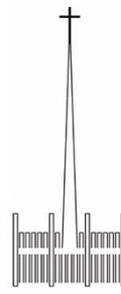


Newsletter

February 2019



BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

Diary

1st Feb – 1st March

Peter Marlow – English Cathedrals: an exhibition of photographs. See below for more details.

5th

3.00pm Open Guided Tour – please meet your guide by the Welcome Desk.

6th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital Edmund Aldhouse (Ely Cathedral)

13th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital. Elizabeth Cockshott (Blackburn)

15th

7.30pm Rossendale Hospice ‘Hearts & Voices’ Concert. See below for more details.

23rd

7.30pm The Renaissance Singers and Glasgow Chamber Choir in concert. **See below for more details.**

27th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital. David Humphreys (Peterborough Cathedral).

Confirmations

Our next confirmation service will be on Saturday 20th April at the Easter Vigil. If you have not been confirmed, and would like to be, or would like to explore the possibility, please contact missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk

“Let the little children come to me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven”

It was an inspirational idea by our Sunday School leaders to invite us after Christmas to ‘drop in’ to see what they do, and to receive a small gift.

As I stood with others just outside the Chesters Room, looking on, I thought of myself as both an artist (which I am definitely not) and a grandparent (which I definitely am).

What would have found its way on to the canvas was a group of children with white and black faces reading lines from the Gospel of the day; siblings, parents and others through the whole age range being really impressed; then (and maybe this would have required a second picture) everyone mingling cheerfully together as the goodies were handed around.

What was going through my mind as a grandparent was how children feel about faith.

Although there are only two of us, the rest of our family are in multiples of five: five children, five spouses, ten grandchildren, with five of either sex. If you take away the age of the youngest, who is one, from the oldest, who is twenty one, even the answer is a multiple of five.

These youngsters make an interesting focus group. (Please don’t tell them I said that).

A big question for us is how does the Cathedral relate to young people such as these?

They are busy at school and college, gifted in one way or another, tech savvy, some fanatical about football, some anxious about their body image and afraid of seeming odd, others wondering about exams and their future careers. Many of the older ones have a strong commitment to racial tolerance and equality of the sexes and want to do what they can to combat poverty and climate change.

I hear that in Birmingham, the staff of the Diocese includes the post of ‘Director of Getting Younger’. Since the average age of the city’s population is twenty-five whereas the figure for church people is sixty five, the role must be to try to ‘bridge the gap’ –

Lent Groups

There will be daytime and evening groups meeting during Lent. This year the focus will be on some of the passages and themes from Luke's Gospel (the Gospel mainly used for Sunday readings in 2019). Watch this space, and register your interest at missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk All are welcome!

Palm Crosses Needed

Ash Wednesday this year falls on 6th March. The ash is always made from the previous year's palm crosses, so please bring in your old palm crosses by the end of February – they can be given to the virgers. And of course if you like to have a palm cross somewhere in your house, you can get a new one on Palm Sunday!

not, as I first surmised, to make individuals look ten years younger.

It's fair to say that the Cathedral has many connections with the young : they come for baptism, attend our Sunday School, sing in our choirs, join with their schools for services and educational visits.

I have no doubt that there will be an opportunity to work out how the Cathedral's ministry to and with young people might develop as our plans for the future unfold.

Meanwhile, I find myself asking... is there any more heart-warming sight than when mums and dads, grandparents and children stand in a huge circle around the darkened Cathedral, candles in hand, at the Christmas Crib Service ?

.....and reflecting.....that the only possible title for the picture we saw through the door of the Chesters Room is: "Let the little children come to me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven".

Canon Michael Wedgeworth

Rossendale Hospice Hearts and Voices

Friday 15th February 7.30pm

Come and join Opera Star and local celebrity Sean Ruane, the 2nd Rossendale Scout Band and the Rossendale choirs he and his team have been working with for an evening of great music.

Tickets are priced at £13 and are available on the door or in advance at: www.rossendalehospice.org/handv or contact

The Renaissance Singers and Glasgow Chamber Choir In Concert

Come and join these two wonderful choirs as they present a concert of choral music including works by Finzi, Parry, Bach and Lauridsen. Directed by Samuel Hudson and Michael Bawtree.

Tickets £10 (Under 16s free) from www.blackburncathedral.com or on the door.

