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Introduction



#### Manchester 1421

Henry V, King of England signed the charter granting permission to build a collegiate church on the site of the parish church of St Mary's. The church was established with a warden, eight fellows, four singing clerks and six choristers. The living quarters were on the site where Chetham's Library now stands. The church was dedicated to St Mary, St George and St Denys.

#### Manchester 1847

Queen Victoria is on the throne and the town is dominating the global cotton trade. There is a huge growth in population as people are drawn to the new factories and mills. A new Church of England Diocese of Manchester is formed and the church is raised to cathedral status.

#### Manchester Cathedral 2015

This Grade 1 listed masterpiece has survived King Henry VIII's Reformation and an Elizabethan spy; heard one of the first public speeches to decry the world slave trade and lived the Industrial Revolution first hand. The stones of this church tell the story of its city. Services take place daily in the medieval quire as they have for nearly 600 years. This is a working cathedral, not a museum. Throughout the year you will find conferences and services; thought-provoking conversations and Sunday sermons; an award-winning volunteer scheme and bands raising the roof.

#### Spring Programme

Manchester Cathedral is delighted to open its doors to a worldwide audience as its Easter Sunday service is screened LIVE by the BBC.

One of the highlights of the Easter programme is The Good Thief, a stunning life-size painting by award-winning artist Louis Smith.

There are wines to be sampled, dramas to unfold, musicals to premiere and exhibitions to be unveiled. Pop in and light a candle or take a tour with one of our knowledgeable guides. General admission is free and our wonderful team of volunteers and Friends of Manchester Cathedral will give you the warmest welcome.

This is Manchester's Cathedral. Not to be missed.

1421-22

1545-47

Henry VIII undertakes an inventory of all the goods in the ancient churches. The College is dissolved and the Chantries discontinued.

# Music in the Cathedral Quarter

Musicians and audiences from all over the world continue to be moved and inspired by performances in this magnificent, medieval setting. This spring the Cathedral plays host to a range of classical and contemporary concerts beneath the golden consort of 15th-century Minstrel Angels in the nave roof.

# Chetham's 'Music for a While' Recitals

Thu 19 March / 23 April / 14 May / 18 June 1.10pm FREE No tickets required

Chetham's 'Music for a While' series profiles individual students from the School of Music as they perform with staff accompanists. Donations are welcome at the end of the concert, to support the Booth Centre charity for people who are homeless in Manchester.

#### Saturday Coffee Concerts Stringboxes

Sat II April Ilam FREE No tickets required The secret is out. One of the loveliest ways to start your weekend and the best free concert in town. Stringboxes is a distinctive kora/voice and double bass duo performing an exciting mix of folk, world gypsy and original music.

Talented musicians, a fantastic setting and friendly atmosphere, served up with coffee and cake. Donations politely requested to support Cathedral music.

#### Pipe Down Organ Recital

Sat 2 / 9 / 23 / 30 May 6.15pm (following 5.30pm Evensong) FREE No tickets required The funding for a new organ has been secured and this year the process of dismantling the existing organ begins. This is a series of farewell recitals by Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers and fellow musicians who have a fond affection for a musical instrument which has served the Cathedral well for the last half a century.

# Manchester Camerata at Manchester Cathedral

Sat 18 April 7.30pm Tickets £3—£32 Barber's Adagio for Strings – a popular choice for orchestras and urban music producers alike - finds its place here at Manchester Cathedral with a programme that contrasts its pathos and passion with the drama and energy of Britten's Young Apollo.

Founder of the world-renowned Takács Quartet,
Gábor offers his uniquely insightful interpretation of
Beethoven's String Quartet in F Minor, arranged by
Mahler for full string orchestra. The programme concludes
with Chopin's Piano Concerto no.2, a dazzling yet intimate
self-portrait from the most romantic of Romantic composers.

Please note seating is unreserved for this concert. www.manchestercamerata.co.uk 0161 907 9000

#### COLUMNS

Sat 2 May Doors open 6.45pm www.alt-tickets.co.uk Purity Ring is the first of six bands due to perform at this music festival, now in its second year. Don't miss the chance to see some of your favourite musicians within the medieval setting of Manchester Cathedral.



VIVALDI:
The Four Seasons
by Candlelight
Fri 15 May
7.30pm
Tickets £15—£28
plus booking fee
www.ticketsource.co.uk

The London Concertante Chamber
Ensemble returns to Manchester
Cathedral this spring with a
performance of one of the world's
most popular and recognised pieces
of Baroque music, The Four Seasons
by Vivaldi.

