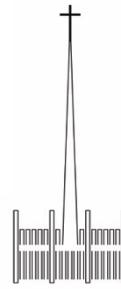


# Newsletter

September 2019



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

## Diary

4th

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** William Fielding (Hampton Court Palace).

5<sup>th</sup>

**2.15pm Mother's Union Opening Service**, see below for more details.

10<sup>th</sup>

**10.55am Multi-Faith Service to Mark World Suicide Prevention Day.**

11<sup>th</sup>

**1.00pm Lunchtime Recital** Ralph Thomas Williams (Countertenor).

12<sup>th</sup>

**6.00pm Appeal Wine Tasting Evening**, please see below for more details.

14<sup>th</sup>

**BCCA Annula Reunion Weekend.**

**10.00am onwards. Blackburn Heritage Open Day**, see below for more details.

15<sup>th</sup>

**Noon Congregation Meeting.**

18<sup>th</sup>

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** Shaun Turnbull (Blackburn Cathedral).

21<sup>st</sup>

**7.30pm The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage Concert**, please see below for more details.

25<sup>th</sup>

**1.00pm Lunchtime Organ Recital** Joshua Stephens (Sheffield Cathedral).

## Resetting the Compass

I guess most of us are creatures of habit. A bit like the sign once seen beside a major dirt road in the Australian outback: "Choose your rut carefully. You will be in it for the next 200 miles."

We tend to like ruts ... especially comfortable ones. We so easily settle into predictable routines in our lives, and we find security in those routines. But like the numbing of a pain-relieving drug, ruts can cause us to waste a large portion of our lives and get things out of proportion and out of balance.

The Apostle Paul writing to the young church in Romans challenges them with these words: "Do not conform any longer to this pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds." That process of transformation is not an easy one. We all have a predisposition to stick with what we know and overlook or actively push against the new or unfamiliar.

Getting stuck in the normal ruts of life can so easily sap our life and our faith of the energy and vitality which speak of something different. It's all very well speaking about what we believe, but transformation happens when we embrace it in the way we choose to live our lives.

This September is one such moment here at the Cathedral. In many ways it's a time for resetting the compass and preparing ourselves for new opportunities and experiences. We have new people arriving, new focuses for our mission and ministry, new ways of working and fresh opportunities to think again about what matters to us as a community.

Flying in from America, we are delighted to welcome John Robinson as our new Director of Music. He has a wealth of musical experience which I am sure will stimulate and stretch us as we seek to develop our worship and ministry together.

As in previous years, we are delighted to welcome three new Scholars. Lukas Russel, Daniel Hicks and Giles Longstaff will join the team assisting on the organ and supporting the gentlemen of the choir.

## Community Forum Update

The Congregation Sunday Lunch will be held on **13<sup>th</sup> of October 2019**. The menu is still to be finalised but will be available soon. As a way of funding both this and subsequent lunches we will be asking for a donation on the day.

## Save the Dates

### Africa Night

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

We are blessed to have among us many people of African origin.

A group under the leadership of Nosipho Mncube (born in Soweto and the daughter of Anglican priest) is organising a second Africa Night, promising a celebration of the Continent's diverse food, fashion, music and culture.

Whatever nation you are from, you are heartily invited to join the party, and maybe even learn to dance, African style.

It starts at 6pm in the South Transept of the Cathedral. Children are warmly welcome.

## Calling All Volunteers

**Do you volunteer at the cathedral in any way?** Be it stewarding, bell ringing, welcoming, flower-arranging or any of the many other ways in which volunteers ensure the continued smooth and successful running of the cathedral, The Dean and Chapter would like to invite you to attend a Service of Holy Communion to Celebrate the Work of Volunteers at Blackburn Cathedral, followed by Refreshments. **3.00pm Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Just prior to the summer we welcomed Gary Bullock as Finance Manager taking over from Adrian Phillips. Gary is a Self-Supporting Minister in the Diocese and will help us to combine faith and finance as we work strive to improve our financial position and enhance our Christian stewardship.

We will be launching our new strategic plan this month. Chapter have worked hard to determine a route map to guide us during the next five years. Navigating this road will certainly be exciting, as together we discover more of what God has in store for us as we seek to serve him faithfully at the Cathedral. Do try to be with us on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September as we share some of these exciting aspirations for the future.

