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Celebration of our Cathedral community

We have much to celebrate in the life of our Cathedral community and I am sure many will remember Easter Sunday as a very special day indeed!

The month of May brings with it another special day for the Cathedral and the wider Christian community as we prepare for our annual Whit walks. The history of walking at Pentecost goes back over two hundred years and began primarily as an opportunity for Sunday School children to dress up and walk in the city. This was in the era of child labour when the Church enabled children symbolically to be 'free'! The Whit walks eventually evolved into a walk of witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. The short of act of worship at Albert Square is usually led by the Dean and almost 2000 people join us on our walk of witness. We are also joined by both Lord Mayor of Manchester and Mayor of Salford. It is a happy occasion filled with much joy and laughter.

This is a very old tradition in Manchester and I think it is one that deserves our full support. I wish to thank Ian Simpson and Barbara Evans who represent the Cathedral on the planning committee. Canon Roy Chow has chaired the planning committee for years and my thanks to him for all that he has done to enable the walk to take place.

This year's walk takes place on Bank Holiday Monday (29 May) leaving at 10 am and ending at about 12.00 noon. Please join us as we witness that the Church is alive and present in our city and diocese. God bless you with the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. Happy Whit walks!

Rogers Govender

Canon Barratt reflects on Broughton House One Hundred Years On!

Philip Barratt, Canon Precentor

When I was a child, my Dad used to take me every year to a summer garden party at Broughton House in Salford 7. It was a special place, where ex-servicemen and women lived and were cared for. He himself was an ex Royal Engineer and he instilled in his young son a sense of respect for those who had given of themselves to our country in this way – a respect I still hold dear!

Now, by a strange twist of events, I live round the corner from the House and as Canon Precentor have just written the Cathedral service which will take place this month to help them celebrate one hundred years of Broughton House

From the north of England large numbers of people served in the First World War. In response to the many casualties coming home, with the benefaction of the Earl of Derby and the amazing vision of Colonel Sir William Coates, Broughton House was born.



Since the arrival of its first patient, Private Charlie Fox of the Fourth Kings Rifles, until this present day, Broughton House has continued to provide nursing and residential care for ex-service personnel.

In the special Cathedral service, we will do more than look back over one hundred years of love and care given at Broughton House, we will also look forward with anticipation and hope for the next stage in the life of the House as new developments start to take shape and become a reality.

The sad thing is, however, that we will also remember one hundred years on, that it is our inability to live with one another in love and peace that makes such wonderful care necessary. So let our prayer be that God will heal all memories, speak a word of peace, and bring us his forgiveness.

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Cathedral Quiz Night

Anthony O'Connor,
Director of Fundraising and Development

On **Thursday 11 May**, Manchester Cathedral will host our 5th annual quiz night to raise funds towards our new lighting scheme. This popular event attracts people from all over the city to participate in 10 quiz rounds, with each round having 10 questions. You are warmly invited to join in.

Tickets are **£8.50 each** and each team is made up of four. If you would like a fun night out, and make a difference, please contact Anthony O'Connor on **07713388474** or by email at **beapartofit@manchestercathedral.org**

Tickets are available at **£8.50**



St Denys' Bookshop



St. Denys' Bookshop is now in its third incarnation located in the Manchester Cathedral's Visitor Centre sharing an atmospheric space with the mediaeval Hanging Bridge.

As a 'brick and mortar' retail bookshop we face many challenges from technology, from e-readers and downloadable literature to the rising prices of goods, rent rates and wages. We meet these challenges by taking our shop to our customers through outside events, such as book launches, lectures, conferences and pop-up bookshops. This can be exhausting work but is rewarding in ways personal and professional.

The most recent book launch was for Rachel Mann's *Fierce Imaginings* which was a fabulous occasion with music, poetry readings and presentations by Rachel and Michael Symmons Roberts.

We also help promote new Christian authors. E.g. Carmel Thomason, writes for BRF and one of her books included our story about the bomb attack in 1996 when our shop was completely destroyed. Carmel's books all touch on personal stories of faith, spirituality and encouragement and we have really enjoyed helping to get her name better known.

