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SUMMER / AUTUMN EVENTS 2017

The Troll at Hanging Bridge ! Michael Morpugo and the Manchester Literature Festival
Terrific Tuesdays Family Fun ! The BookBench Trail ! The Heritage Detectives' Club
The Gin Society Festival ! The Bee Story ! GRRRL ! Lamb ! Vintage Fair
Gabrielle Aplin in concert ! Hanging Ditch Wine Fair

I saw some gargoyles on the outside, so I asked my Dad if we could go in. It was massive, so we went exploring.

I found a dragon's tail, a bee and a snake in the coloured windows. Loads more gargoyly type things and funny shaped animals that looked like they were from Harry Potter. I found out about Kings and Queens and listened to some kids like me singing in a choir. They even had a secret door but I'm not telling you where it is.

It was great. I can't wait to go back!



Mani – 7 – Salford

Thanks to this issue's cover star Mani, for being such a good boy whilst getting his photo taken and for telling us how much he loved coming to the Cathedral.

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Jaw dropping July

BookBenches at Manchester Cathedral 10 July–4 September

Manchester Cathedral and Hanging Bridge
Monday–Saturday 10am–4pm
Sunday 1pm–4pm
FREE / Tickets not required

A stunning selection of painted book-shaped benches have been unveiled at a total of 24 cultural venues across the city this summer to inspire children and adults to read.

Manchester Cathedral is delighted to be part of this Read Manchester project with Manchester City Council, the National Literacy Trust and Wild in Art and is playing host to three beautiful benches from local schools.

Someplace To Go by Levenshulme High School for Girls

Pupils researched their favourite books and many chose to design books with inspirational characters at their heart. The school's own novella features in the design as well as the four women that the school Houses are named after; Rosa Parks, Helen Keller, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Super Scrumptious Storybench by Martenscroft Nursery School and Children's Centre Hulme

The children discussed their favourite nursery rhymes and stories while sitting on the bench for inspiration! They then created designs based on their favourite story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

The Greatest Story Ever Told by Holy Trinity C.E. Primary School, Blackley

Pupils from the church school chose their favourite stories from The Children's Bible and designed their own interpretations- exploring the school's teaching of good morals and values.



Manchester Cathedral and Hanging Ditch

Book yourself in at Manchester Cathedral
Cathedral Visitor Centre Reception / Hanging Bridge / The Chapter House

We have set aside a couple of cosy armchairs and a selection of books in the Cathedral Visitor Centre for anyone seeking a bit of peace and quiet away from the madding crowds of the city centre. There will also be seating set aside, (services and events permitting), in the Cathedral itself and its appropriately named Chapter House.

We will be replenishing the free selection of books during the festival so feel free to pick up a novel from the Visitor Centre to read, take home and enjoy.

www.readmanchester.org.uk or www.manchestercathedral.org

The Melia Duo Coffee Concert Saturday 22 July

11am

FREE / Tickets not required

If you have not yet experienced one of the brilliant Saturday Coffee Concerts you are missing some of the best free entertainment in the city. The Melia Duo is an award-winning saxophone and percussion ensemble based in Manchester. The versatility of their ensemble has allowed Hannah and Alex to begin challenging some of the conventions of classical music performance. The juxtaposition of newly arranged or commissioned works with those which are already established has inspired some of their most creative performances.

FREE Coffee, tea and cake are served after the concert. Donations welcome.

Peace and Unity: Our Manchester - Our Communities Sunday 23 July

1pm

FREE / Pre-booking advised

Peace and Unity:

Our Manchester – Our Communities is a free multi-faith community event which aims to bring people together to celebrate our cultural diversity in song, poetry, dance and prayer with a summer fair atmosphere.

Entertainment during the afternoon will take place both inside the Cathedral as well as outside on the South lawns. The programme will include: musical performances, an interactive Bhangra dance, activities for families including a story tent, three giant puppets, origami crafts, a Sufi circle and a quiet meditation area.

