



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral  
Eucharist  
on  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Sunday, 21 April, 2024*

*10.30am*

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President is  
**The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones**  
*The Dean*

The Preacher is  
**Canon Jenny Gaffin**  
*Precentor*

The Deacon is  
**Canon James Lawrence**  
*Missioner*

The Subdeacon is  
**Ayodele Adebayo**

The service is sung by the  
**Cathedral Choir**

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Organist and Director of Music*

The setting for the service is  
**Missa St Nicolai - Haydn**

Children and young people are welcome at all our services, but if you feel your child needs a more informal space, the Temple Gallery and the Cloister Garth are available as 'breakout' areas.

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 to sing

## Processional

Alleluia



*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
He is the King of creation: *Chorus*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,  
Jesus has died and has risen: *Chorus*

We have been crucified with Christ;  
Now we shall live for ever: *Chorus*

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
New life for all! Alleluia! *Chorus*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour: *Chorus*

*Donald Fishel (born 1950)*

## 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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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*

Jesus Christ,  
risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

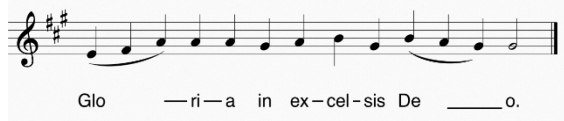
*The president says*

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 president sings



et in terra pax

hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi

propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,

Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,

Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi,

miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,

tu solus Dominus,

tu solus Altissimus,

Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and peace on earth*

*to those of good will.*

*We praise you, we bless you,*

*we worship you, we glorify you.*

*We give thanks to you*

*for your great glory.*

*O Lord God, heavenly King,*

*God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord the only-begotten Son,*

*Jesus Christ.*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God,*

*Son of the Father,*

*you that take away the sins of the world,*

*have mercy on us.*

*You that take away the sins of the world,*

*receive our prayer.*

*You who are seated at the right hand of*

*the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For you alone are holy,*

*you alone are the Lord,*

*you alone are the Most High,*

*Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,*

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please sit down*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Acts Reading

*Read by Gary Wignall*

*(Acts 5.5-12)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things. Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

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

*The choir sings*

The Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture :

and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul :

and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## **New Testament Reading**

*Read by a member of the choir*

*(1 John 3.16-end)*

A reading from the Book of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing*



# Gradual Hymn

Buckland



Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,  
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand,  
none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day,  
gladly all thy will obey,  
like thy blessed ones above  
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give  
thine own life that we might live,  
and the hands outstretched to bless  
bear the cruel nails' impress.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,  
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray  
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,  
walking in thy steps below,  
till before my Father's throne  
I shall know as I am known.

*Jane E Leeson (1809-81)*

## The Gospel

*The deacon says*

*(John 10.11-18)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The Precentor*

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

*Please stand with the president*

## The Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
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, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham,  
Margaret Young, Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Jenny Bellamy, Irfan Masih, Mary  
Sole, Tom and Bella Sorlie-Gostelow

*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,  
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

Lewis Clark, Eric Whittaker, Dudley Fulwell (21), Laura Robinson (22), Ellen  
Holdsworth (23)

*[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 says*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**and also with you. Alleluia.**

*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



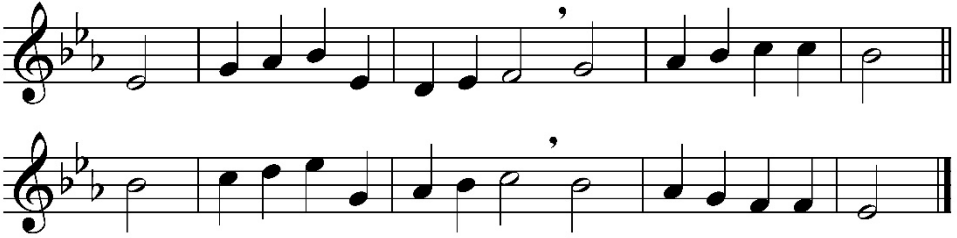
## Preparation of the Table

*The deacon prepares the table*

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

## Offertory hymn

Caithness



Where love and loving-kindness dwell,  
there God will ever be:  
One father, Son and Holy Ghost  
in perfect Charity.

Brought here together into one  
by Christ our Shepherd-king,  
now let us in his love rejoice,  
and of his goodness sing.

Here too let God, the living God,  
both loved and honoured be;  
and let us each the other love  
with true sincerity.

Brought here together by Christ's love,  
let no ill-will divide,  
nor quarrels break in unity  
of those for whom he died.

Let envy, jealousy and strife  
and all contention cease,  
for in our midst serves Christ the Lord,  
our sacrament of peace.

Together may we with the saints  
thy face in glory see,  
and ever in thy kingdom feast,  
O Christ our God, with thee.

