

The Parish
Eucharist on
The Fifteenth
Sunday after Trinity

Sunday, 17 September, 2023
9.00am

The President
Canon Michael Wedgeworth
Assistant Priest

The Preacher is
Christine O'Neill
Licensed Lay Minister

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is the
Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.

Welcome to this morning's service

Preparation

New Testament Reading

(Romans 14.1-12)

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

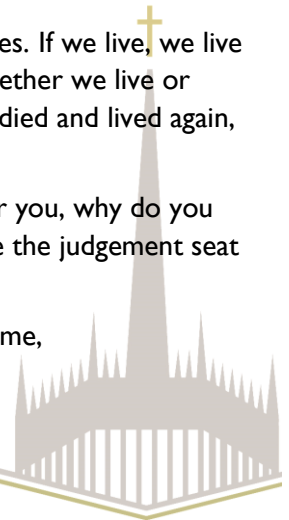
Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.



The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

EVELYNS 338



At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed.

All creation name him,
with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

Caroline Noel (1817-77)

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the celebration.

The Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Prayers of Penitence

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,

**help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

*The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone
and sung again after each section as indicated.*



Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

God of debts forgiven,
you call to account
our hunger for power;
you disturb hierarchies
which crush the weak:
break the vicious cycles
of revenge and domination
that we might look to him
whose mercy never ends,
Jesus Christ our redeemer.
Amen.

Please sit down.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Read by Sylvia Roberts

(Genesis 50.15-21)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

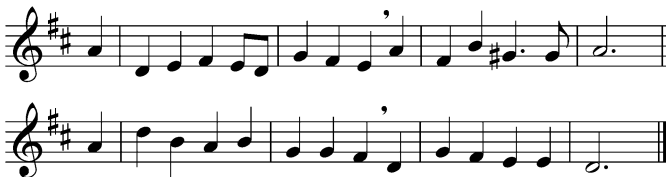
Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

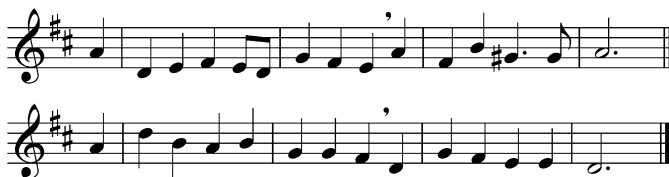
Please stand to sing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

ST BERNARD 63



'Forgive our sins as we forgive'
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.



How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs, and will not let
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew,
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987)

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The Gospel

(Matthew 18.21-35)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his

fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Christine O'Neill

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.

Please stand with the president for

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us
with the power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down.

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Mihaela Mladin

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Freyja Shoniwa, Jeanette, Jordan Hudson, Lisa,
Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham, Oliver Colville and Sue Penfold;
*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

John Hawthorn Haworth, Stella Haworth (17), Elizabeth Durham,
Walter Albert Heald, Geoffrey Williams (19), Jane Fairhurst,
Thomas Shuttleworth (20), Evelyn Conrad (21), and Susan Jane Parker (22),
Reg J C Pickman, Barbara Thornber (24) [numbers are days of the month]

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand with the president for the peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president introduces the Peace and then says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us greet one another with a word of peace.

*When offering a greeting, please respect those who may wish to keep their distance
and who may not wish to pass the peace physically.*

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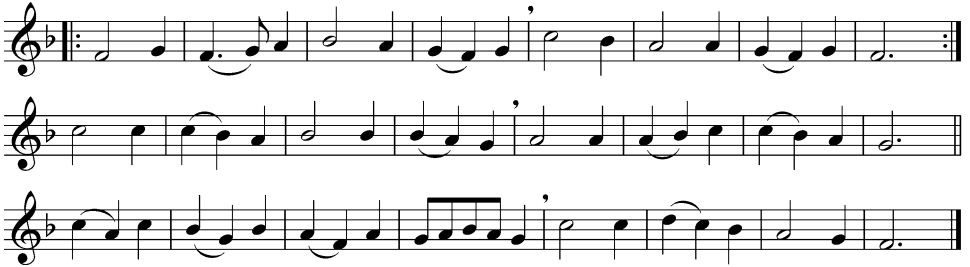


Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Offertory hymn

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God is love, let heaven adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heavens above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is love, eternal Love.

God is love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child child with love and grace.
And when human
 hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is love:
 and though with blindness
sin afflicts the human soul,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides and heals and makes us whole.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (1874-1939).

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Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Everyone sings

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.
Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, Paul and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we
say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

**Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve Mûsu, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...**

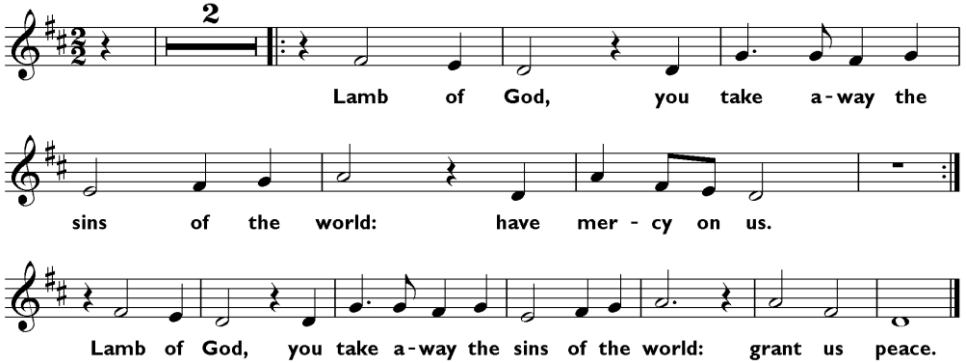
**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying:

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Everyone sings



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

When you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.

Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.

Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the next minister before returning to your place.

The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second minister and return to your place.

During communion

The choir sings

Ave verum corpus natum,
de Maria Virgine;
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro
homine;
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Music by Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary;
you truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross
for humanity;
blood flowed from
your pierced side.
be to us our chosen food at
the hour of our death.

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

Dialogue sur les Mixtures

from Suite Brève pour Orgue

Jean Langlais (1907–91)

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service.

The president will leave immediately and may go outside at first.

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 17 September, 2023

Flowers today are given by Brian and Ruth Whittle in loving memory of Brian's brother John, Ruth's sister Dorothy and other members of the family and by Blackburn Cathedral Choirs Association in celebration of their conference weekend.

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Wood in E

View me Lord - Wood

Responses Tallis

Psalm 119.41-48

Next Sunday

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Old Testament reading

Jonah 3.10 - end of 4

Psalm

145.1-8

New Testament reading

Philippians 1.21-30

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.1-16

Free lunches!

We have been lucky to receive some funding from the Cathedral Music Trust for Singing Lessons and Workshops for our Choristers. To take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, we need some volunteer chaperones. In exchange for a free lunch from Checks & Greys, eaten in the Song School vestibule area, your duties would involve meeting children at the back (West end) of the Cathedral, waiting outside as they receive tuition, and then returning them to parents/their ongoing plan following. These sessions would be from 12-3pm on Sundays only, and the dates most likely needing cover are Sept 24, Oct 8 Oct 15, Nov 19, March 17, April 28, June 16. Please speak to John or Alison Givens john.robinson@blackburncathedral.co.uk or liturgyadmin@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Monday 18 Sep

8.30am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 19 Sep

Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Sumsion in G

O for a closer walk with God - Stanford

Responses *Clucas*

Psalm 33

Wednesday 20 Sep

*John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his
Companions, Martyrs, 1871*

8.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Eucharist (BCP)
5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Sumsion in A

A Song of Wisdom - Stanford

Responses *Clucas*

Psalm 119.33-56

Thursday 21 Sep

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm **Choral Evensong**

Gibbons Short Service

From all that dwell - Davy

Responses *Smith*

Psalm 40.1-11

Friday 22 Sep

8.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 23 Sep

9.00am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
4.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 24 Sep

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am **The Parish Eucharist**
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne
For me to Live is Christ - Josh Sparkman

10.30am **The Cathedral Eucharist**
Ives - Missa Brevis
Listen sweet Dove - G. Ives

Psalm 145.1-8

4.00pm **Choral Evensong**
Noble in B minor

Responses *Clucas*

They that go down to the sea in ships – Sumsion Psalm 119.113-136

Monday 25 Sep	<i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626</i> <i>Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 26 Sep	<i>Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Stanford in D</i>	Responses Burk Psalm 50
	<i>Salve Regina - Couperin</i>	
Wednesday 27 Sep	<i>Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission, 1660</i>	
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
11.30am	Eucharist (BCP)	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Stanford in C</i>	Responses Burk Psalm 59, 60, 67
	<i>The Woodcutters Song - Vaughan Williams</i>	
Thursday 28 Sep		
8.30am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
5.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Gibbons Fauxbourdens</i>	Responses Plainsong Psalm 62
	<i>Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford</i>	
Friday 29 Sep	Michael and All Angels	
8.30am	Morning Prayer	
12.30pm	Eucharist	
5.00pm	Evening Prayer	
7.30pm	The Cathedral Eucharist <i>Blackburn Chamber Choir</i> <i>Angels ever bight and fair – Handel</i> <i>Missa de Angelis</i> <i>Michael coeli signifer – Handl; Factum est silentium - Dering</i>	
Saturday 30 Sep	<i>Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420</i>	
9.00am	Morning Prayer with Eucharist	
4.00pm	Evening Prayer	
Sunday 1 Oct	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
9.00am	The Parish Eucharist <i>Mass of St Thomas - Thorne</i> <i>To You oh Lord I lift up my Soul - Nigel Walsh</i>	
10.30am	The Cathedral Eucharist <i>Chilcot A Little Jazz Mass</i> <i>Ubi Caritas - Mealor</i>	Psalm 25.1-8
4.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>Jackson in G</i> <i>I Love all Beateous things - Weir</i>	Responses Burk Psalm 120, 123, 124



Michael and All Angels

Friday 29 September

7.30pm

The Cathedral Eucharist
Blackburn Chamber Choir

Sunday 8 Oct **Harvest Thanksgiving**

9.00am **The Parish Eucharist**
Mass of St Thomas - Thorne
For the Beauty of the Earth - Carter

10.30am **The Cathedral Eucharist**
Darke in F
For the beauty of the earth - Rutter

Psalm 65

4.00pm **Choral Evensong**
Howells Collegium Regale
For lo, I raise up - Stanford

Responses Leighton
Psalm 126

Blackburn Foodbank in September

We are collecting **PASTA**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

Live streaming on Sundays

We are eager to add to our quartet of people in the Cathedral who operate the cameras for the live streaming on Sunday mornings. If this is something you are interested in please speak to one of the team: Gary, Jane, Sian and Simon. Training is of course provided!

P.S. this might also suit anyone who worships at 9.00am on a Sunday.



PS – we are also trying to raise some funds for an additional camera.

