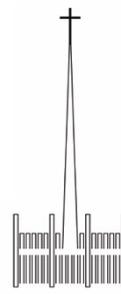


Newsletter

March 2019



BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

Diary

2nd

3.30pm RSCM Festival Service with chorister awards

5th

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

6th

Ashes to Go – throughout the day, look out for members of the clergy on Church St.

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) including the Imposition of Ashes

7.00pm Solemn Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

8th

8.00pm Compline sung by the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir

13th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital Sam Bristow (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

14th

2.00pm Mothers Union From Victoria to Ventnor – Steve Hallewell meeting in Caedmon, access through the Temple Gallery

15th

10.00am – 3.30pm Icons and Illumination. See below.

8.00pm Compline sung by the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir

20th

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital Angie Hicks (Soprano).

Don't just give up!

It can't have escaped your notice that 29th March is a significant day. At the time of writing, there is still much uncertainty, and we simply do not know what will be the short term arrangements or the long term effects of Brexit. What is clear, however, is that many people are concerned about the future in different ways, and that it is vital for us all to continue to pray for the communities to which we belong: local, national and international.

But the month of March will be more (I hope!) than Brexit. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on 6th March, and so our focus as a Christian community becomes one of examining more closely our relationship not just with Europe, but with God. Traditionally, of course, many people give things up for Lent. If we want to give up smoking or chocolate or spending too much time on social media, that's fine, but it's good to ask ourselves why we might give something up, or whether there are other ways of making the most of Lent and revitalising our faith.

Perhaps because I like chocolate too much, I have generally tried to be a 'taker up' rather than a 'giver up' during Lent. I usually try to do something extra in three different areas:

1. study
2. the common good
3. prayer.

Study can sound frightening or school-like, but it shouldn't do. It is simply about exploring and learning more about our Christian faith, so that we can be confident to live out that faith in our day to day lives. There will be a number of different opportunities for study at the Cathedral. The Lent groups will be looking at themes from Luke's Gospel, and will be appropriate for all, from those with no previous knowledge, to those who are 'old hands'. And if you can't make one of those groups, there are plenty of good books to read. This year the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book is *Reconciliation* by Muthuraj Swamy, which provides a series of brief reflections on how human relationships can be restored: with God, with each other, and within ourselves.

22nd

8.00pm Compline sung by the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir

23rd

7.00pm Blackburn Music Society Spring Concert. See the website for more information

27th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital Liam Cartwright (All Saints, High Wycombe)

28th

6.30pm Last Choir Singing – Preston and Central Heat

29th

6.30pm Last Choir Singing – East and Central Heat

30th

Flowers to Go! Come and find us out on Church Street on Saturday 30th March where you will be able to plant a flower as a gift for Mothering Sunday.

7.30pm Blackburn Symphony Orchestra Concert. Bach Violin Concerto in E major and Mahler Symphony No 5

31st

Mothering Sunday

Looking Forward to April

Tues 2nd April

10.00am -4.00pm God in the Midst of Us, a quiet day reflecting on daily life led by The Dean. £15 including a light lunch.

Wed 17th April

7.30pm Holy Week Concert: Vexilla Regis including music by Bruckner and Palestrina. £10 for adults, under 16 free.

Please book these two events through our website.

Taking something up for the common good could be a simple environmentally-conscious lifestyle change, such as committing to walk more instead of drive, or to re-use food containers instead of disposable plastic. But it could equally be about increasing charitable giving, or about offering some time as a volunteer, whether at the Cathedral or any of the other local charities which are always in need of more person-power.

Prayer too, can be enriched in many different ways. Designating an extra five minutes a day to be quiet with God is one way to begin. So too is deciding to attend an additional act of worship, perhaps once a week; or taking part in a quiet day. And of course when we reach Holy Week, and we follow the same journey we take every year from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, we are challenged to lift up our prayers and take up the Cross.

Lent is above all a season of preparation for the great Feast of Easter, and because of that, it is a season filled with hope. So, whatever happens at the end of this month, we can keep praying, keep studying and keep working for the common good. I for one, won't just be giving up.

