



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

## **St Michael and All Angels**

### **Sunday 28 September 2025**

#### **Choral Evensong**

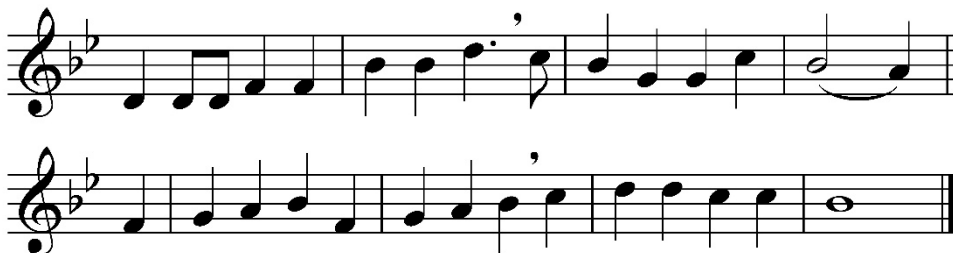
Blair in B Minor  
War In Heaven – Neil Cox

Maggie Burk Responses  
Psalm 134 & 135 (1-14)

The order for the service is on the cream card.

#### **Office Hymn**

Nativity NEH 349



Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry,  
to be exalted thus!

Worthy the Lamb! our lips reply,  
For he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

## **The Word of God**

<b>Psalmody</b>	134 & 135 (1-14)
<b>First reading</b>	Nehemiah 2
<b>Second reading</b>	John 8.31–38, 48–59

## **Anthem**

And there was war in heaven:  
Michael and his angels fought against the dragon;  
Dragon fought and his angels,  
And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.  
And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,  
Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God,  
and the power of his Christ:  
for the accuser of our brethren is cast down,  
which accused them before our God day and night.  
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,  
and by the word of their testimony;  
and they loved not their lives unto death.

Text: Revelation 12: 7-8, 10-11

Music: Neil Cox (b. 1955)

## Final Hymn

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God, that madest earth and  
heaven, darkness and light;  
who the day for toils has given,  
for rest the night;  
may thine angel-guards defend us,  
slumber sweet thy mercy send us,  
holy dreams and hopes attend us,  
this livelong night.

*Verse 1 Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping;  
and, when we die,  
may we in thy mighty keeping  
all peaceful lie:  
when the last dread call shall wake us,  
do not thou our God forsake us,  
but to reign in glory take us  
with thee on high.

*Verse 2 Richard Whately (1787-1863)*

## The Organ Voluntary

Defeating Lucifer

*Thomas Hewitt-Jones (b. 1984)*

*And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12: 7-9 KJV*

# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 28 September

## FOR SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT

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## BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN SEPTEMBER

We are collecting **Spreads and Spices** (Jam, peanut butter, salt, pepper etc). If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER TOUR *Friday 10th October 2025*

In less than 70 words, Jesus gives us a prayer to learn by heart and a prayer that gets inside our hearts, shaping the way we live. This special *Faith in the North* event will be led by archbishop Stephen Cottrell, with teaching, music film, Q&A, and space for reflection. Tickets £0 – but please book online

To book and find out more visit [www.blackburncathedral.com/event/the-lords-prayer-tour](http://www.blackburncathedral.com/event/the-lords-prayer-tour)

## CREATION CARE CONFERENCE: GOD'S WORLD AND OUR MISSION

*Friday 31st October & Saturday 1st November 2025*

This conference is for all who are passionate about the Church's response to the climate crisis, rooted in Christian theology and discipleship bringing together voices from across the Christian spectrum to explore how faith communities can respond to the environmental crisis.

Keynote speaker: **Dr Canon Ruth Valerio**

Tickets £0 – £30 – A range of packages including lunch and refreshments

To book and find out more visit [www.blackburncathedral.com/creation](http://www.blackburncathedral.com/creation)

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Kathleen Emery and family in loving memory of Michael.

## EMERGENCY HOLY DUSTERS – 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

In preparation for the *Gaia* exhibition, we would like to do a deep clean of the cathedral after the 10.30am service on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Please do join us if you can.