1553

1578-1595

The Church receives its Third Charter from Elizabeth I, the College is renamed Christ's College. Dr John Dee, Alchemist and sometime spy for Elizabeth I is appointed Warden.

Saturday Coffee Concerts
The Slidin' About
Trombone Quartet
Sat 16 May
Ilam
FREE
No tickets required

This trombone quartet has gained a reputation for diverse and entertaining performances, in venues such as The Bridgewater Hall, Ripon Cathedral and Harrogate Royal Hall. Start your weekend in the company of talented musicians with free coffee and cake served after the concert.



Django Django Sat 23 May Doors open 7pm www.alt-tickets.co.uk

This concert follows the release of the band's new single 'First Light' from their hotly anticipated second album 'Born under Saturn', due for release in May.

Saturday Coffee Concert John Bailey Classical Guitar Sat 13 June

Sat 13 June flam FREE No tickets required Do not miss the final Saturday Coffee Concert before the summer break.

Classical guitarist John Bailey attained an M.A. in Jazz from Leeds College of Music and has received tuition from Ralph Towner, Wolfgang Muthspiel, Mike Moreno and a number of other leading jazz musicians. John released his first quartet album to critical acclaim last year. Complimentary coffee and cake served after the concert.





The Amazing Dr Dee:
An Elizabethan Spy Decoded
Manchester Cathedral
and Chetham's Library
Sat 18 April
12.30—2.30pm
Admission £10
Includes coffee and cake
Pre-booking advised
www.drdee.eventbrite.co.uk

Manchester 1595. One of the greatest minds of the 16th century, Dr John Dee, falls out of favour with the Elizabethan court and arrives in Manchester to take up the role of Warden at the church.

Find out more about the man who influenced and inspired Christopher Marlowe's Dr Faustus, Ian Fleming's 007, and Damon Albarn's opera. The event will include an introduction to Dr Dee at Manchester Cathedral with Honorary Archivist Michael Powell, a visit to Dee's old rooms next door at Chetham's medieval library and a chance to hear his daughter's side of the story in the Voices from the Past production, 'The Alchemist's Daughter'. There will also be an opportunity to examine some fascinating historic material in the library's collection relating to the wonderful character of Dr Dee.

#### St George's Day 'Ringing for England' Thu 23 April 8pm

Manchester Cathedral's Bell Ringers will attempt a Quarter Peal and join 44,000 other bell ringers across the land to mark the feast of St George.

# The Manchester Radical Tradition: From Peterloo to The Great War Mon 27 April 6pm FREE / No tickets required

The first 'shock' city of the industrial age Manchester is usually depicted as a strongly 'radical' political centre. Ranging across a wide variety of movements and political positions, this lecture traces the origins of popular politics in Manchester and analyses the mythology surrounding Manchester's radical past. Covering the years from the Peterloo massacre in 1819 to the foundation of the Labour Party, it considers the reasons for the emergence of political militancy in the city, and assesses platform radicalism's relationship to the established Conservative and Liberal parties.

Antony Taylor is Professor of Modern British History at Sheffield Hallam University. He has written widely in the fields of nineteenth and early-twentieth century political culture. He has particular expertise in the field of radical politics in large urban centres.

#### Manchester Cathedral Quiz Night Wed 6 May 7pm Tickets £8.50 / Includes supper Cathedral Office: 0161 883 2220 (Card or Cash) The Reverend Robert Whyborn: 07841 423269 (Cash)

Calling all bright sparks, office teams, quiz aficionados and lovely nerds. Manchester Cathedral, in partnership with Manchester Arndale, is delighted to host its annual quiz night. A delicious supper is included in the ticket price and there will be a cash bar available on the night. All funds raised go towards the Cathedral's lighting project

#### Psychogeographic Manchester: Reading the city through its signs and symbols

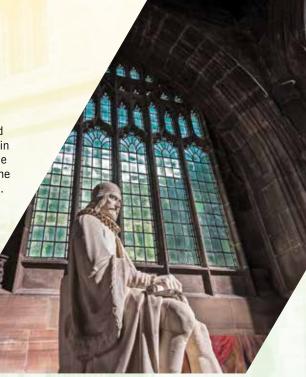
Thu 7 May 2.30pm Admission £3 Pay on the door

A fascinating talk by author and guide Ed Glinert, examining the hidden meanings in the signs and symbols of the city from the Cenotaph to the Albert Memorial; from the Town Hall spire to Manchester Cathedral.

#### Manchester Cathedral's Movers and Shakers

Fri 8 May 2pm Admission £3 /Pay on the door

Jonathan Schofield, Editor of Manchester Books and Manchester Confidential offers up his spirited and unique verbal canter through a range of characters from this church's history, all of whom have had a major impact on the city, the country and the world. Not to be missed.



