



The Cathedral
Eucharist
on
The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 25 February, 2024

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Preacher is
The Very Reverend Simon Cowling
The Dean of Wakefield

The Deacon is
Canon James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Subdeacon is
Mihaela Mladin

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

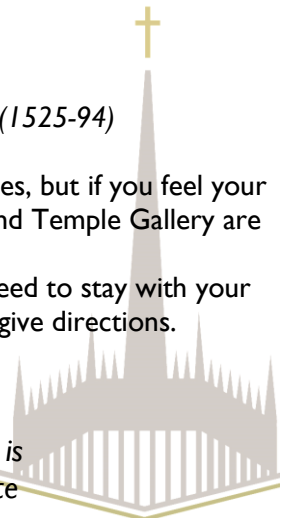
The setting for the service is
Missa Brevis by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)

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Please note that they are unattended, and so you will need to stay with your child at all times. The wardens and stewards can give directions.

The service is live streamed.

Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Canon James Lawrence



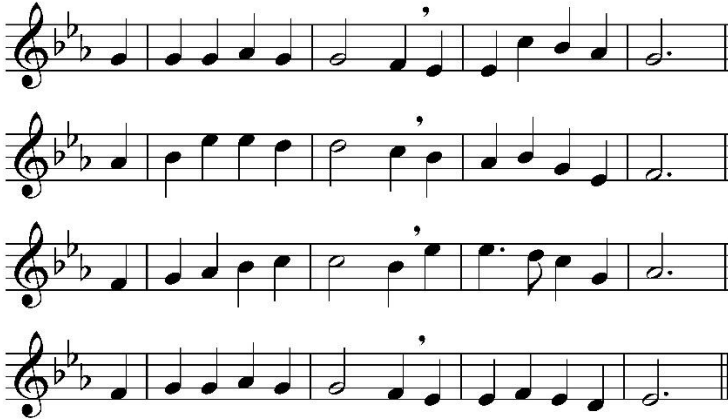
The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir and ministers move to the west end of the Cathedral before the notices.

Please stand as the ministers enter.

Processional

AURELIA 167



To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
`Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey,
for I have pledged my word
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God'.

From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written

by God this saving word:
that `You shall be my people
and I will be your God'.

We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
that `You shall be my people
and I will be your God'.

Judith A. Fetter (b. 1937)

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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

The deacon says

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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 choir sings

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>

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 Collect

Let us pray to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit down.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Read by Joyce Wicks

(Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(22. 23-31)

The choir sings

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him : magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel;

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor : he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation : my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied : they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord : and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's : and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth : have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him : and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him : they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness : unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

New Testament Reading

Read by Jean Duerden

(Romans 4. 13-25)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

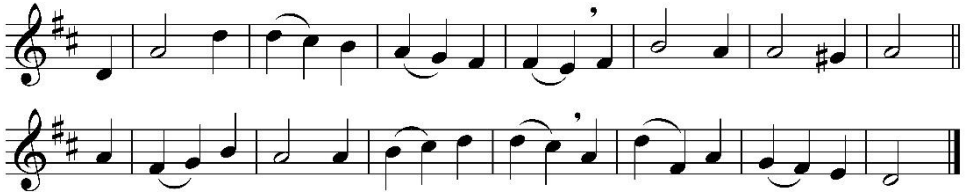
This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

ABRIDGE 64



Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail,
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams (1802-1865)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Mark 8.31-38)

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

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation,

of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Very Reverend Simon Cowling

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.
Please stand with the president*

The Creed

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.**

Please sit down for the prayers.

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Ruth Watton

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who are ill at home or in hospital,

Arthur Blundell, Brian McConkey, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Margaret Ingham,
Margaret Young,

Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Ruth Tyres, Jenny Bellamy.
and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,

Ann Thomas

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Norah Barnes (25), Edna Smith (26), Elizabeth Ann Armstrong, William Barlow
Landers, Annis Peat, Phyllis Lund (27), May Sharples, Ruth Fielding, Jeff Bradshaw
(28), Muriel Hirst (1), May Elizabeth Brown, Frederick W Street (2)

[numbers are the day 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 says

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5.1,2

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign 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.*

Please give what you prayerfully can. You may prefer to use the collection point or card reader on the way out. If you are a UK tax payer please use and sign the blue gift aid form provided on your chair. Alternatively, The Parish Giving Scheme is the easy way to give regularly to support the ongoing ministry of Blackburn Cathedral and you can find out more and sign up by using the QR code provided here. Blackburn Cathedral's Parish Giving Scheme Code is: 030603001



Preparation of the Table

The deacon prepares the table.

Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection.

Offertory hymn

LEONI 148



The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
to him uplift your voice,
at whose supreme command
from earth we rise and seek the joys
at his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world of sin,
the Prince of peace:
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.

