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Manchester City Council's Climate Change Board

I recently had the privilege of being invited to become a member of Manchester City Council's Climate Change Board. I am the only person from the faith community around the table of this important body that is seeking to help develop policy, raise awareness and encourage the city to reduce its carbon footprint dramatically over the next few years. I am pleased to have been invited and hope to represent the voice of the faith communities and especially the church of God.

I was also asked to speak for five minutes at Mayor Andy Burnham's Climate Change Summit in late March. This too was an opportunity to speak about our underfloor heating system and bring the voice of the Church to the conference. It was good to see other members of the wider Church and faith communities present. We have an important contribution to make to the debate and especially to help change attitudes towards not abusing God's creation and helping to recycle and reduce our carbon footprint. In the spirit of Easter and Christ's gift of new life perhaps we can allow our planet to breathe healthier and enable new life to emerge from the ashes of our abuse of Mother Earth. Then we can be joyful all the earth!

God bless you!

Rogers Govender

Seeing the Bee in a New Way



David Sharples, Archdeacon of Salford

This month marks the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena bomb. We must never diminish the pain and heartbreak of the relatives and friends of those who lost loved ones, nor the ongoing impact on the lives of those who were badly injured. However, that atrocity did highlight something about the spirit of the people of Manchester. I will never forget the feeling of solidarity, resilience and defiance as many thousands gathered in Albert Square the day after the bomb to show the bonds of mutual respect, affection and love amongst those who were born, or have chosen to make their home, in Manchester.

One surprising aspect of all this was the rediscovery of the Manchester Bee symbol. It was originally designed by Warren Marshall, a former Urban Design and Conservation Manager in Manchester, based on the image embedded in the mosaic floor at Manchester Town Hall. The worker bee was an apt symbol of the industrial heritage of Manchester but in the days and weeks after the arena attack it took on a new meaning. As a simple, non-religious, non-political image, it became an emblem of pride and defiance.

And of course we began to notice it everywhere we looked. The bee had decorated our bollards, bins and street furniture for decades and yet now we saw it in a way we had not done before.

This reminds me of a favourite passage: "Alexander was playing on the floor, waiting to be picked up. The reliable mothers had come and gone, and he made a pathetic sight on the floor by himself in the empty room. Wearing rubber soles, I walked quietly towards him and stopped waiting for him to see me. He looked up, looked round; I was twenty-five feet away in an otherwise empty room. He went back to his game. I stood there in front of him for a minute. Again he looked round the room, straight at me, straight past me and back to his toys. And that is what it might be like to be God.....to be so big as to be invisible. To be right there, massively powerful, enormously present but entirely unnoticed". In the midst of heartbreak and sorrow we are called to make the love of this God visible.

Whit Walks

The Revd Canon Daniel Burton,
Team Rector, Salford All Saints Team.



The Annual Manchester and Salford Whit Walk takes place this year on Bank Holiday Monday 28 May 2018. This 200-year-old tradition is a marvellous way to witness to our Christian faith on the streets of Manchester. The Walk is always supported by the presence of the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the Ceremonial Mayor of Salford; and one of our Bishops. We are delighted that this year the Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford will also be taking part, in the hope that this venerable tradition will become truly ecumenical in the future. The number of parishes taking part is increasing each year as churches decide to join the Walk and enjoy the carnival atmosphere.

We assemble behind the Cathedral at 9.30am and the Procession of Witness leaves at 10am to walk along Deansgate in the direction of Albert Square. There is a joyful Act of Worship in Albert Square at 10.45am led by the Dean of Manchester and then we return to the Cathedral by the same route.

To register your parish involvement, or to find out more, please contact me at ashworthburton@hotmail.com.