Our latest new author is Alice Sargent whose first book in the Heritage Heroes series is *The Troll of Manchester Cathedral* a story written to help young readers discover their own heritage in an innovative form.

We (Sue and Penny and our small but enthusiastic staff) love our work. When you next visit Manchester Cathedral or ProperTea, do pop in and say Hello.



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Whit Walk 2017

29 May, starting from Fennel Street at 10am

Canon Roy Chow

Whit Walks have taken place in Manchester since 1801 and I did my first Walk in 1955 at the age of 9. Then about 3,000 people would gather in Albert Square. Some went to the Cathedral for a lively service. As a child, I remember the Dean dancing while teaching 'Lord of the Dance' to a vast and joyful congregation! The rest remained in the Square for an open air service, surrounded by cafes and pubs around it doing brisk business.

Afterwards there was a procession of witness from the Cathedral through the city centre along Market Street and Piccadilly, watched by huge crowds. **Why not join us this year?**



Saint of the Month

1 May

Alcuin of York, c735 – 804
Deacon Abbott of Tours

Albert Radcliffe



As we ponder what Brexit might mean for the church, Alcuin of York is an English saint to bear in mind.

Alcuin was a Northumbrian Christian who as a brilliant student studied at York under Archbishop Ecbert, a disciple of Bede. Under Alcuin, the school became the most advanced place of study in Britain, until King Elfwald sent him to Rome in 781 to petition the Pope for confirmation of York's status as an archbishopric. On his way home he met Charlesmagne, soon to become Holy Roman Emperor in the West.

Reluctantly Alcuin joined the circle of scholars at Charlesmagne's court, becoming Master of the Palace School at Aachen and so helped launch the Carolingian Renaissance. It was the beginning of Alcuin's reform of Western Europe's educational system.

Alcuin brought assistants from York and taught Charlesmagne and his sons Pepin and Louis himself. The syllabus included the liberal arts as well as religion. Alcuin took issue with Charlesmagne's policy of forcing baptism on his pagan subjects on pain of death and the practice was stopped.

Alcuin's reforms touched on everything from biblical exegesis, to the development of a standard script, 'The Caroline Miniscule.' He also produced books on poetry, grammar, rhetoric, mathematics, a revised lectionary and complete versions of the Bible.

In 790, Alcuin went home to England, but Charlesmagne recalled him to help in his struggle in Spain against the Adoptionist heresy. Throughout his life he was a prolific letter writer and his account of the Viking attack on Lindisfarne in July 793 is the only contemporary account we have.

Alcuin died in 804 and was buried at his abbey church of St Martin's, Tours. He was never priested, nor perhaps even took vows as a monk, but he is universally reckoned as one of the great scholar-saints of the church.

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Saturday 20 May 2017, 11am

The Roth Duo

Since forming their duo in 2014, prize-winning classical guitarists, Emma Smith and Sam Rodwell continue to grow a large musical following after playing for many different events held at the Royal Northern College of Music. These talented musicians bring to the Cathedral an exciting and eclectic repertoire.

Saturday 17 June 2017, 11am

8 Cellos

After a lively and popular performance in 2015, 8 Cellos return to the Cathedral with an equally riveting programme. With diverse playing careers as soloists, they come together as performers through a love of the cello.

Saturday 22 July 2017, 11am

The Melia Duo

Performing at the Cathedral a programme of works utilising saxophone, vibraphone, and multi-percussion, this award-winning duo love to take on the challenge of arranging and adapting repertoire themselves, which has led to a number of commissions due to be premiered throughout 2017.

All concerts take place at Manchester Cathedral

Tea, coffee and cake will be available

Admission is free; there will be a retiring collection for Cathedral music

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Shaping Healthy Pluralist Societies

David Holgate, Canon for Theology and Mission

In early March, the Cathedral hosted a vibrant lecture on Scriptural Reasoning by Professor David Ford, formerly Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge University. This was a new partnership initiative with the annual Ferguson Lecture at the University of Manchester. A packed audience in the Cathedral refectory heard of how Scriptural Reasoning is enabling people of different faiths to learn wisdom from one another.