*From the Latin "Ubi Caritas" of Maundy Thursday tr. Geoffrey Preston (1936 – 77)*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels  
and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*The choir sings:*

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth          | <i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.</i>    |
| Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. | <i>Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.</i> |
| Hosanna in excelsis.                  | <i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>                 |
| Benedictus qui venit in nomine        | <i>Blessed is he who comes in the name</i>     |
| Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.          | <i>of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>    |

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**



Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary, Paul and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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،

**Tëve Mūsų, 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*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

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

## The Giving of Communion

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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.*

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**During communion**

*The choir sings*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all to thee we raise  
this our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift and sign  
of your love so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-  
1917) Music by John Rutter (b. 1945)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

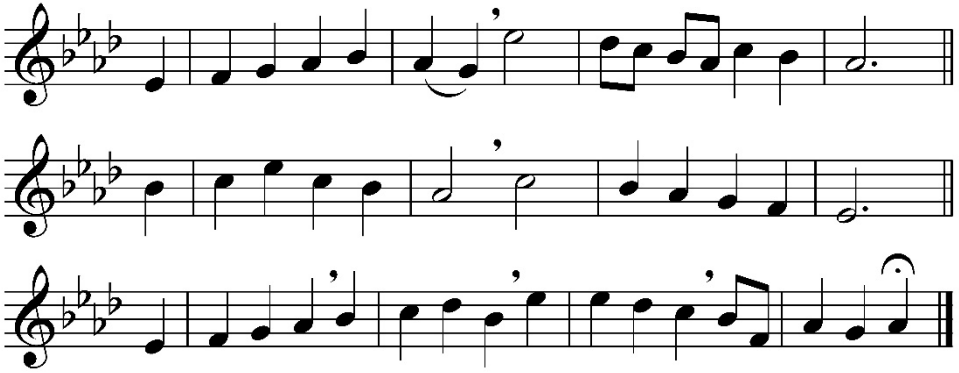
Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand to sing*

# Final Hymn

Harewood



Christ is our corner-stone,  
on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heaven are filled:  
on his great love our hopes we place  
of present grace and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise  
the Three in One to sing;  
and thus proclaim in joyful song,  
both loud and long, that glorious Name.

Here may we gain from heaven  
the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given,  
be with us evermore,  
until that day when all the blest  
to endless rest are called away.

*Urbs beata Jerusalem Anonymous Latin, Tr. John Chandler (1806-76)*

# The Dismissal

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## The Organ Voluntary

Praeludium in C BuxWV 137

*Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)*

*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.

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# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 21 April, 2024

## **Choral Evensong Today**

4.00pm

### **Choral Evensong**

Wood in D

I Was Glad - Parry

Responses - Leighton

Psalm 119.89-96

## **Next Sunday**

Acts 8.26-end

Psalm 22.25-end

New Testament reading: I John 4.7-end

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** The Cathedral APCM will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00noon, immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist and refreshments. We need to elect four Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

**Electoral Roll Forms:** All those wishing to vote at the AGM on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May need to be on the electoral roll. Forms are available at the back of the Cathedral to complete and post in the box on the Welcome Desk. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 5 May for approval.

## **Blackburn Foodbank in April**

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

## **Upcoming Concerts**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May, I I am Organ Recital, Darius Battiwalla – admission £10 on the door

## **Holy dusters (and gardeners!)**

Many thanks to those who helped at the last gathering. Future dates are: 18<sup>th</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## **A Message from the Wardens**

We would really like to increase the number of stewards we have in our team to cover both regular Sunday services at 9.00am, 10.30am and 4.00pm and the many extra services held at the Cathedral each year. All offers of help are welcome and the time commitment could be as little as an hour and a half per month. We are also looking for a little extra help for our coffee rota – again, the more people we can get involved the better. Please speak to a Warden for further information.

## **Asking for Prayers**

If you would like someone you know to be added to our weekly prayer list, please either email [liturgyadmin@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:liturgyadmin@blackburncathedral.co.uk) or leave a note for the Liturgy Administrator with either a Warden or a Virger.

## **Special Services coming up**

Ascension - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm.

Civic Service – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon.

# Wednesday Concerts

FREE

Unless stated, all Wednesday concerts feature our iconic Wood / Walker organ, start at 12.15pm and are free to attend.

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## April

- 10th April **John Seymour** (Sedbergh School)  
17th April **Ed Jones** (Wakefield)  
24th April **Angela Hicks** (Soprano) **John Robinson** (Piano)
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## May

- 1st May **Michał Szostak** (Poland)  
8th May **Brittany King** (Soprano)  
15th May **Nigel Spooner** (Lancashire)  
22nd May **Lyndon Hills** (Nantwich)  
29th May **Matt Haynes** (Stonyhurst College)
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## June

- 5th June **John Robinson** (Director of Music)  
12th June **Timara Easter** (Harpenden)  
19th June **Margaret Harper** (Trinity Church, Princeton)  
26th June **Victoria Ulriksen** (Norway)
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## July

- 3rd July **Karen Au** (Lancashire)  
10th July **John Hosking** (Organist in Residence)  
17th July **Philip Crozier** (Canada)