Refreshments will also be available, together with community information stands and a special display tree where you can write your own 'Dreams for Manchester'. Come along and join in the fun!

Tickets at

**www.peace-and-unity-17.eventbrite.co.uk
#WeStandTogether**

**FREE
family fun
on Tuesdays
throughout
the summer
holidays!!!**

Terrific Tuesdays @ Manchester Cathedral Sing the Cathedral: Children's Favourites! Tuesday 25 July

Morning session 10.30am–12.30pm

Afternoon session 2pm–3.30pm

FREE / Tickets not required

Hit the high notes with Pam and Cath from the Education Team as we take a ramble around this medieval gem on a magical music tour. This fun, sing-along trail features favourite nursery rhymes, TV theme-tunes and melodies from the movies. Dress up as your favourite character or just fall out of bed and come as you are.

Invite Gran, your Nan and don't forget the kids for a musical tour aimed at tots, teenies and forever young Grandparenteenies.

Manchester's History Etched in Stained Glass Sunday 30 July

2pm

FREE / Pre-booking available

The incredible history of this church over the centuries is etched into its stunning collection of stained glass. This tour brings to life the people and the places, the events and the vision which have inspired a variety of artists to create this Cathedral's outstanding collection of stained glass.

The tour takes in the Fire Window and artist Anthony Holloway's incredible Wall of Light created by the five windows along the west wall. It is also a great opportunity to hear more about the stunning new Hope window, funded by the Oglesby Trust, installed at the end of 2016.

Book at www.mcr cathedralstainedglass.eventbrite.co.uk



Terrific Tales @ Manchester Cathedral!

Tuesday 1 August

10.30am–12.30pm and 2pm–3.30pm
FREE / Tickets not required

Come along to the Cathedral and wolf down some of the terrific tales that adorn this fascinating building. We will include themes from our decorated and delightful READ Manchester BookBenches and there will be craft activities to enjoy. Places are limited and resources are allocated on a first come-first served basis.

FREE family fun sessions take place every Tuesday throughout the summer holidays.

Donations welcome.

Capture the Cathedral Photography Exhibition

Launch event
Friday 4 August

6.30pm
FREE / Refreshments served / Tickets not required

Exhibition
Saturday 5 August–Sunday 3 September
Monday–Saturday 10am–4pm
Sunday 12pm–4pm

This exhibition has produced some absolutely stunning depictions of one of the oldest buildings in Manchester. The winners in each category and the overall competition winner will be announced at the launch of the exhibition on Friday 4 August at 6.30pm.

The launch is open to members of the public.

Whilst the exhibition is on display, members of the public will be invited to vote for their favourite photo. Once the results have been collated, the Cathedral will announce the People's Choice winner!

www.capture-the-cathedral.eventbrite.co.uk



Astonishing August

Afternoon Tea with The Friends of Manchester Cathedral Saturday 5 August

2pm–4pm
FREE / Donations welcome

The Friends of Manchester Cathedral are a wonderful group of people from all walks of life who extend a warm welcome to new members. They have supported the Dean and Chapter of Manchester Cathedral for almost 80 years and meet together several times a year for social events. This has included dining out in and around the city with a lively line-up of guest speakers, weekends away to other cathedral cities and trips overseas.

Join the Friends and find out more at their charming annual Afternoon Tea which includes sandwiches, home-made scones, cakes, tea and coffee. There is no set charge but all donations are welcome and will go towards the Friends' work in supporting and preserving this church for future generations.

Terrific Tales @ Manchester Cathedral! Tuesday 8 August

10.30am–12.30pm and 2pm–3.30pm
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Evensong at Manchester Cathedral The Oxford Spezzati Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August

5.30pm–6.30pm
All welcome to attend the service /
Tickets not required

The Oxford Spezzati is a chamber orchestra and choir which features many talented young musicians, many of whom are starting out on their professional musical careers. Members of the choir and orchestra perform both as part of the ensemble and as soloists. The orchestra is led by Richard Gratwick. This orchestra and choir have performed at a number of prestigious venues in Oxford and London, including St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. All welcome to attend the service in the Quire. If you would prefer to just sit and listen - there are plenty of seats available in the Nave.

