathedral.com/events](http://blackburncathedral.com/events) or by scanning the code:



# 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.

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## 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 detailed portrait of William Tyndale, a man with a full beard and dark hair, wearing a dark, high-collared garment. He is holding an open book, likely a Bible, in his hands. The background is a textured, dark brown.

# TYNDALE 500

This exhibition marks 500 years since William Tyndale's English New Testament was printed.

See an original edition of the first Bible to be printed in English, on loan from the British Library, and learn about the impact of Tyndale's use of language and technology.



**September  
to November**

Learn more at:

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



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