

Newsletter

May
2018



Diary

1st

3.00 Open Guided Tour -

There is no need to book for this tour which is held on the first Tuesday of each month. Simply wait by the Welcome Desk for the tour guide in time for a 3.00pm start.

2nd

13:00 Lunchtime Organ Recital - This week's recitalist is **Simon Russell from Nantwich Parish Church.**

5th

3:00pm Choral Evensong with the Installation of Rev'd Dr Rowena Pailing as Canon Missioner Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Cathedral Girls' Choir

9th

13:00 Lunchtime Organ Recital - This week's recitalist is **Timothy Parsons from Exeter Cathedral.**

19:30 'Thy Kingdom Come' led by Bishop Philip – see page 3 for more details.

10th

18:30 Ascension Day Eucharist Sung by the Renaissance Singers
19:45 Organ Recital – L'Ascension by Messiaen

12th

11:00 & 14:00 The Talbot Talks. A part of The Festival of Making. See page 3 for more details

12th & 13th

Cinema in the Crypt see page 3 for more details.

A Welcome to the new Cathedral Newsletter from The Dean

Welcome to the new look cathedral newsletter.

Pentecost is just on the horizon and marks the birth of the early church, the actions of the first Christians and the empowerment and inspiration of God's people through the coming of the Holy Spirit. A cursory glance through the book of Acts highlights the disciples processing information, wrestling with choices and coming to decisions about church leadership and church practice which at times brings them into conflict with others.

Decision making is not always easy, particularly when the decisions we make affect others' lives. For the Christian, Christian leaders in secular employment as well as leaders within the church, one of the biggest challenges in our decision making is how people expect Christians and Christian leaders to behave. 'The norm of niceness' can often prevent honest dialogue and frustrate any meaningful discussion.

This phrase 'the norm of niceness' appears in an essay by the psychologist Sara Savage in a book called *The Future of the Parish System*. She writes, 'Clergy are expected to be nice..... The norm of Christian niceness is ubiquitous, despite the portrait the Gospels paint of Jesus as an assertive, sometimes acerbic personality who readily confronted people in order to pursue their spiritual welfare.' She goes on to suggest that the real problem with niceness is an aversion to disagreement which can eventually causes real trouble in church life or any decision-making process. She suggests that the unwritten rule is that clergy should never upset anyone!

16th

13:00 Lunchtime Organ Recital - This week's recitalist is **Shaun Turnbull** our **Assistant Director of Music**

23rd

13:00 Lunchtime Piano Recital - This week's recitalist is **Marc Corbett-Weaver**

24th

20:00 The Cloister Garth Concert. The Renaissance Singers Cloister Garth Concert. A new event for 2018. Bring a picnic and enjoy a mixed programme of choral music in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral's Cloister Garth. Please bring your own picnic and chairs and blankets. (In the Cathedral in case of bad weather)

25th

19:00 The Choristers Entertain The Boy and Girl Choristers present an hour of Music in a fundraising concert for the music department. Tickets are £5 on the door only. Under 16s are FREE.

27th

The Cathedral Choir is on holiday this week. The Cathedral Eucharist and Sunday Evensong will be sung by The Rawstorne Singers.

Looking forward to June

15th

10:30 – 18:00 100 Club – Salon Privé. See page 4 for more details.

But isn't disagreement a normal and healthy part of being human? Our ability to discuss difference and hold our unity must surely be a sign of a mature community not a broken one. 'The norm of niceness' can easily blind us to this truth and inhibit personal and spiritual growth when we succumb to this insidious trait.

I guess the spiritual corrective to niceness is the ongoing work of the Spirit in the life of the church and the lives of individual believers and our willingness to let him be at work amongst us. A new confidence was gained by the apprehensive disciples and a determination not to shy away from conflict came from God's Spirit at work within them.

With a new Canon Missioner about to join our community and work soon to being on a strategic plan exploring our future direction - we will undoubtedly have to face challenges and encounter change in our life together as a community. As we do, there is a constant danger that 'The norm of niceness' will pervade our being Cathedral and prevent us from experiencing God's transforming work in our life together and in our witness to the wider community. Maybe we need to reflect on the Apostle Paul's advice to the Church in Colossa when dealing with others:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

If we can embrace this approach as a community our witness will increasingly be transformed and our life together will more fully reflect God's transforming love for the world beyond the walls of the cathedral.

The Talbot Talks

Saturday 12th May, in the Nave of Blackburn Cathedral.

As part of the National Festival of Making, Blackburn College are offering the unique opportunity to enjoy the one of the UK's most fascinating collections in the company of experts.

Wally and Howard Talbot worked as newspaper photographers throughout Lancashire capturing key events such as visits from The Queen and Winston Churchill, and documenting Lancashire's social, industrial and architectural history.

This truly wonderful archive of local life is set to increase in value as a vital piece of social documentary photography in both a regional and national context. Don't miss your chance to enjoy it in the unique setting of Blackburn Cathedral.

This event is free to attend, but booking is required via the Festival of Making Website: www.festivalofmaking.co.uk

Explore Hannah Fox and the Carboard Box Company's Cinema in the Crypt

All day Saturday and Sunday from 12.00pm in The Crypt

Embracing cardboard's innate versatility and constructional value and methods, Fox looks into Blackburn's past as home to no fewer than 15 cinemas to recall a valuable, shared social history at risk of being forgotten.

See www.festivalofmaking.co.uk for more information.

'Instant Lettering'

Saturday 12th May to Sunday 18th May in the South Transept

The artist Swifty has collaborated with GF Smith for a commissioned series of new Letraset-based works, which will be premiered at the Festival of Making in an exhibition at Blackburn Cathedral.

On Saturday 12th May alongside the *Instant Lettering* exhibition, Swifty will be running a FREE Letraset print badge making workshop between 2.00pm and 4.00pm in the South Transept.

Presented by Creative Lancashire in association with GF Smith Atlantic Contemporary Art

Thy Kingdom Come

Join Bishop Philip on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm here at the Cathedral for the start of a wave of prayer taking us from Ascension to Pentecost. More information can be found on www.blackburn.anglican.org or at www.thykingdomcome.global where you will find ideas and resources for both individuals and churches.

Ascension Day

Our Ascension Day Eucharist on the 10th of May at 6.30pm will be sung by the Renaissance Singers and include music by Kodaly, Byrd and Finzi. The service will be followed by a performance of L' ascension by Messiaen given by the Cathedral's Director of Music Samuel Hudson. Entry is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of Cathedral funds.

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 - **5.15pm** on Monday and Thursday.

Evensong - **5.15pm** Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Saturday:

9.00am	Morning Prayer
9.30am	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Evening Prayer

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Coming Up in June!

Club – Salon Privé. 15th June 10.30am – 6.00pm. Join us at Browsholme Hall for a display of classic cars from vintage to present day with a light-hearted Concours d'Elegance. Champagne and canapes reception, followed by luncheon of two further courses, will be included within the entrance fee of £95.00 per person. For more information please e-mail peterwhitman@yahoo.com or download the application form from the website.

Music At the Cathedral in May

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