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Turmoil, security and prayer

It's been a long time since our country has been in such turmoil, with two terrorist attacks in Manchester and London followed by a general election which has resulted in a hung parliament and a minority government. As I write there are further political machinations taking place and who knows what will really emerge in the political sphere. In the meanwhile ordinary people are struggling to come to terms with the unnecessary loss of life at the hands of terrorists and seeking answers and solutions to this menace that threatens to strike at any time.

At the Cathedral we have taken additional security measures which include random bag searches and limiting the opening of our entrances in order to monitor visitors. Additional CCTV cameras have been

installed to enhance our security and all clergy and staff have been trained by counter-terrorism experts from Greater Manchester Police. All need to remain vigilant.

We must remain prayerful in this situation for these are perilous times and we are engaged in serious spiritual warfare. As Christians we continue to work for unity in the Church and build bridges in our diverse society as we work for peace and harmony. God in Jesus Christ is with us always and we are witnesses to his love. Let not acts of evil rob us of our joy in Christ, nor should we allow terrorism stop us from going about our daily lives.

God bless you and stay safe!

Rogers Govender

Stewardship

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor



We all have things that we are quite happy to do or deal with, and things that we simply would rather leave for someone else to sort out. Personally I don't really like to engage with anything financial. Anything beyond paying household bills is a 'no no' for me, and much to my mother's annoyance, I leave all financial matters to my husband.

Our AGM may have been last May but the Dean's warning about the Cathedral's future financial predicament, if we are not careful, is still ringing in my ears.

Nobody likes to talk about money in church, and I include myself in this category, but if we are to continue our mission and ministry in this city and flourish, we cannot ignore the challenge facing us.

Of course mission and ministry is not just about money, it's about stewardship, a much broader and inclusive word. And stewardship is about treating everything we have as not actually 'ours' but instead as God's gifts to us, which we are expected to use wisely and generously.

Over the next few months a small group is looking at how we can be better stewards of our talents, of our time and of our money, in the service our Cathedral community.

Please keep us in your prayers,

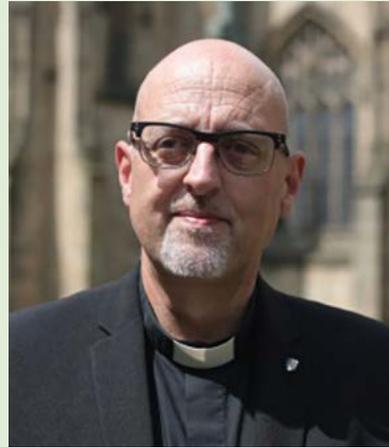
Blessings,

Canon Márcia Wall,
Mrs Jennifer Curtis, Mr Nicholas Rank,
Mrs Jennifer Devans-Tamakloe,
Mrs Diane Johnston

A Pilgrim Farewell

Canon Philip Barratt

When I was appointed Canon Precentor in September 2012 it marked the next stage in my pilgrim journey after twenty years in ordained ministry. I am so grateful for the opportunities the post has afforded me, to do some amazing things, but most especially with some of the loveliest people ever. God does not waste a moment in our lives and all my experiences here will equip me with tools for what lies ahead in Bangor. As Mancunians, leaving this amazing city will be a wrench for me, Irene and Sarah, but we move in the faith that God leads us as pilgrims and we never walk alone. My deepest thanks to all who have walked with me here since 2012.



Envoi

Rachel Mann, Poet-in-Residence

After eight years, it is time for me to stand down as 'Poet-in-Residence' at the Cathedral.

I shall also cease to be Minor Canon, an honorary title conferred in 2014. In those years I've been delighted to see how the Cathedral has become more fully involved in the vibrant literary scene in our great city.

I shall be seeing out this year's Cathedral Poetry Competition and am delighted that Andrew Rudd has agreed to take the literary work forward. I go on sabbatical this summer.

I've also been grateful for the encouragement I've received from the Dean and the Chapter to write four books and launch most of them here. But all things must pass. It's time I passed the baton (or, perhaps, the bardic lyre?) on to someone else.

Please pray for me and the congregation of St Nicholas, Burnage where I am parish priest, as I discern the next steps in my creative and poetic service to the church.