Join us for two events this Easter at Manchester Cathedral

### **EASTER EUCHARIST**

SUNDAY 5th APRIL | 10:00 - 11:00 Live on BBC One

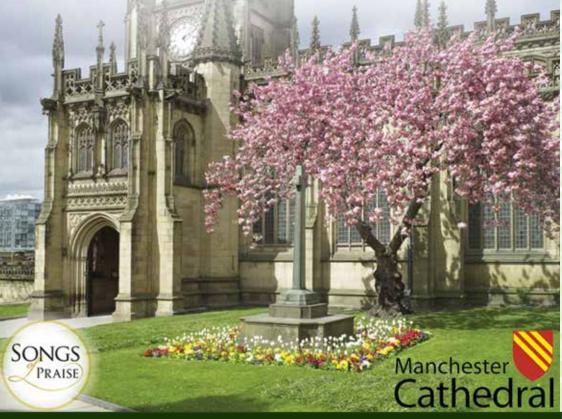
### SONGS OF PRAISE

MONDAY 6th APRIL | 14:00 - 17:30

Come sing a selection of wonderful hymns for BBC One's popular show

Apply for your free tickets today!

Visit www.bbc.co.uk/songsofpraise and select 'Tickets' from the menu.



## Easter at Manchester Cathedral

Sunday Lenten Conversations Sun 22 / 29 March 12noon—12.45pm

Immediately after the Sunday morning service in the weeks leading up to Easter there is an opportunity to share your response to the sermon or the theme of the Sunday service, in an informal and friendly discussion.

Palm Sunday
Sun 29 March
10.30am Eucharist
5.30pm Sequence of Music
and Readings
All welcome

Maundy Thursday
Thu 2 April
7.30pm Sung Eucharist with
Stripping of the Altars
8.30pm The Watch
All welcome

Good Friday
Fri 3 April
12noon The Way of the Cross
7.30pm Music and Readings
All welcome

Holy Saturday
Sat 4 April
7.30pm Easter Vigil with
Confirmation and Baptism
All welcome

Easter Sunday
Sun 5 April
Festal Eucharist screened live on
BBC One
10am (Seated by 9.15am)
FREE / Tickets essential\*

5.30pm Festal Evensong All welcome / Tickets not required

Easter Monday
Mon 6 April
2.00pm—5.30pm BBC Songs of
Praise Recording
FREE / Tickets essential\*

\* To apply for tickets for either BBC service email songsofpraise@bbc.co.uk or Call 0161 335 8429



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## Spring walks and tours

Join our knowledgeable guides to find out more about the Cathedral's fascinating history and some of the characters, dead and alive, who bring this historic Grade 1 listed building to life.

GROUP BOOKINGS: We offer a wide range of general and themed tours for groups interested in visiting Manchester Cathedral. All groups must be pre-booked to avoid disappointment. A charge of £3 per person, payable in advance, is requested to cover administration costs. CONTACT VISITOR SERVICES visitors@manchestercathedral.org

#### General Taster Tours Daily

Mon-Fri Ilam and 2pm Sat and Sun 2pm FREE / Suggested donation £3 per person



A stroll ground the Cathedral Quarter Tue 12 / 26 May 11am

Admission £7

Pay on door

past through to its 21st century ambitions linking Manchester Cathedral, Hanging Ditch, Chetham's Library and the Corn Exchange. Not to be missed.

One of our most popular tours - this gentle stroll takes you from Manchester's medieval 'I lived here all my life but...' Wed 13 / 27 May

11am FREE / No tickets required

If you have lived in this great city all your life but have not yet set foot in the Cathedral – now is your chance. This tour brings the characters from our history to life with lots of interesting stories about one of the most exciting cathedrals in the land. So the next time you have friends or relatives over - you will know where to take them. All welcome.

Manchester Cathedral Decoded Sat 9 May / 23 May 11am FREE / No tickets required

From Henry V to the Fun Lovin'

A backstage tour

No tickets required

Criminals:

Sat 9 May

FREE /

2pm

Crack the codes, uncover the symbols and marvel at the myths, mysteries and legends hidden within the Cathedral fabric.



What is the link between Henry V, a Belgian Prima Donna, industrial-scale weddings and 007? Where in the city does modern Manchester meet its medieval past? Visitors will get the chance to connect nearly 600 years of history and get 'behind the scenes' through a maze of doors and corridors to find out who and what makes this medieval masterpiece tick.

1847

1904-36

## Art at Manchester Cathedral

#### 'The Good Thief' by Louis Smith

Until Sun 19 April FREE / No tickets required

This year's Lenten installation is a life-size realist painting of the 'Good Thief' who was, according to the Passion, crucified alongside Jesus at Golgotha.