Before the great three-one
they all exulting stand,
and tell the wonders he hath done
through all their land:
the listening spheres attend,
and swell the growing fame,
and sing in songs which never end
the wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
'almighty King!
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'

The whole triumphant host
 give thanks to God on high;
 'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
 they ever cry:
 Hail! Abraham's God, and mine!
 (I join the heavenly lays)
 all might and majesty are thine,
 and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers (1725-99), based on the Hebrew Yigdal, Hebrew melody (Descant by Charles Velu)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of mercy and compassion,
 your Word calls us home to faith and love.
 accept all we offer you this day;
 in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

President	All
The Lord be with you.	And al—so with you.
President	All
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
President	All
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
 to give you thanks and praise,
 almighty God and everlasting Father,
 through Jesus Christ your Son.
 For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance

that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings:

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
who made there
by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation,
 this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,

may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

The deacon says

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.
Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.
Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross, as we join our prayers with
those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own
language, as 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 Mūsū, 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:

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

If you are able, please remain standing while the choir sings

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,**

**that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
that we might evermore dwell in him
and he in us.**

Amen.

When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion stations for bread in single file along the side aisles of the Nave.

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 station near the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.

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 distribution point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.

While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.

During communion

The choir sings

Salvator Mundi - Tallis

Salvator mundi, salva nos,
qui per crucem et sanguinem
redemisti nos:
auxiliare nobis, te deprecamur,
Deus noster.

○ Saviour of the world, save us,
who by your cross and blood
have redeemed us:
Help us, we beseech you,
○ Lord our God.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
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 to sing

Final Hymn

BRESLAU 76



Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
the Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Charles Everest (1814-77)

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon
you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

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

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

The president and ministers will leave in procession and go outside at first.

Please take your service paper home with you.

The Organ Voluntary

Thema met Variaties

Hendrik Andriessen (1892-1981)

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 25 February, 2024

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Tallis Dorian Mode

Sicut cervus - Palestrina

Responses *Radcliffe*
Psalm 135.1-14 [15-21]

Next Sunday

The Third Sunday of Lent

Old Testament reading

Exodus 20. 1-17

Psalm

19

New Testament reading

1 Corinthians 1. 18-25

Gospel Reading

John 2.13-22

Blackburn Foodbank in February

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

Lent 2024 Devotional - Journey to Freedom

Do pick up a **free** copy of the Lent devotional booklet from the back of the Cathedral. This year, the Diocesan Lent Devotional booklets, which are also titled 'Journey to Freedom' to match with Bishop Philip's Lent Course, will walk us through Exodus.

Lent Organ Meditations

Our series of Choral Evensong with Lent Organ Meditations continues this afternoon at 4pm with Marc Murray (Bury Parish Church). If you have never been to Evensong with Organ meditation why not make it your Lent discipline this year – and why not bring a friend!

Cathedral Weekend Away

The Cathedral is holding a weekend away on Friday 31st May to Saturday 1st June in the beautiful surroundings of Stonyhurst College in the Ribble Valley.

Now is the time to secure your place. Please speak to Canon James who can accept your deposit (cheque, cash or bank transfer) and will send you a sign up form to complete.

Threads Through Creation

6th March to 14th April – a spectacular textile exhibition by Jacqui Parkinson at the Cathedral.

Choristers' Open Day

Saturday 9th March, 11.15am-4pm. For children aged 8 and over who are interested in music, come and see what it's like to be a chorister at Blackburn Cathedral.

International Women's Day

- Wednesday 6th March, 12.15pm - **Vocal Recital** given by Imogen Garner, with a programme of female composers. Accompanied by John Gough on piano. Free to attend with retiring collection, no booking required.
- Friday 8th March, 7.30pm – **International Women's Day Concert** featuring The Decibelles and Rossendale Ladies Choir. Free to attend but accepting donations in aid of Lancashire Women. Reserve your tickets here: <https://buytickets.at/blackburncathedral/1125304>
- Sunday 10th March, 4pm – **International Women's Day Choral Evensong** with all music by female composers, including works by Beach, Forbes, Weir and Burk. Free to attend, no booking required.
- Sunday 10th March, straight after Evensong – **Organ Meditation** performed by Shanna Hart, Director of Music at St Botolph without Aldgate, London. Free to attend with retiring collection in aid of The Wish Centre, no booking required.

Wednesday Concerts, 12.15, admission free.

February 28th - Damian O'Keefe (Baritone), John Robinson (Piano)

March 6th – Imogen Garner (Soprano), John Gough (Piano)

March 13th – Ewa Belmas

March 20th – Peter King

March 27th – Graham Eccles

Services this week

Monday 26 Feb

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27 Feb

8.30am Morning Prayer with Eucharist

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Blackburn Canticles - Hudson
Responses Bertalot
Ubi caritas - Gjeilo
Psalm 74

Wednesday 28 Feb

8.30am Morning Prayer
11.30am Eucharist (BCP)
5.00pm Choral Evensong
Gibbons Short Service
Responses Bertalot
A Blackburn Blessing - Robinson
Psalm 119.81-104

Thursday 29 Feb 8.30am

Morning Prayer with Eucharist
5.00pm Choral Evensong
Plainsong & Burgon
Responses Plainsong
Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford
Psalm 78.40-end

Friday 1 March

8.30am Morning Prayer
12.30pm Eucharist
5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 2 March

9.00am Morning Prayer with Eucharist
4.00pm Evening Prayer