Editor's notes

These are the four books that Rachel has written while being Poet-in-Residence:

- *A Star-Filled Grace: worship and prayer resources for Advent, Christmas & Epiphany*, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2015;
- *Fierce Imaginings: The Great War, Ritual, Memory and God*, London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 2017.

· *Dazzling Darkness: gender, sexuality, illness & God*, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2012;

· *The Risen Dust: poems and stories of passion & resurrection*, Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2013;



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Capture the Cathedral Exhibition

Joanne Hooper, Cathedral Communications & Marketing Officer

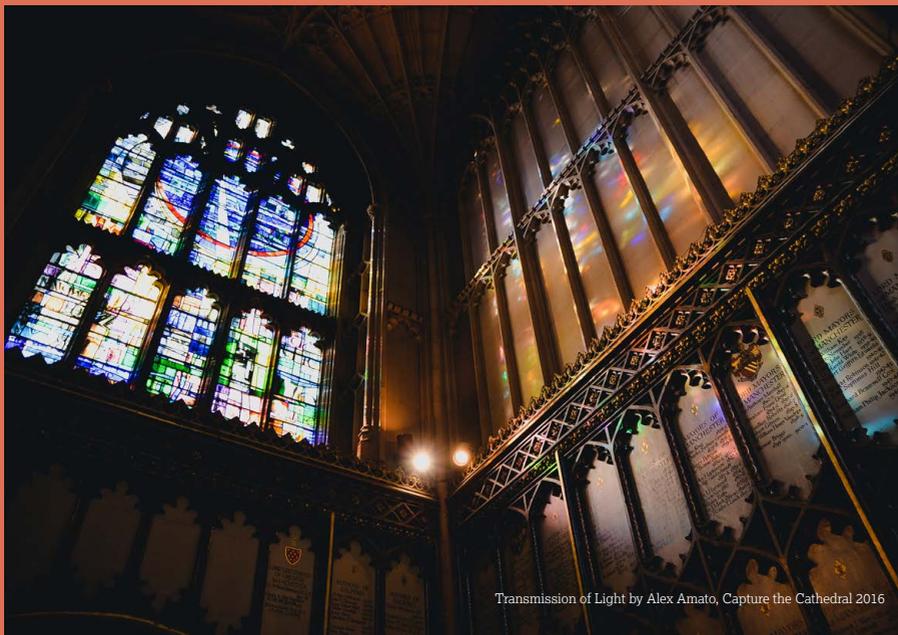


Winners announced: 4 August 2017 (6.30pm); exhibition open thereafter till 3 September 2017

The Capture the Cathedral competition has once again produced some absolutely stunning images of one of the oldest buildings in Manchester. It is open to absolutely everyone; whether or not you fancy yourself as the next David Bailey, are studying photography at school or college or just happen to be visiting.

The winners in each category and the overall competition winner will be announced at the launch of the Capture the Cathedral exhibition on Friday 4 August at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

From Friday 4 August to Sunday 3 September, the winning images and a selection of runners up will be exhibited in Manchester Cathedral. Whilst on display, visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite image.



Transmission of Light by Alex Amato, Capture the Cathedral 2016

Saint of the Month,
5 August
Oswald,
King of Northumbria,
Martyr, AD 642

Albert Radcliffe



After family politics forced him to flee to Scotland, Oswald was converted to the Christian faith by the monks at Iona. He remained there until 645 when, as heir to the throne, he returned to the Saxon kingdom of Northumbria, aged about 29.

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Oswald continued as he had begun and asked St Columba's monks at Iona for help in converting his kingdom. They sent St Aidan who was given the island of Lindisfarne as his base. Oswald acted as his interpreter when, as a missionary, Aidan made many journeys preaching and teaching, educating future leaders of the Church, among whom was St Chad.

The relationship between Oswald and Aidan was a close one, based on the monastic virtues of humility and gentleness. Spiritually it was an effective and powerful collaboration, with results which were deep and lasting. At this time too, Oswald married Cyneburga daughter of Cyneigils the daughter of the first Christian king of Wessex.

In those days, Manchester was near the border between the rival kingdoms of Northumbria and Mercia, which was ruled by the powerful and ambitious pagan king Penda who had designs on Northumbria. When they met in battle in 642 at Maserfeith (near Oswestry?), Oswald was killed. He died, it's said, praying for those slain with him. Although his body was mutilated, his head survived and in 875, when he was recognised across Europe as a saint, it was laid to rest in St Cuthbert's coffin at Durham, where it was found in 1827.

