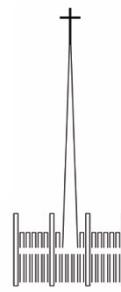


# Newsletter

June 2019



**BLACKBURN**  
**CATHEDRAL**  
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

## Diary

**2nd**

**10.30am** Cathedral Eucharist with commissioning of Wardens and Stewards

**5<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** William Peart (Royal Birmingham Conservatoire)

**6<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea.** Tickets priced at £5.00 and are available from Maureen Birtwell or other members of the Mothers' Union

**7<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00pm An Evening with Onjali Rauf.** See below for further information

**9<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm Thy Kingdom Come Closing Event.** See below for further information

**15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**

**All Day** Cardboard Cinema in the Crypt. See the Festival of Making website for more information

**12<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** Tim Easter (Harpenden)

**13<sup>th</sup>**

**7.30pm** Sing Together Concert

**15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>**

**All Day** Festival of Making Activities

**18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**

**All Day** Escape to Safety Installation

**19<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm Lunchtime Recital** Blackburn Cathedral Scholars

## Saying Sorry

'Sorr-ee!' We've all said it – and not meant it. Perhaps that's sometimes because we feel it is something that is expected of us, rather than because it is something we have actually thought through and want to do. And when that is the case, you can spot it a mile off. How many times have we found ourselves annoyed that a train has been delayed, but failed to find any comfort in the automated announcement that 'we are sorry for the delay and any inconvenience this may cause'? How can a pre-recorded voice be sorry? It can't, and we feel even more annoyed as a result, or at least, I do!

Many of us will have been told as children that we should only say sorry if we mean it. It is a truism, of course, but it is also good advice. Saying sorry means nothing unless we are prepared to accept responsibility, make changes, and, if we can, mend the hurts which we have caused. Sometimes penitence, or being sorry, is highly personal and relates to specific actions we have taken. Sometimes, it is more about owning a collective responsibility for wrongs within an institution or society.

The last few weeks have seen two publications which challenge us to take exactly this collective responsibility, and which demand that we address pain and injustice. The first is the IICSA (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) Report on the Diocese of Chichester which catalogues not only the past failure of the Church of England to protect people from harm, but worse, a culture which seems to have been complicit in covering up abuse. The second is data from *End Child Poverty*, which reveals that the local authority ward with the highest percentage of children living in poverty is here in Blackburn, just minutes' walk from the Cathedral.

As a Church, as a community, we could say how terrible this is. But that isn't being sorry. Being sorry is accepting that the Church of England has wronged many vulnerable people. Being sorry is accepting that the society of which we a part perpetuates inequality. And being sorry, being really sorry, is doing something about it.

**23<sup>rd</sup>**

**12.00pm** Joint Chorister and Sunday School Picnic

**26<sup>th</sup>**

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** Join Samuel Hudson for his last Lunchtime Recital as Director of Music

**29<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30am Ordination of Deacons**  
**2.30pm Ordination of Priests**

## Coming Up in July

### Summer Gala Concert Last Night at the Proms

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm

The annual concert given by the Choirs of Blackburn Cathedral with the Northern Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Samuel Hudson, this year includes Fauré's *Requiem* and music by Ireland, Elgar and Parry.

Tickets are priced from £5 and will be available from [www.blackburncathedral.com](http://www.blackburncathedral.com) or from King George's Hall Box Office on 01254 582579 from Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 8am.

### Faure Requiem

Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir

7th July at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Choir is for young people aged 13-19 from in and around Liverpool, and performs throughout the year at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and across the region.

Tickets can be booked in advance, online via the website and are priced at £7.00 – £10.00

Nothing can put right the wrongs inflicted on those who have been abused. But if we are truly sorry we will take responsibility, and work tirelessly to create an environment where everyone is kept safe. As part of this the Church of England has launched a national programme of independent audits into the safeguarding practices of every cathedral in the country. Here at Blackburn we take safeguarding very seriously, and are committed to keeping every child and adult safe from harm. We also know that there is always more which can be done. Our audit will take place in the autumn, and we look forward to it as an opportunity to keep improving in our Christian duty of care.