Cathedral Partners: Grape and Grain

Meeting Rooms at MCVV

Under new management by the team from Grape and Grain Catering Co., the conference rooms at the Cathedral Visitor Centre have been brought to life and are now a hive of activity for many different events. Focusing mostly on Manchester's corporate clients, the new and improved brand, 'Meeting Rooms at MCVV,' are proactively working with organisations throughout the city to deliver successful and memorable events for them.

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Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Actions

Alison Rowland, PA to the Dean

TV and social media have shown us oceans littered with plastic, wildlife damage and weather extremes causing devastation worldwide. We are becoming increasingly and uncomfortably aware of the effects of climate change on our planet. But what can we do?

On Thursday 7 June 2018, the Dean of Manchester will host 'Our Faith, Our Planet, Our Actions', a climate change conference with a difference! This informal event will



focus on practical action, suggesting ways in which we can all make a difference in our communities with workshops, food, entertainment, networking and plenty of information available.

The event is **FREE** to attend and will take place from 6.30pm-9.00pm in the Cathedral.

Tickets:
www.ourfaithourplanet18.eventbrite.co.uk
or www.manchestercathedral.org

Saint of the Month 8 May

Julian of Norwich
(ca. 1342 – 1417)

Spiritual Writer

Albert Radcliffe



Very little is known about the life of Julian of Norwich, beyond that she was an anchoress, or female hermit, confined to a cell, perhaps at St Julian's church in Norwich, which was then the second largest city in England. Perhaps for this reason, despite her fame and influence, she is not to be found listed among the 'saints' of the Church. However, she is known and valued as a mystic and theologian through her spiritual writings, the 'stuff' that goes into the making of saints.

Julian's Revelations of Divine Love was one of the first books written in English by a woman. It is a record of the visions and meditations she had when she was ill in 1373. In her lifetime, they seem to have had little influence, but this began to change when the Revelations were printed, first in 1670, then again in 1843, 1864, and 1902.

Although Julian had a profound and realistic understanding of the seriousness and importance of sin, her revelations were of God's love and omnibenevolence (unlimited kindness and goodness) as God also suffered with creation.

To Julian, perhaps more than to anyone else we owe the central truth of her theology, that divine love is akin to motherly love, and that God's providence allows evil to bring greater good.

The long reach of Mother Julian's influence can be found nearer our own time in T.S.Eliot's quotation from her in his Four Quartets: '... All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.' In 1981, Sydney Carter incorporated her spiritual theology into his song, 'Julian of Norwich.' In 2013, the University of East Anglia memorialised her name in the 'Julian Study Centre.' Her influence can be found too in the spread of contemplative prayer groups called after her. Her Revelations of Divine Love is widely read and studied today.



LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

Performed by students of
Chetham's School of Music,
past and present

Free admission
Performances begin at 12.30pm
in the Cathedral Nave

- Monday 7 May Ben Newlove
- Monday 14 May George Warren
- Monday 2 July Ben Collyer



Commemorating 22 May 2017

The attack at an Ariana Grande concert at Manchester Arena, which claimed the lives of twenty-two people, shocked the world and saw the city and well-wishers around the world come together in a display of solidarity and a refusal to bow to those intent on spreading hatred.

In this spirit, the city plans to mark the first anniversary of the event in various ways, based around two themes:

- **Remembrance; Reflection and Celebration of Life**, recognising each of the twenty-two people who lost their lives in the attack, those who were injured and the contribution of the first responders
- **and Manchester Together**, embracing the solidarity shown by the city.

There will be a number of commemorative events, both before 22 May, on the day itself, and in the days afterwards.

Together Unafraid Banner and Slideshow Exhibition, Manchester Cathedral, 15-20 and 23-30 May

'Together Unafraid' the commemorative banner designed by Stephen Raw and painted by all members of the community, will be exhibited in the Cathedral. There will also be a rolling slideshow illustrating the community painting workshops that prepared it. The banner will be unveiled on the north side of the Cathedral on 15 May at 3.30. All are welcome to attend.