With every blessing

**Peter Howell-Jones**  
**Dean of Blackburn**

## “The Sixteen” Choral Pilgrimage Concert

21st September at 7:30 pm - 9:15 pm

We welcome *The Sixteen* back to the Cathedral for a concert in their 2019 *Choral Pilgrimage*.

In this their 40th Anniversary year, the theme of the concert is a retrospective look at their choral journey over the last forty years.

For more information and to book tickets please visit:

<https://thesixteen.com/events/choral-workshop-2019-blackburn/>

## Wine Tasting in the Crypt

Blackburn Cathedral Trust invite you to a Wine Tasting hosted by The Whalley Wine Shop and in aid of the 'Revealing the Hidden Heritage' Appeal. Tickets available from Ann Dean: (Tel: 07710500802, Email: [ann@ashfield.net](mailto:ann@ashfield.net)); from Whalley Wine Shop or online at:

[www.blackburncathedral.com/community/appeal](http://www.blackburncathedral.com/community/appeal)

## Be Surprised by Blackburn Cathedral.

The Cathedral will be taking part in the Blackburn Heritage Open Day on the 14th of September 2019.

So, now is your chance to see it in action. There will be activities for all ages. These will include guided tours at 11.00am and 1.00pm; tours of the bell tower between 10.00am and 2.00pm; a demonstration of flower arranging at 10.30am; a display of the work of the Diocesan Needleworkers' work in the Temple Gallery between 10.00am and 4.00pm; an open choir rehearsal at 1.30pm; family activities between 10.00am and 1.30pm. It is also a chance to experience the modern artworks located throughout the building and to enjoy the green oasis of the cloister garden.

## Cathedral Flower Festival News.

We hope that you have all put the dates for next year's flower festival in your diaries - 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020.

The more observant of you will have noticed that the old shop in church house has once again been transformed into the festival office. Whilst we will not yet be there on a daily basis, if the blinds are open please do call in to say hello and find out all the latest information about the festival.

Plans are well under way to ensure another successful festival which will welcome visitors to the Cathedral and town from all over the country.

Craig Bullock, an international star in the flower community will direct the festival aided by Bill Dixon who could not say "no" after last time. A well-known Belgian designer, Tom de Houwer, has agreed to create an installation for us and there will be an opportunity to see him at work during a demonstration at King George's Hall.

We predict an even more spectacular festival than 2016 Early Bird Tickets are now available via our website:

<https://www.blackburncathedralflowerfestival.com>

## Remembrance Sunday

We would like to offer hand-knitted poppies for sale in the gift shop for Remembrance Day this year. If anyone can donate red and/or black wool to help with this, please leave it with the Virgers.

Patterns for making knitted or crocheted poppies are available on the Welcome Desk or via the Virgers.

## CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

Building on last year's success, we will be hosting a larger pop up shop for Cards for Good Causes in the run up to Christmas 2019. This requires a part time paid manager who will be employed directly by the charity. Applications from the congregation and existing volunteers are encouraged, please see the information below.



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**"CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES"**

Is looking for a **Shop Manager** in Blackburn Cathedral, from October to December.

Our seasonal pop-up shop sells Christmas cards and gifts to support local and national charities.

If you are organised, enthusiastic and enjoy being part of a friendly team, running one of our shops is rewarding, sociable and fun.

Paid, Part-time flexible hours available.

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LITTLE HELPERS

## 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.

## Donate to the Work and Fabric of the Church

Have you seen our new contactless payment machine? It defaults to £3.00, but you can alter it to any amount up to £30.00. Just follow the instructions on its plinth.

## 'Treasure Island' is Coming to the Cathedral

Blackburn Cathedral Community Drama Group will be performing a Gender-Neutral 'Treasure Island' in the Crypt during November. Anyone interested in taking part or helping with this event are invited to a meeting at 2.00pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September in the Crypt.

## The Mothers' Union

The Mothers Union will recommence after their Summer Break on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 2.15p.m with an Opening Service in the Jesus Chapel conducted by Canon Rowena Pailing and afterwards in the Hilda Room where Canon Rowena will give us a Talk. New Members are welcome.

**Mrs. Maureen Birtwell**  
**Branch Leader of the Mothers' Union**