The method followed by Scriptural Reasoning is very simple. People of different faiths gather around short texts from one another's scriptures, introduce them briefly and then discuss them! The practice began when Christian scholars were drawn to the lively way Jewish scholars discussed their scriptures and asked to join them. Now people of different faiths practise Scriptural Reasoning all over the world, from Finland and Pakistan to China. With our Manchester link with Lahore, we were interested to learn that the first Muslim participant in a UK group now uses insights from Scriptural Reasoning in his work as a professor of sociology in the Lahore University of Management Sciences.



The three principles underlying Scriptural Reasoning are similar to those that inspired the creative renewal of the Roman Catholic Church during Vatican II:

- Go back to the sources, seeking wisdom;
- Respond to the challenges of the world today;
- Engage in conversations across boundaries.

When these principles are followed over a long period of time, they produce deeper understanding and relationships. David Ford contrasted this with his prior experience of interreligious dialogue in Birmingham, which had been merely polite, academic and practical. In contrast, Scriptural Reasoning produces 'multiple deepenings', helping people to go deeper into:

1. their own traditions, in response to probing questions;
2. others' traditions, learning from others for whom those texts are life-giving;
3. the common good, helping to promote wellbeing in the wider world;
4. healthy disagreements, learning to disagree with more understanding and good grace;
5. daring friendships that cross barriers and boundaries.

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It is a way of helping one another enter into the unknown future with hope.

David Ford was delighted that Manchester had hosted this event and was still more delighted when a number of people in the audience decided to start a local group. The first meeting of the group, convened by Rabbi Warren Elf and Canon David Holgate met on 6 April, with the plan to meet monthly thereafter. There is a new UK hub promoting Scriptural Reasoning based at Rose Castle in Cumbria, which aims to become a centre of reconciliation. www.rosecastle.foundation/

The talk given at Manchester Cathedral will be uploaded on the Rose Castle Foundation's new website. More information about Scriptural Reasoning is available here: www.scripturalreasoning.org

Cathedral Annual General Meeting and Easter Vestry Meeting 2017

Stuart Shepherd, Cathedral Administrator

The Cathedral's Annual General Meeting and Easter Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday 7 May 2017 at 12.15pm in the Cathedral nave.

The Annual Report will be available from Churchwardens one week before the meeting. The Annual Report contains extracts of the Cathedral's financial statements from the previous year along with various departmental reports.

Nominations for elections of the following are now being accepted: three Churchwardens; Cathedral Stewards; a lay member of the Cathedral Chapter; a deanery synod representative and three Cathedral Community Committee members. Those individuals being nominated, their proposers

and their seconders must all be members of the Cathedral Community Roll.

To be a member of the Cathedral Community Roll you must be either a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and resident in the parish, or, a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and habitually attended public worship at the Cathedral for a period of six months prior to enrolment if not resident in the parish.

Nomination forms can be located on noticeboards at the back of the Cathedral – please ask a Churchwarden if you are unsure about the nominations process. Nominations will close one week before the meeting.