We politely request that visitors do not take photographs or film during the services.



Cathedral Community Summer Barbecue South Lawns

Sunday 13 August

12pm–3pm

FREE / Tickets not required

All are invited to drop in to the annual summer barbecue organised by the Cathedral Community. Bring a hat, some sun cream and enjoy a spot of lunch on the South Lawns in the Cathedral grounds.

The Troll of Manchester Cathedral Storytelling and Troll Trail

Tuesday 15 August

Friday 18 August

Saturday 19 August

11am–12.30pm

FREE / Pre-booking advised



**“The way that troll behaves, it just isn’t right,
it’s mean and it’s cruel and it’s plain impolite.”**

The Troll of Manchester Cathedral is being rather bossy about who can cross his bridge, but who’s brave enough to tell him so?

Local author, Alice Sargent, presents her first children’s book at Manchester Cathedral amid a torrent of troll theme trappings for the Read Manchester BookBench Festival. The story will be read by Alice to eager, young listeners under the historic Hanging Bridge, which features in the book as the mischievous troll’s home. The adventures continue with a children’s mask making activity and a Troll Treasure Trail around the Cathedral with a booty of chocolate coins to be discovered.

Alice brings Manchester’s history to life through her first book, ‘The Troll of Manchester Cathedral’. The book is at once entertaining and educational, with a playful story which casually conveys deeper learning. For Alice, a school teacher, this is the culmination of a long-held desire to share Manchester’s lesser known history with a new generation.

“Manchester has a fascinating medieval history and it’s a great injustice that most people, even Mancunians, aren’t given the opportunity to learn more about it. As a local myself, it’s important to me because it’s my heritage, and I’m sure other people feel the same way.”

Alice hopes that families will be inspired to visit the landmarks featured in the book, Manchester Cathedral and the little-known Scheduled Ancient Monument, Hanging Bridge, which dates back to around 1421.

**Copies of The Troll of Manchester Cathedral are available for £4.99
at St Denys’ Bookshop in the Cathedral Visitor Centre.**

Troll Mask Making Trail and a Medieval Safari Tuesday 15 and Friday 18 August

2pm–3.30pm

FREE / Pre-booking advised

To celebrate the release of new children’s book *The Troll of Manchester Cathedral*, local author Alice Sargent will host a troll-themed arts and craft making session. The Cathedral’s youngest guide, 12-year-old Blaise, will lead the safari. Equipped with his intrepid explorer pack, safari hat and powerful binoculars, Blaise will leave no medieval stone unturned in his quest to seek out the menagerie of wild and exotic beasts lurking behind the pillars, towers, stones and the quire of this magnificent building. Suitable for ages 4–13.

Book Children’s’ Storytelling and Troll Trail

11am–12.30pm Tuesday 15 August / Friday 18 August / Saturday 19 August

www.thetrollatmanchestercathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

Book a Medieval Safari and Troll Mask Making Trail

2pm–3.30pm Tuesday 15 / Friday 19 August

www.safariandmaskmaking.eventbrite.co.uk



Evensong at Manchester Cathedral Mercia Chorale

Saturday 19 August 5.30pm

Sunday 20 August 5.30pm

All welcome to attend the service / Tickets not required

The Mercia Chorale choir from the East Midlands has popped up north and will be in Manchester spending the weekend singing the services at Manchester Cathedral. All welcome to attend the service in the Quire. If you would prefer to just sit and listen- there are plenty of seats available in the Nave.