Trees of Hope Trail, 19-27 May

A Trees of Hope Trail will be set up between Victoria Station and St Ann's Square. Beginning on 19 May, it will give people the opportunity to leave personal messages of hope and support for those affected on trees placed at key locations including St Ann's Square.

One minute of silence will also be observed on Sunday 20 May during the Great Manchester Run, with further commemorative elements during the Games, including fundraising for the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund.



Remembering Together, Manchester Cathedral, 22 May, 2pm to 3pm

A Civic Memorial Service will be held at Manchester Cathedral, attended by an invited congregation including the families of those who lost their lives, those injured, first responders, civic leaders and senior national figures. While space limitations mean the service to reflect on events of that terrible day and remember loved ones has to be invitation only, there will be opportunities for anyone to watch the service on a big screen in Cathedral Gardens. For those who cannot make it to Manchester, the service will also be screened at York Minster, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral and Glasgow Cathedral.

Manchester Cathedral will be closed to the public on Monday 21 May as preparations for the service take place. The building will also be closed to the public on Tuesday 22 May until 6pm, when the building will reopen for members of the public to light a candle and spend time in quiet. One minute's silence will be observed at 10.31pm.

Manchester Together - With One Voice, Albert Square, 22 May, 7.30pm to 9pm

The Manchester Together - With One Voice event in Albert Square will see choirs come together in song to share the spirit of solidarity and remember all those affected by the Manchester Arena attack, culminating in a communal singalong for the final half hour from 8.30pm to 9pm with everyone encouraged to join in. The singalong element will be broadcast live on BBC Radio Manchester, meaning that anyone in Greater Manchester will be able to add their voices wherever they are.

Manchester Together - There is a Light, St Ann's Square, From Dusk, 22-26 May

For five nights, song lyrics will be projected onto the pavements and buildings in St Ann's Square. The square became an important place for people to gather to reflect and pay their respects to those who lost their lives. Lyrics will be projected from songs chosen by the public.

Bell-Ringing across the City Centre, 22 May, 10.31pm

At 10.31pm on 22 May, bells will ring out from buildings across the city centre to mark the moment when the attack took place one year ago.



Meditation for Peace



Patricia Higgins, The World Community for Christian Mission

An Interfaith Meditation for Peace is being led by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB, director of the World Community for Christian Meditation in Manchester Cathedral on 25 May 2018, from 10am to 4pm

After the Arena attack, the strong community spirit in Manchester was highlighted. People of all faiths and none came together to support each other, show unity and generate

peace. The aim of this day is to build on and strengthen that spirit. Peace on earth comes from the peace found within each one of us - meditation brings that peace to the surface. The day will include silent meditation, poems/readings from different faiths and a World Peace Prayer Society flag ceremony whereby each country is held in a prayer of peace.

Book Launch and Talk

Theodicy Beyond the Dead of 'God': The Persisting Problem of Evil, by Canon Emeritus, Andrew Shanks

You are warmly invited to the launch of a new book by Andrew Shanks at the Cathedral on Monday 14 May, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

Theodicy tackles the question: 'If God is almighty, then how come bad things happen?' If people say they've 'lost their faith' because of their actual experiences of evil, how might we respond?

This book argues that the problem arises partly from an age-old mis-selling scandal. Impatient evangelists have tended to operate with an over-simplified notion of God's power, reflecting less a pure love of truth, than a desire to manipulate people with grandiose promises. Once the resultant illusory

notion of 'God' is finally seen for what it is, it is 'dead'.

To some extent, the friction giving rise to 'the problem of evil' is absolutely necessary and needs to be rendered ever more intensely problematic. For it arises from a basic principle of faith: 'no resentment!' But, if all is to be accepted as coming from God's hands, how may we differentiate such acceptance from the distortions resulting from evangelistic impatience?

Tackling this question, the book discusses the biblical book of Job and a wide range of other thinkers, including Boehme, Schelling, Hegel, Schopenhauer, Shestov, Nietzsche, Simone Weil and Nelly Sachs.