Louis Smith's painting of St Dismas was inspired by Salvador Dali's painting of Jesus. He wanted to capture a feeling of liberation as if St Dismas was like a bird flying through space, like an outstretched eagle, with the wind blowing through his hair.

Manchester artist Louis Smith is a classically trained portrait painter who has studied in Florence. He was shortlisted for the Threadneedle Prize in 2009 and was awarded second prize for the BP Portrait Award in 2011.

#### 'The Good Thief' by Louis Smith: Creative Arts Evening

Tue 24 March
6.30pm
FREE / Refreshments served
Pre-booking on
www.thegoodthief.eventbrite.co.uk

A creative arts event to accompany this year's Lenten Art Installation, 'The Good Thief'. The event includes an interview with the artist Louis Smith, a theological reflection by Canon David Holgate and creative interpretations in dance, music and poetry.



#### 1940

# **Exhibitions** at Manchester Cathedral

#### Exhibition

Lady Margaret Beaufort: From Pawn to Player

Mon 4—Sun 31 May FREE / No tickets required

#### Talk

From Pawn to Player By award-winning author Livi Michael

Sat 9 May 12noon FREE / No tickets required



#### Workshop

Lucet weaving

Sat 9 May 12noon—4pm FREE / No tickets required

Lady Margaret Beaufort (1443—1509) was twice married by the age of 12 and a widowed mother by 13. The child of this young teenager grew up to become King Henry VII of England.

Lady Margaret Beaufort's connection with the church is by her fourth marriage to Thomas Stanley; his son, James Stanley II, was Warden from 1485. As mother to the King and stepmother to James it is thought that Lady Margaret commissioned the beautiful 15th century consort of minstrel angels that can still be seen in the roof of the nave

The exhibition looks at how, against all odds, this woman quietly regained control of her own destiny, exploiting her tenuous claim to the throne to contrive Henry's rise to sovereignty and secure her position as a woman of power.

Local award-winning author Livi Michael will deliver a talk on the woman who gave birth to the Tudor dynasty and her novel 'Succession' at the launch event on Saturday 9 May at 12 noon.

The Dean and Chapter of Manchester Cathedral gratefully acknowledge the use of images of Lady Margaret Beaufort reproduced in this exhibition by permission of the Master and Fellows of St John's College, Cambridge.

1976-95

The West Windows are replaced in stained glass by the artist Antony Hollaway.

The competition will run from 2 March to 8 May 2015.

Winning and runner up entries will be exhibited

in the Cathedral.



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**Manchester Cathedral** 

### Cathedral Services

Alongside the many events at the Cathedral, three acts of worship take place every day as they have for centuries. Regardless of whether you are a person of faith or not, you are most welcome to attend a service and come and enjoy the beauty and magnificence of the building. The Lady Chapel is reserved for quiet prayer or reflection. Please check the Cathedral website for the service times during school holidays.

#### Turning of the Leaves

The Turning of the Leaves ceremony takes place every alternate Wednesday at 12.45pm in the Regiment Chapel. A page is turned in the Book of Remembrance for the Duke of Lancaster Regiment and servicemen who have died are remembered.

For dates please visit www.manchestercathedral.org



**Evensong at Manchester Cathedral** 

Tue / Wed / Thu / Sat / Sun 5.30pm FREE

Members of the public are more than welcome to attend the Evensong service which takes place in the Quire or just to sit in the church and enjoy one of the premier musical performances in Manchester. The quality of the choir is recognised nationally with regular broadcasts on BBC Radio Three. The Cathedral is also fortunate to have the commitment and excellence of the members of the Voluntary Choir who sing at the Sunday Evensong service.

We politely request that visitors do not walk around or take photographs during this service.

World War One Commemoration Service Gallipoli 1915 Sun 26 April 2.30pm / All Welcome

No tickets required

A service to commemorate the Centenary of the ANZAC Landings at Gallipoli in the presence of representatives of the High Commissions of Australia and New Zealand and the centenary of the award of the Victoria Cross to Corporal Issy Smith of the Manchester Regiment.



1996

**/ 2001** 

### Manchester Cathedral Choir

Manchester Cathedral Choir is directed by the Organist and Master of the Choristers, Christopher Stokes. It is unusual in being one of only two in the UK that has a treble line made up of both boys and girls aged between 8 and 14. The Choristers are educated at Chetham's School of Music, next door to the Cathedral. The Choir's new CD 'A year at Manchester' is now available from St Denys' bookshop at the Cathedral or HMV Manchester. It can also be purchased from the online shop on the Cathedral's website.