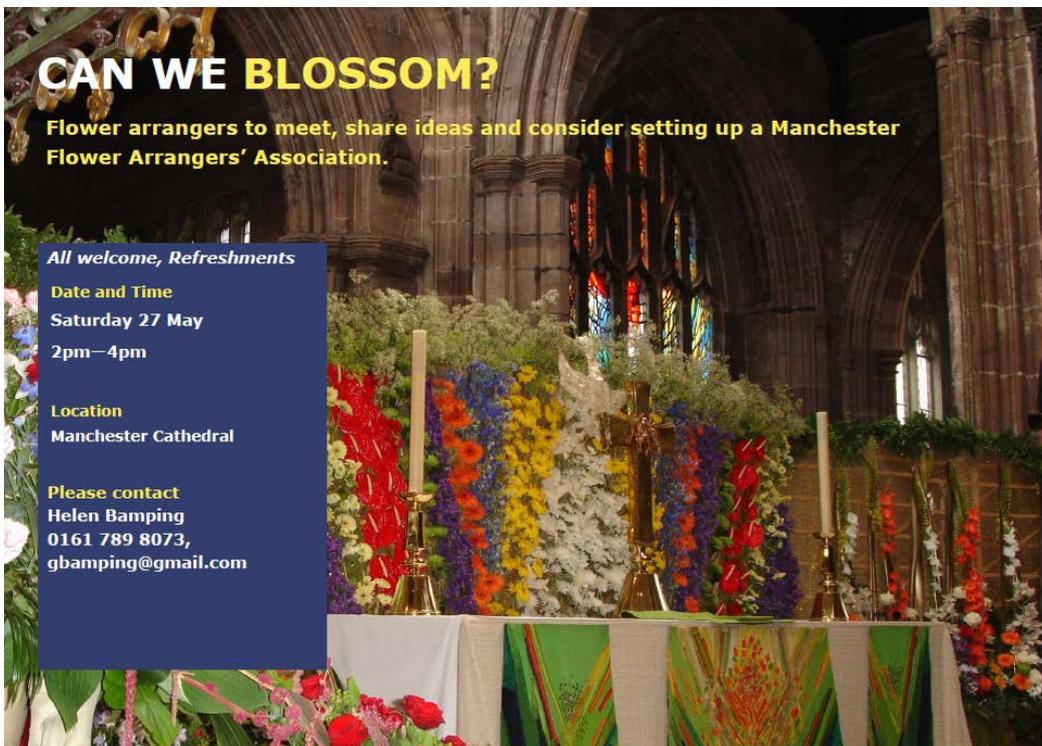
Altar Frontals

Anthony O'Connor,
Director of Fundraising and Development

For the past four years, Portuguese artist and former Manchester resident Cristina Rodrigues has been working on a series of new frontals for the Jesus Chapel, Lady Chapel, High and Nave altars. These will be dedicated to the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and will mark her State visit to Portugal in 1957.

Cristina has worked in partnership with the Municipality of Castelo Branco, a region noted for its sumptuous embroidery. It was developed in the 18th and 19th centuries for use in convents and the homes of prominent families, using the finest silk and linen.

The Dean, FAC Chair Martyn Coppin, and I visited Castelo Branco in March to see the embroidery and the meet civic dignitaries. The work is nearing completion and will be installed and consecrated during the autumn of 2017.



CAN WE BLOSSOM?

Flower arrangers to meet, share ideas and consider setting up a Manchester Flower Arrangers' Association.

All welcome, Refreshments

Date and Time
Saturday 27 May
2pm–4pm

Location
Manchester Cathedral

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Cathedral Community: Dementia Training

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor

On a very wet and windy February afternoon, the **Revd Jackie Calow**, the Diocesan Dementia Champion, led a Dementia Awareness training session for Cathedral volunteers. As over 51,000 people live with dementia in our diocese alone, it is important that we understand and support those living with the disease.

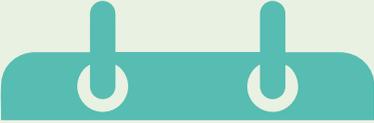
This is what one of honorary chaplains, the Revd Janet Pitman, had to say about the event:

Jackie led the session with information and advice on how to make people living with dementia feel more welcome in our Cathedral and churches. She highlighted five key messages about dementia.

1. Dementia is not a natural part of ageing.
2. Dementia is caused by diseases of the brain and there are several types of dementia which affect different parts of the brain and show themselves in different ways.
3. Dementia is not just about losing your memory – it can affect thinking, communicating and doing everyday tasks.

4. Some forms of dementia also affect vision, can cause hallucinations or affect balance.
5. It is possible to live well with dementia. There's more to a person than dementia and we shouldn't make assumptions about what people are capable of.

Jackie spoke from experience. It was at times moving but also enjoyable. I think everyone there learnt something useful. We all made a commitment to becoming a dementia friend.