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We remember Oswald as a Christian ruler who attempted to show that it was not impossible for power and holiness to exist together.
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Read Manchester: Bringing BookBenches to the city

Dympna Gould, Visitor Services Manager

Pam Elliott, our Education Officer and I have joined forces with Manchester City Council, the National Literacy Trust and Wild in Art to bring the iconic BookBench sculptures to Manchester.

As part of the Read Manchester campaign, the BookBenches are intended to celebrate the city's creativity and encourage children and adults to read for enjoyment. The project brings together a range of partners offering a series of programmes and events throughout the city to raise awareness of the importance of reading and its power to transform children's lives.

Manchester school and community groups, local residents and visitors will all be able to follow a trail across the city to discover the BookBenches. These will provide colourful and playful backdrops to live storytelling sessions and literacy-focused workshops.



Manchester Cathedral will be hosting three decorated BookBenches, in the Cathedral and in the Visitor Centre under Hanging Bridge. We will also be offering a range of literature themed events aimed at children and adults over the summer, including the launch of the rather brilliant children's book *The Troll of Manchester Cathedral* by local author Alice Sargent, Tall Tales on Terrific Tuesdays throughout the school holidays, and there will be storytelling events at the Peace and Unity event at the Cathedral on Sunday 23 July.

Full details will be available on the Cathedral website and in the Manchester Cathedral Summer Events guide which will be available from early July.

Terrific Tuesdays @ Manchester Cathedral

Pam Elliott, Education Officer

Terrific Tuesdays return for the Summer. Please join us for FREE family fun on these Tuesdays during the summer holidays: July 25 and August 1, 8, 15 and 22 and 29, 10.30am -12.30pm and 2.00pm -3.30pm. Led by Education Officer, Pam Elliott, and Education Team Volunteers, these popular sessions are great fun and include activities such as crafts, dressing up and music.

On 1 and 8 August, we will incorporate themes from our decorated READ Manchester BookBenches, and on 15 August Alice Sargent will be leading activities based around her book *The Troll of Manchester Cathedral* and other Manchester stories.

And back by popular demand, we will be offering "Sing the Cathedral!" events on Tuesdays 25 July and 22 and 29 August. Pam and Cath Hilton will be leading special participative musical tours of Manchester Cathedral for children and the young at heart. Places are available on a first come-first served basis, maximum of 40 participants per session.

Can't make it? Discover the Cathedral with our FREE Explorer Trail, available throughout the holidays. Please ring to check availability if you are making a special journey.

Friends' of Manchester Cathedral Update

Linda Travis



Weekend visit to York Minster

A group of the Friends spent three days in York recently. We received a warm welcome from the Dean, clergy and members of the York Minister Friends when we attended the Sunday Eucharist and afterwards enjoyed coffee in the magnificent Chapter House.

Their Friends' chairman gave us an interesting and humorous tour on Monday, after which we visited the Railway or Jorvick Museums. A visit to Bishopsthorpe Palace was a wonderful finale with a friendly welcome and tour. It was a privilege to relax

in the drawing room surrounded by portraits of former Archbishops, including Bishop of Manchester William Temple.

Abiding memories are: good company and excellent activities. Our special thanks to Pauline Dimond, our Secretary, for putting such time into the arrangements.

Please put in your diaries our Friends' Afternoon Tea on Saturday 5 August, 2pm - 4pm. All most welcome.



Cathedral Community Monthly Lunches

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor

Everyone is welcome to join me after the 10:30 service on the first Sunday of every month for our once-a-month Cathedral Community Lunch. Numbers vary, but for me it is not the number of people that come that is important, but the fact that members of our community meet and get to know each other better and feel that they belong to a caring and loving community. Here's what some of our worshippers say about the lunches:

'Manchester Cathedral is a very special place. It's a bit like my home and family here in the UK. In the most difficult moments of my stay in Manchester, when I needed help, the people from the Cathedral were very supportive. Such support builds everlasting friendships. Now, even though I no longer live in Manchester, the friendships remain. I try to come to our "family meetings" once a month. It is a beautiful thing to build a friendly community; a little bit of Heaven.' Krystyna Ambroch

'Human contact is so vital and to have a chance to get to know other worshippers at the Cathedral is very special.' Brenda Deane

'I love joining the after-service Cathedral lunches because there is always lively discussion on topics ecclesiastical and secular, expected and unexpected. It is a chance to stretch my mind, learn new ways of looking at things, and spend some time with some lovely people.' Pauline Sometimes.