Visit My Mosque Day - 3rd March 2019

'Visit My Mosque' day is a national initiative facilitated by the Muslim Council of Britain encouraging 200 mosques across the UK to hold open days to welcome in their neighbours from all faiths and none and help build bridges across communities.

Whilst mosque open days in Britain have been taking place for decades, 'Visit My Mosque' allows mosques to be a part of a nationwide event where mosques are able to open their door together on the same day. The initiative was first conceived in February 2015 with about 20 mosques taking part. Now, due to popular demand the initiative has grown to over 200 mosques taking part,

On Sunday 3rd March there will be an opportunity to visit a local mosque straight after the 10.30am service. It would be helpful to have some idea of numbers for catering and in case we need to do car-sharing, so please drop a line to missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk if you are interested.

The English Cathedral

By

Peter Marlow

Following on from its acquisition by the V&A's permanent photography collection, Blackburn Cathedral is proud to be the first venue to exhibit 'The English Cathedral' by Peter Marlow as it begins a tour of the country.

42 photographs representing all 42 cathedrals of the Church of England by Magnum photographer Peter Marlow (1952 - 2016) will be on display in the South Transept from 1st February until 1st of March 2019.

In 2008, Marlow was commissioned by Royal Mail, on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the completion of St Paul's Cathedral, to photograph six cathedrals. The resulting images of Lichfield, Belfast, Gloucester, St David's, Westminster, and St Magnus in Orkney were issued as a set of six commemorative stamps and a miniature sheet.

Once the commission was complete, Marlow was inspired to continue the project and in the following four years shot all 42 of the cathedrals of the Church of England.

Each cathedral was photographed at dawn using only natural light. This endeavour can be viewed as a contemporary update to tradition of church photography in England, particularly the work of Frederick Evans and Edwin Smith. Marlow's photographic typology of England's Anglican cathedrals was published in a monograph by Merrell in 2012.

If you are inspired by Peter Marlow's photographs, why not enter our Cathedral Calendar Photography Competition – details on the website or at the back of the Nave.

Finance Manager Vacancy

Blackburn Cathedral is seeking to appoint a Finance Manager who will make a real difference to the Cathedral's mission and operations by leading and developing the Cathedral's budgeting, accounting and financial reporting processes, along with providing expert financial analysis, and managing the Finance Officer. For further information, please go to:

www.blackburncathedral.com

Director of Music

Blackburn Cathedral is beginning its search for a New Director of Music.

This is an exciting opportunity at a strategic moment in the life of one of the nation's youngest cathedrals and will offer the successful applicant an opportunity to influence the future of cathedral music and outreach across Lancashire.

For more information please visit: www.blackburncathedral.com

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Regular Service Times

Sunday:

8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00am	Parish Communion
10.30am	Cathedral Eucharist
4.00pm	Evensong

Weekdays:

Morning Prayer - **8.40am** Monday to Friday

Holy Communion - Every day, but times may differ, please see the Cathedral Website or Weekly Bulletin for details.

Evening Prayer/Evensong - **5.15pm** Monday to Friday please see weekly bulletin or music list for details of sung services.

Saturday:

9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
5.15pm	Evening Prayer (Except when Evensong is scheduled which will be at 3.30pm – please see Weekly Bulletin or Website for details)

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Cathedral Opening Times

The cathedral is open Monday to Saturday from 8.00am until after the last service of the day.

On Sundays we are open from 7.45am until after the last service of the day.

Malawi Encounter Visit

A number of people have expressed an interest in joining The Dean on the next visit he makes to the Church in Malawi in July 2020. The visit would last 12-14 days and during that time we would worship with local Christians (probably at Nkhotakota Cathedral), encounter village life and people, visit a number of projects, spend a day and night at a national park to see the wildlife and possibly spend a day at the lake – Africa's third largest.

If you are interested in finding out more, why not come along to one of the Malawi Encounter Visit events on either Monday 11th February at 3.00pm or Wednesday 13th February at 7.30pm. You will have plenty of opportunity to discover more about:

- the planned programme
- travel arrangements, costs and accommodation
- the country of Malawi, its people & culture

and ask any questions you may have.

Both events will take place at the Deanery and you are warmly invited to come along and find out more. If you are thinking of coming please speak to the Dean or drop him an email at dean@blackburncathedral.co.uk so that we can ensure appropriate catering.