The scandal of social inequality also demands action. So, if we are really sorry, then yes, let's say that we are. But let's also show that we are, by doing something about it.

**Rowena Pailing**  
**Canon Missioner**



## Blackburn Cathedral Sunday School

SUMMER PICNIC

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 12.30 – 2.30pm**

In the Cathedral gardens or South Transept if wet.

Games, face painting, balloons, food.

All children & young people 5-13 years are welcome

## Bible Study Groups

The Lent Bible study groups will continue to meeting monthly. All are welcome, and for more details contact: [missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk)

The Friday lunchtime group will meet on the **second Friday** of each month at 1pm

# An Evening with Onjali Rauf

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.00pm

JUST ONE PERSON – JUST ONE THING

Onjali Q Rauf – award winning author and campaigner for women's rights and refugees, will be sharing Her Story and the creation and unexpected journeys Making Herstory continues to lead her on, and why there is no such thing as an action too small.

This will be an exciting, informative, lively and uplifting interactive event that will showcase not only Onjali's own experiences in seeing this particular truth unfold, but also in the volunteering work of local people in Blackburn with Darwen and Burnley.

How often have we thought 'What can I do' whilst watching wars unfold, hearing of refugees dying out at sea or reading of yet another abuse, rape or murder. But what we all too often forget is the ripple effects that a single action launched with a simple intention can yield.

In 2011 Onjali's aunt was murdered by the husband she had been trying to escape from for over five years, highlighting the systematic failures around the abuse and murders of women in the United Kingdom. Determined to do something in memory of her aunt, Onjali set up Making Herstory. Today Making Herstory has a network of active supporters across the UK. Working with agencies large and small, it has supported women's shelters and outreach projects including refugee projects here and in France.

To come along and join us please book via the What's On page on the Cathedral website. Or alternatively call Lynn Mitchell on 07425 169827

*Tickets are free*

## Do You Speak Another Language?

If so, and even if you don't think you speak it very well, we would love you to get involved with the **Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Service** by reading a short bible passage in a language other than English. The service is at 7.30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June here at the Cathedral, and we hope to have as many different languages spoken as possible, please contact Canon Pailing:

[missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:missioner@blackburncathedral.co.uk) if you can help.

## Churches Together Events for June

Free tickets are available for these diocesan events by using the links below.

### More Tea Vicar

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 7-9pm, St John's, Blackpool**

An opportunity for Church ministers, pastors leaders and other church workers to equip themselves with tools and resources to support other leaders or members experiencing or engaging with Mental health Issues.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/more-tea-vicar-tickets-60919004382>

### Dr Elaine Storkey Lectures

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30-9.30pm, Lancaster Priory Church**

Is Christianity Dying in the West?

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/elaine-storkey-explores-is-christianity-dying-in-the-west-tickets-61869522407>

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7-9pm, Burnley & Pendle Faith Centre**

Scars Across Humanity: Understanding and Overcoming Violence Against Women

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=61925826815>

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30-9.00pm, Bishop's House, Clayton le Dale**

Is Christianity Dying in the West?

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dr-elaine-storkey-explores-is-christianity-dying-in-the-west-tickets-61987176313>

## Sing Together

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm**

**Featuring  
Local Choirs**

**And**

**Blackburn & Darwen Band**

Tickets priced at £6 and £1  
Available via The Cathedral website

## 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.

## Thy Kingdom Come

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

Come and join the Diocesan Community at the Lancashire Beacon Event to celebrate the close of the 2019 call for Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

**All Welcome**

## Festival of Making 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June

More information about the events being held in The Cathedral and around the town can be found at:

[www.festivalofmaking.co.uk](http://www.festivalofmaking.co.uk)

## “Escape to Safety” Exhibition 18th June - 20th June

“Escape to Safety” is an interactive exhibition through which visitors walk while listening to the stories of three refugees.

It is housed in the South Transept as part of Refugee Week. It is open to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## Donate to the Work and Fabric of the Church

If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral using contactless payments, please ask the duty wardens or a verger for the contactless machine.