One for the diary

This year's Wickham Lecture will be on the Christian understanding of dementia, by the Revd Prof John Swinton. It will be on 12 October at 7pm. Please book this date in your diary now.

For more information and guidance:
<https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk>



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Looking ahead **May**

Monday 1 May

Bank Holiday
9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion (No 1.10 pm Holy Communion)
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2 May

7.30 pm 'Upclose: The Next Generation' Concert by Manchester Camerata

Saturday 6 May

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
10.30 am Christian Meditation session

Sunday 7 May

12.15 pm Cathedral Annual General Meeting and Easter Vestry Meeting

Monday 8 May

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 9 May

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 10 May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 11 May

12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer
7.00 pm Manchester Cathedral Quiz Night

Saturday 13 May

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir

Sunday 14 May

5.30 pm Evensong with the Collation of Karen Lund as the new Archdeacon of Manchester

Monday 15 May

5.00 pm Broughton House Centenary Service (by invitation only)

Saturday 20 May

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
11.00 am Coffee Concert: The Roth Duo

Monday 22 May

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Wednesday 24 May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 25 May

Ascension Day
1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist

Friday 26 May

7.00 pm DHP presents The Afghan Whigs. Support: Ed Harcourt

Saturday 27 May

2.00 pm Can We Blossom?
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Laudes visiting choir

Monday 29 May

Bank Holiday
10.00 am Whit Walk Procession to Town Hall (No 1.10 pm Holy Communion)

Tuesday 30 May

10.00 am & 2.00 pm Terrific Tuesday (family activities)
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Service Times

Midweek Services

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

Saturday Services

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion	9.00am
Evensong	5.30pm*

Sunday Services

Matins	8.45am
Holy Communion (1662)	9.00am
Sung Eucharist	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)

26 May - 4 June 2017 Chorister Half Term

Looking ahead June

Saturday 3 June

10.30 am Christian Meditation session
12.00 noon Lunchtime Concert by Simply Voices

Monday 5 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Wednesday 7 June

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 8 June

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
12.00 noon We Are One! Ecumenical Walk & Worship
3.00 pm Be A Chorister For A Day (BACFAD)

Saturday 10 June

12.00 pm Talk: 'Around Manchester' by Nigel Barlow
2.00 pm Tour: A History etched in Stained Glass (free)

Sunday 11 June

2.00 pm Talk: 'Around Manchester' by Nigel Barlow
2.00 pm Tour: A History etched in Stained Glass (free)

Monday 12 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Thursday 15 June

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 17 June

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
11.00 am Coffee Concert: 8 Cellos

1.00 pm Tour: From Henry V to the Fun Lovin Criminals: A backstage tour

Sunday 18 June

3.30 pm Celebration of Reader Ministry Service

Monday 19 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 20 June

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 21 June

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 24 June

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
2.30 pm Ordination of Priests

Sunday 25 June

10.30 am Sung Eucharist - with anointing and laying on of hands during Communion
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Royal St George's Chapel Choir, Toronto

Monday 26 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Thursday 29 June

2.30 pm Chetham's School of Music Prizegiving and Leaver's Service

Friday 30 June

5.00 pm Performance of Chaucer's Man of Law's Tale, performed by Daisy Black



Staff member for May

Pam Elliott,
Education Officer

What is your favourite film?

I never tire of watching Sense and Sensibility

What was the last book you enjoyed?

The Axeman's Jazz by Ray Celestin, an historical crime drama set in jazz-filled, mob-ruled New Orleans.

Do you play an instrument?

Flute, recorder and a little piano; in my childhood I broke down gender barriers by playing the bugle in the Boys Brigade band!!

What was the last place you visited/went on holiday?

I visited Copenhagen for my 40th birthday. I am a little bit obsessed with Scandinavian culture.

Which area do you live in?

I live in the Peak District and commute by train.

Tell us something unusual/interesting or funny about yourself:

My Dad worked at Buckingham Palace as the Queen's Clockmaker.

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