

Newsletter

July 2018



BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL
GOOD NEWS FOR LANCASHIRE

Diary

1st

Sunday School Picnic – after the 10.30am Eucharist. The Sunday School and Lantern Voices children will be joining together for a Summer Picnic today in the Cathedral Garth. They will be enjoying games, face painting, prizes and food. Please join them for a little while for a drink and to say hello.

3rd

7.30pm Welcome and Installation of the New Bishop of Lancaster. Sung by the Renaissance Singers. Followed by a reception for the Bishop of Lancaster and the congregation.

4th

1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital by Samuel Austin from St Paul's, Mill Hill, London

7th

7.00pm 'A Royal Composer'. Join the Choirs of Blackburn Cathedral and the Northern Chamber Orchestra for their Summer Gala Concert.

11th

Lunchtime Organ Recital by Christopher Herrick (International Concert Organist)

12th

10.45am Remembering Srebrenica Service

2.00pm Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea in the Crypt – see below for further details.

Revealing the Hidden Heritage

I spoke briefly at the last congregation meeting about our exciting Heritage Lottery Development (HLF) - Revealing the Hidden Heritage. Since January 2018 the external team of consultants together with members of the Cathedral Team have been working hard to develop the overall scheme. There has been a significant amount of work undertaken so far in the areas of design, activity & business planning, conservation work and fundraising strategy.

As part of the process, all projects are continually monitored and assessed at the midpoint of development. Our project has significantly changed since the original application back in 2016. The emerging project reflects our desire to work in a more joined up way with Blackburn and Lancashire schools, parishes and volunteers from across the diocese, multi faith and local interest groups, tourists and of course much valued business connections.

On Friday 22nd June we had a mid-point review with HLF. In order to 'pass' the mid-point review we had to show that the level of development so far is significantly advanced and on target for delivery. I am pleased to say that we passed with flying colours! That said, there is still a significant hill to climb with regard to match funding and we are very grateful for all the work of the Cathedral Trust in helping to deliver this.

So, what next? During the Autumn we will be arranging a presentation to the congregation and wider

16th

The Choir will be on holiday until September

Looking forward to August

5th

Today we will be joined by the St Margaret's Singers, Liverpool for the 10.30am Eucharist and Evensong at 4.00pm

11th

1.00pm Mothers' Union Mary Summer Day Celebrations

Lunchtime Recitals

Join us on Wednesday lunchtimes during term time to hear a variety of recitalists from near and far. All are welcome and admission is free but we do ask for a minimum donation of £3.50 to help cover costs.

1.00pm in the Nave.

community. This will provide an opportunity to flesh out the thinking so far, display images of proposed design and interpretation and gather further comment from interested groups. Watch this space for dates and times.

The Psalmist writes: *Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain* (Ps 127). It is so easy for us to have our own ideas and plans that sound and look good but do not really align with our core purpose and mission. In all we do, we need to keep an open and prayerful heart so that our planning is informed by God and built to further his purposes.

During the Autumn, the Cathedral Chapter will be doing just that as they start to develop a five-year strategic plan. Revealing the Hidden Heritage will be a significant part of the plan which we believe will help us to deliver on our mission priorities.

These are exciting times for us as a community and I am very heartened by how the wider community is pulling together to ensure a clear focus and united purpose in our Christian mission.

'A Royal Composer' Summer Gala Concert

Join the Choirs of Blackburn Cathedral and the Northern Chamber Orchestra conducted by Samuel Hudson for a concert celebrating the music of Charles HH Parry as they mark 100 years since his death with his ever popular *I was glad* and *Jerusalem* as well as other works from Parry, his teachers and his pupils. Tickets are available via our website or from King George's Hall Box Office in person or on 0844 847 1664

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If there is anything you would like us to include, in the diary section or as a small feature, please get in touch either via the cathedral office or by sending an email to info@blackburncathedral.co.uk putting 'newsletter' in the subject line.

Mothers' Union Strawberry Tea

The Mothers' Union invite you to their annual Strawberry Tea with Entertainment on Thursday 12 July 2018 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the Crypt.

Tickets are priced at £5 and are available from Alma Roberts, Margery Wignall, Rowena Hargreaves and Emily Odudu.

Nation's Bells to ring out together to mark Armistice Centenary

On 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, town and cities across the country. Big Ben will also strike at 11am to mark the centenary.

To mark the final year of the First World War centenary commemorations, 1,400 new bell ringers will be recruited in honour of the 1,400 that lost their lives during the First World War.

Church bells across the UK remained restricted throughout the course of the war and only rang freely once Armistice was declared on 11 November 1918.

The campaign to recruit bell ringers, **Ring Remembers**, will keep this traditional British art alive in memory of the 1,400 who lost their lives – linking together past and future.

The campaign is being run by the Department of Communities and Local Government in collaboration with Big Ideas Community Interest Company and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Here at Blackburn Cathedral we need to recruit six new members to augment our present band.

Practices take place every Thursday evening from 8pm. To 9.30pm. For further information ring **Ian Fowler (Deputy Ringing Master) on 07484 830542**

The Cathedral Cannot Run on Clergy (and Virgers) Alone!

Blackburn Cathedral is a community made not just of the congregation, but of all who come through its doors. In order to ensure that everyone who enters our amazing building is given the welcome they deserve our community needs an incredible number of volunteers to fulfil a range of roles.

There are two groups of volunteers who play an integral role in the welcoming of congregants and visitors. First, there are the Welcomers who look after the Welcome Desk and the shop during the day Tuesday to Saturday, meeting and greeting all who come through the doors; if you feel you have a few hours to spare once a month (or more), please get in touch with Kate Fulwell using the contact information at the back of the newsletter.

The second group of volunteers are the stewards who ensure the smooth running of Sunday services and the many extra services that take place here; ranging from large Diocesan Events such as the ordinations of Deacons and Priests that have just taken place to the weddings and funerals of our own congregation. And as for Christmas, well we always need 'all hands on deck' for the many and wonderful concerts and services that are held here.

A building of this size always needs more help than it has, so if you feel that you could join us in our Ministry of Welcome, please, speak to any member of the clergy, one of the wardens or virgers, or get in touch via the contact information on the back page.

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
3.30pm	Evening Prayer

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Vacancy

A Business Administration Apprentice is required to join our busy office providing front line customer service and administrative support. The successful candidate will be working with a small team across a number of areas of the Cathedral.

The apprentice will work under the direction of the Executive Director and will work across a number of areas supported by the Office Manager, Finance Officer, Shop Manager and Events Coordinator.

For more information, please consult the cathedral website.

Intercessions

It is good news that the number of people leading intercessions on a Sunday morning is growing. The intercessions are very much intended to be the 'prayers of the people', so at the 10.30 Eucharist we will be trialling having them led from further back in the nave. This is similar to the idea behind our practice of reading the Gospel in the centre of the congregation. If you would like to join the intercessions rota, please speak to one of the clergy.