#### Choristerships

Each year we look to offer choristerships to four girls or boys aged between 8 and 10.

All our choristers attend Chetham's School of Music and receive an excellent musical and general education in addition to the first-class musical training from the Cathedral's staff.

Potential Choristers do not need any prior experience to audition for the Choir. We are looking for children who enjoy singing, being part of a close-knit team and who, with their parents, will commit to a demanding but immensely rewarding schedule.

For an informal chat and to find out more: Call Christopher Stokes on 0161 833 2220 extension 225.



2004

The Healing Window by Linda Walton is installed. The gift of Dr Anthony Enoch.



## **Further Information**

Hosting Events at Manchester Cathedral

Manchester Cathedral's medieval splendour offers one of the most unique and atmospheric venues in the city to host your event. We can now also offer the recently refurbished state-of-the-art meeting rooms in the Cathedral Visitor Centre as well as grand gala dinners and conferences set within the Cathedral itself.

VISIT www.events.manchestercathedral.org



Education and Families at Manchester Cathedral Manchester Cathedral offers a rich educational resource for schools and colleges. Trails, workshops and activities for children of all ages and abilities are designed and led by the Education Officer who is an experienced teacher. Our educational trails include Medieval Manchester, Tudor Trails and Tell me a story. There are also combined visits with other places of worship. Visits can be tailored to students' needs and interests.

A free Explorer Trail Backpack, complete with activity sheet, binoculars and spyglasses is available to families to borrow during most holidays and weekends. Check our website for details of this and other special activities including Brass Rubbing and arts and craft activities for family and community groups.

CONTACT education.officer@manchestercathedral.org

Volunteering at Manchester Cathedral

We could not offer the excellent level of welcome and hospitality without our fantastic team of dedicated volunteers. If you would like to join this incredible team and have three hours each week to spare, we welcome applications for volunteering roles in the following areas; Welcoming, administration, hospitality, event support and education.

Volition

Our award-winning Volition programme has an incredible success rate in helping those that are currently out of work but are looking for a route back in. Check the Cathedral website or speak to your local Jobcentre Plus advisor for more information.

VISIT www.manchestercathedral.org



Friends of Manchester Cathedral The Friends' Association has been supporting the Dean and Chapter of Manchester Cathedral since 1937. New members are always welcome to join and take an active interest in the development of this ancient church. As well as supporting Cathedral life, members meet for social events and go on a number of trips throughout the year. Pick up a leaflet from the Cathedral or ask for details at the main office. Subscriptions £15 per annum.

2013

2014

**/ 2021** 

Funds are secured for a new organ thanks to a major donation by the Stoller Charitable Trust.

Manchester Cathedral celebrates 600 year anniversary of the Henry V Charter.

# Manchester Cathedral

# **Visitor Centre**

#### How to find us

Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street M3 1SX

Nearest Metrolink stop Victoria Station.

Parking is available at Q-Park opposite the Cathedral. From 1 April all visitors to Manchester Cathedral can park from 9.30am to 13.30pm at a cost of £3.00.

Please enter code MC1421 to receive a 10% discount on bookings.

Open daily from 8.30am General Admission FREE. Donations welcome (£3 suggested amount)

Call 0161 833 2220

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It costs around £2800 each day to run the Cathedral. We do not charge a general admission fee and we would like to keep it that way. If you enjoy your visit we would be delighted if you would consider leaving a donation of £3 in one of the donation boxes. Many thanks.









#### propertea

Situated in the Cathedral Visitor Centre, this charming tea shop has just launched its new spring menu. There's always a great lunchtime offer of home-made soups, salads and sandwiches. The 'Proper' Afternoon Tea allows you to enjoy three tiers of freshly baked cakes, pastries, scones and sandwiches. If you are celebrating a special occasion or just having a catch up with friends, you can order a glass of Prosecco to add to the party spirit.

#### St Denys' Book & Gift Shop

Pop downstairs to this hidden gem in the basement of the Visitor Centre. Shop owners Penny and Sue offer a wealth of experience in the book trade, exceptional service and a great selection of books, Cathedral souvenirs and greeting cards.

#### Hanging Bridge

Do not miss a visit to the original 15th century Hanging Bridge, listed as a Scheduled Ancient Monument. It is a rare surviving example of a medieval structure in the city centre and can be seen at close quarters from inside St Denys' Bookshop.

#### Hanging Ditch Wine Merchants

Take a tour of the Cathedral and receive a voucher for a 10% discount on a glass of wine at this award-winning Vinoteca. Enjoy the finest wines by the glass or buy from the impressive selection of quality wines from across the globe.