Dean's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester

I hope to lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019 as part of a journey of faith. To prepare for this, I will be hosting two information sessions in June to get an indication of the level of interest, of the sites that pilgrims would like to visit and the ideal duration of the pilgrimage.

Regarding practicalities, we would travel on scheduled flights from Manchester or by bus to Heathrow, stay in good quality hotels and be accompanied by a knowledgeable and experienced guide. We would also build in some time off from visiting sites to have opportunities to unwind, relax and enjoy the experience.

I am looking at this pilgrimage as being a spiritual experience of prayer, reflection and worship: a faith journey that will be for many a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The information sessions are on Friday 8 June (12.30pm to 2.30pm) and Sunday 10 June 2018 (12.30pm to 2.30pm). Please contact Anthony O'Connor on 0161 833 2220 ext. 233 or via email on beapartofit@manchestercathedral.org if you would like to attend one of these sessions.

Experience Easter 2018

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor and Acting Precentor
and Pam Elliott, Education Officer

We know that our Cathedral is a very busy place, but Saturday 17 March was a particularly busy day with a number of activities taking place in different parts of the building. The weather may have been bad, but it did not stop people coming to the Cathedral to take part in various events.



We had the children's choir practicing in the Song School, our Artist in Residence, Stephen Raw, leading an art workshop in the nave, the Julian group meeting in the Library and Be a Chorister for a Day later that afternoon. And, thanks to our volunteers, we were also able to have Experience Easter for the second year running.

The event was aimed at young families and those who attended had the opportunity of discovering the Easter story through a special craft and story trail. We gave out wooden crosses and chocolate prizes to all who completed activities at each of the learning stations. Parents, carers and children had a lovely time chatting to our volunteers, doing craft alongside their children and learning about Jesus. We had families from Japan, China and Poland as well as the UK. Each one of these activities was free and brought together young and old.



Future Editions of Cathedral News

Up till now, Cathedral News has been published ten times a year, with two-monthly issues appearing in August and December. For budgetary reasons, printed editions of Cathedral News will now be published quarterly, with the next printed issues appearing in August and December.

Up to date news and stories will now be published monthly via an electronic newsletter. To ensure that you receive this, please subscribe at www.manchestercathedral.org/news/sign-up-for-enews (select 'Cathedral News') or email your request to joanne.hooper@manchestercathedral.org.

The Diary May

Tuesday 1 May
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 3 May
1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Friday 4 May
7.00 pm DHP & SCRUFF OF THE NECK Present The Slow Readers Club: Build A Tower Tour

Saturday 5 May
11.00 am Coffee Concert - Elfair Grug (Harp)

Monday 7 May Bank Holiday
9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ Recital by Ben Newlove (No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 9 May
12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 10 May - Ascension Day
4.30 pm Said Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day (Incense will be used)

Friday 11 May
7.30 pm Bach's Brandenburg Concertos by Candlelight

Saturday 12 May
10.30 am British Sign Language Choir Festival

Sunday 13 May
1.00 pm Memorial Service for Lady Mayoress, Councillor Sheila Newman

Monday 14 May
12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ Recital by George Warren
2.45 pm Concert: Virgo Fidelis

Gospel Choir
6.00 pm Book launch & theological lecture: 'Theodicy Beyond the Death of 'God': The Persisting Problem of Evil by Andrew Shanks

Saturday 19 May
10.00 am Manchester's Vintage Weigh & Pay Fair

Sunday 20 May
10.30 am Civic Service
5.30 pm Solemn Evensong (Incense will be used)

Tuesday 22 May
2.00 pm Civic Memorial Service (by invitation only)

Wednesday 23 May
12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 24 May
7.30 pm Archdeacon of Manchester's Visitation Service