Rev'd Canon Dr Rowena Pailing

Lent Courses

Living Out Luke's Gospel

There will be four regular opportunities for you to take part in our Lent Courses this year – hopefully one of them will be convenient for you:

Thursday Evening in Caedmon here at the Cathedral starting at 7.15pm on **7th March.**

Friday afternoon in Caedmon here at the Cathedral starting at 1.00pm on **8th March.**

Monday Evening at a private address near Revidge Road (time to be confirmed) starting on **11th March.**

Tuesday Evening at a private address near Ewood Park starting at 7.30pm on **12th March.**

All courses will follow the same material and will run for five weeks.

Please let Canon Pailing know if you wish to attend one of the courses (especially those being held in private houses) in order to ensure you have all the information you need before hand.

A Note from Our Organ Scholar

It has been a huge privilege to be appointed this year's Harold Thornber Organ Scholar here at Blackburn Cathedral. The post is a great stepping stone for me from school to university. I am very lucky to have been able to take advantage of many fantastic opportunities and I am really enjoying working in a vibrant music department; learning from two very experienced organists. The Cathedral is a lovely community to be a part of and one of the most enjoyable parts of the scholarship for me is being able to regularly accompany three of the Cathedral's choirs and play for a whole range of services big and small!

The many performance opportunities available to me, both at the cathedral and in the wider community enrich both my solo playing and my music-making with other musicians. The regular lunchtime recitals are also a great opportunity to meet many masters of the organ and current Cathedral musicians from around the country.

The 'Sing Together' outreach project is an inspiring organisation based at the Cathedral giving primary school children across the whole of Lancashire an exciting musical education which improves their confidence and musical knowledge. It encourages teachers and children alike to sing and concludes with a series of concerts in King George's Hall, Blackburn. This has been a fascinating experience for me, playing the piano for all the school workshop sessions and working with the amateurs to ensure we provide quality opportunities for many primary school pupils to take part in musical performances across the county.

The many experiences I have had so far in this role have consolidated my ambition to pursue a career in Cathedral music and given me the foundations to carry on studying the organ at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire starting in September.

Harvey Stansfield

The Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has to be renewed every six years

During the period of preparation of the roll, members on the previous roll need to apply to be included – inclusion is not automatic. New people can also apply during this period. A person applies by filling out an application for enrolment form. The preparation of the roll needs to be completed by 17th March 2019. Please ensure you have completed your form and returned it via the box on the Welcome Desk during Sunday services or in the Virgers' office at other times.

Cathedra English Gin



Our locally distilled Gin has really taken off! The first few deliveries sold out within hours of them arriving here at the cathedral.

Available in the Gift Shop and online for those of you further afield.

Donate to the Work and Fabric of the Cathedral

Just Giving - to donate, go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/blackburncathedral>

Text Giving - you can donate by texting BLAC01 followed by the amount you wish to donate, to 70070.

You can donate £1, £2, £3, £4, £5 or £10.

As an example, to donate £5, you would text the following to 70070: BLAC01£5

All the money you donate goes to us. You may be charged for your text message. Please refer to your network operator's standard rates.

If you have any questions about JustTextGiving, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/>

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.

Icons and Illumination.

Take inspiration from the stunning collections of art and artefacts at Blackburn Museum and Blackburn Cathedral. From early icon painting and illuminated manuscripts to more contemporary interpretations of traditional themes.

Artist and Printmaker Julia Swarbrick will show you how to create your own hand decorated wooden panels using printmaking, painting and gilding techniques.

The price of £36 includes lunch deal at Cafe Northcote plus materials, refreshments and full tuition. Please see our website for booking information.

Holy Week Additional Services

Palm Sunday – 14th April

8.00am BCP Eucharist

9.00am Parish Communion

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist with Procession

4.00pm Service of Music and Readings

Maundy Thursday – 18th April

11.00am Diocese of Blackburn Chrism Eucharist

7.30pm Eucharist followed by The Watch

Good Friday – 19th April

10.00am A Pilgrimage of Prayer. An indoor service suitable for all ages, followed by Hot Cross Buns.

Noon Good Friday Reflections and Devotions including:

2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday – 20th April

8.00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – 21st April

8.00am BCP Eucharist

9.00am Parish Eucharist

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist

4.00pm Festal Evensong