'Good to have opportunity to get to know members of our Cathedral community with diversity of age, nationality and knowledge during a convivial lunch.' Pauline Diamond

Looking ahead July

Saturday 1 July

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

Sunday 2 July

10.30 am Ordination of Deacons

Monday 3 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 4 July

7.00 pm Manchester International Festival presents BONOBO

Wednesday 5 July

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 8 July

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
2.30 pm Saying Goodbye Service

Sunday 9 July

10.30 am Sparkle in the Cathedral!

Monday 10 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 11 July

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 13 July

12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer

Monday 17 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Wednesday 19 July

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 22 July

11.00 am Coffee Concert: The Melia Duo
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Choir of Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon

Sunday 23 July

10.30 am Eucharist sung by Choir of Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon
1.00 pm Peace and Unity public event: Our Manchester—Our Communities
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Choir of Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon

Monday 24 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 25 July

10.30 am & 2.00 pm Terrific Tuesday

Monday 31 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Exhibitions

Admission to all our exhibitions is free.

'Read Manchester' Bookbenches
14 July-31 August

Capture the Cathedral Exhibition
5 August—3 September

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)

10 July - 4 Sept 2017 Chorister Summer holiday

Looking ahead August

Tuesday 1 August

10.30 am & 2.00 pm
Terrific Tuesday

Wednesday 2 August

12.45 pm Turning
of the Leaves

Friday 4 August

6.30 pm Capture the
Cathedral Exhibition Launch

Saturday 5 August

10.00 am Manchester
Children's Choir
10.30 am Christian
Meditation session
2.00 pm The Friends' of
Manchester Cathedral
Afternoon tea event

Monday 7 August

9.30 am SelfHelp;
Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 8 August

10.30 am & 2.00 pm
Terrific Tuesday

Thursday 10 August

12.00 noon Mothers'
Union Thursday Prayer

Saturday 12 August

10.00 am Manchester
Children's Choir
5.30 pm Evensong sung
by Oxford Spezzati

Sunday 13 August

10.30 am Eucharist sung by
Oxford Spezzati
5.30 pm Evensong sung
by Oxford Spezzati

Monday 14 August

9.30 am SelfHelp;
Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 15 August

11.00 am & 2.00 pm
Terrific Tuesday; 'Troll
Under Hanging Bridge:
Storytelling, Trail and
Treasure Hunt'

Wednesday 16 August

12.45 pm Turning
of the Leaves

Friday 18 August

11.00 am & 2.00 pm 'Troll
Under Hanging Bridge:
Storytelling, Trail and
Treasure Hunt'

Saturday 19 August

10.00 am Manchester
Children's Choir
11.00 am 'Troll Under
Hanging Bridge:
Storytelling, Trail and
Treasure Hunt'
5.30 pm Evensong sung
by Mercia Chorale

Sunday 20 August

10.30 am Eucharist sung by
Mercia Chorale
5.30 pm Evensong sung
by Mercia Chorale

Monday 21 August

9.30 am SelfHelp;
Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 22 August

10.30 am & 2.00 pm
Terrific Tuesday

Friday 25 August

10.00 am Vintage at
Manchester Cathedral

Saturday 26 August

10.00 am Vintage at
Manchester Cathedral

Tuesday 29 August

10.30 am & 2.00 pm
Terrific Tuesday



Staff member for June

Natasha Price,
Cathedral Office Assistant

What is your favourite film?
Rosemary's Baby.

What music do you like?
Massive Attack, Black Sabbath,
Billie Holiday, Red Hot Chili
Peppers, Michael Kiwanuka.

Do you have any hobbies?
The pub?

**What was the last book you
enjoyed?**
The Girl On The Train by Paula
Hawkins.

Do you play an instrument?
In Primary School I used to be in
a marching band and played the
bell lyre (essentially a glockenspiel
played upright).

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

Do you have any pets?
A tabby cat called Winnie.

Which are do you live in?
Levenshulme.

**Tell us something unusual/
interesting or funny about
yourself** I grew up and went to
school in Hong Kong, and my
family still live there.

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