Friday 25 May
10.00 am Interfaith Meditation For Peace

Monday 28 May Bank Holiday
9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
9.30 am Whit Walk; Procession to Town Hall for service at 10.45am (No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 29 May
10.30 am & 2.00 pm Terrific Tuesday - family activities
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 31 May
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Said Eucharist (congregational setting) for the feast of Corpus Christi

Service Times

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer	9.00am	Mon-Fri
Holy Eucharist	1.10pm	Mon-Fri
Evensong	5.30pm	Tues-Thurs*
Evening Prayer	4.30pm	Mon & Fri

Saturday Services

Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist	9.00am
Evensong	5.30pm*

Sunday Services

Matins	8.45am
Holy Communion (BCP)	9.00am
Sung Eucharist (Choral)	10.30am
Evensong	5.30pm*

*Please note: during the below school holidays evening services are said. All said services are at 4.30 pm (unless stated as being sung by a visiting choir on these pages)

25 May - 3 June 2018 - Chorister Half Term

Looking ahead June

Friday 1 June

6.30 pm Manchester
Rum Festival

Saturday 2 June

12.30 pm Lunchtime Piano
Concert by Adrian Lord
5.30 pm Evensong
sung by visiting choir,
Heritage Singers

Sunday 3 June

10.30 am Sung Eucharist
sung by Heritage Singers
5.30 pm Evensong sung
by Heritage Singers

Wednesday 6 June

12.45 pm Turning
of the Leaves

Thursday 7 June

6.30 pm Our Faith, Our
Planet, Our Actions

Friday 8 June

10.30 am Diocesan
Board of Education Year
6 Leaver's Service

Saturday 9 June

11.00 am Be A Chorister
For A Day (BACFAD)
11.30 am Organ Recital;
Celebrating Portuguese
Sacred & Secular Music:
16th to 19th Centuries
2.00 pm Climb's service
of Celebration

Sunday 10 June

10.30 am Confirmation
Service
12.30 pm Briefing session
on the Dean's pilgrimage
to the Holy Land

Monday 11 June

10.30 am Diocesan
Board of Education Year
6 Leaver's Service

Tuesday 12 June

5.30 pm Evensong for
Retiring Headteachers

Wednesday 13 June

10.30 am Diocesan
Board of Education Year
6 Leaver's Service

Thursday 14 June

10.30 am Diocesan
Board of Education Year
6 Leaver's Service

Friday 15 June

10.30 am Diocesan
Board of Education Year
6 Leaver's Service

Saturday 16 June

11.00 am Coffee Concert -
Nadya Kisseleva (Piano)

Wednesday 20 June

12.45 pm Turning
of the Leaves

Thursday 21 June

1.10 pm Chetham's School
of Music Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 23 June

2.30 pm Ordination
of Priests



Staff member for May

**William Nightingale,
Verger**

**We would like to
introduce William,
our new Cathedral Verger**

What music do you like?
70s and 80s music

**What was the last book you
enjoyed?**
My Animals and Other Family
by Clare Balding

**What was the last place you
went on holiday?**
My last holiday was in
Scotland. My sister lives in
Motherwell.

**Tell us something interesting
about yourself:**
I went to school with Julie Foy
who was Assistant Producer
for 'The Silent Child' which
won an Oscar for Best Live
Action Short Film at the 2018
Academy Awards. Julie and I
have kept in touch and I was
recently invited to watch the
film at the Bolton Film Festival.

Exhibitions

Admission to all our
exhibitions is free.

Textiles to commemorate
the Manchester Arena
attack
20 April - 20 May

Together Unafraid:
banner and slideshow of
community painting events
15-21 & 23-30 May

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Quiz Night

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'Help us light up the Cathedral's future'

A Quiz Night, hosted in the Nave of Manchester Cathedral by members of Manchester Cathedral, in aid of the Cathedral's Lighting Fund

There will be a raffle and a cash bar on the night

Wednesday 5th September - 7pm

Manchester Cathedral

Tickets: £8.50

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