Terrific Tuesdays @ Manchester Cathedral Sing the Cathedral: Children's Favourites Tuesday 22 August and Tuesday 29 August

10.30am–12.30pm and 2pm–3.30pm

FREE / Tickets not required / Donations welcome

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Vintage at Manchester Cathedral

Friday 25 August 10am–8pm

Saturday 26 August 10am–4.30pm

FREE / Tickets not required

This has to be one of the best vintage experiences in the North-West with a magnificent medieval setting, wonderful stall owners and a huge choice of authentic vintage clothing furniture and collectables. Entrance is free, so make sure to pop by for some stylish shopping, a spot of swing dancing or some tea and cake. The Gin Society will be present again with fabulous G&Ts as well as their famous Prosecco cocktails! Put the dates in your diary and look forward to getting your Bank Holiday off to a great start.



GRRRL

Friday 1 September

7pm

Ticket availability will be announced nearer the date.

In Place of War presents GRRRL – an inspiring collaboration of sound by empowered, fierce, independent women from around the world, coming together to tell their collective stories of life, conflict, inequality and change through music. A mesmerizing electronic fusion of dark techno, ghetto bass, hip-hop, dancehall, reggae, soul and electronica; GRRRL is packed with purpose and has a message to tell.

Directed by Brazil's Laima Leyton (Mixhell/Soulwax), the project features an exhilarating mix of influential artists, including:

- **Mercury Prize winning rapper – Speech Debelle**
- **Zimbabwe's Rapper Queen – AWA (African Women Arise)**
- **The Queen of Brazilian Dancehall – Lei Di Dai**
- **The Young Lioness of Africa – Wiyaala**
- **Mesmerising Bangladesh vocalist – Sohini Alam**
- **Original Nu-Jazz and folk singer from Cape Town – Nono**
- **DJ and Percussionist from Venezuela – MABE**

The project, which is funded by PRS Foundation and Arts Council England, is the organization's most ambitious production effort to date, uniting a number of diverse cultures and languages through music.

Visit www.inplaceofwar.net/events/grrrrl

Surprising September

**On a wing and a prayer:****300,000 Bees**

Saturday 2 September

Meet the Beekeeper 11am and 2pm**Bee workshops 11am–4pm****Cathedral Bee trail 1pm****FREE / Donations welcome****www.meetthebeekeeper.eventbrite.co.uk**

It may come as a surprise to you as you wander past Harvey Nichols and the Corn Exchange into the Medieval Quarter to find that things are a little lively at roof level. Canon Apiarist Adrian Rhodes has been looking after colonies of bees on the Cathedral roof since 2012. It may also be a revelation to learn that he also taught Manchester legend Bez, the art of beekeeping on the Printworks' roof.

Our friendly bee population numbers 300,000 and they repay the kind attention of Adrian and the dedicated team of Volition volunteers by producing the Cathedral's very own brand of Heavenly Honey.

Join Adrian and THE THREE BEES to find out more about the art of urban beekeeping and discover the Manchester bees hidden in the historic fabric of this beautiful church.

**The Heritage Detective Agency**

Saturday 9 September

11am–1pm and 2pm–3.30pm**FREE / Tickets not required / Pre-booking advised**

After the huge popularity of last year's event, we will be opening up the archives to the public and giving you a chance to delve into the records and become a heritage detective for the day.

What is the link between one of the wardens of this church and Darwin and his theory of evolution? Which one of the Pre-Raphaelite artists got married in this church and why? What was the busiest day ever for marriages in the church in the 19th century?

Do you have a family connection? Come along and we will help you track your relatives down. No previous experience or knowledge of archives needed, just come and join the club. Manchester Cathedral is delighted to take part in Heritage Open Days.

www.heritagedetective.eventbrite.co.uk

Coffee Concert

Saturday 16 September

11am

FREE / Tickets not required

The secret is out! One of the loveliest ways to start your weekend and the best free concert in town. Talented musicians, a fantastic setting and friendly atmosphere, served up with coffee and cake. Donations politely requested to support Cathedral music

Dedication of Manchester Cathedral Altar Frontals

Sunday 17 September

10.30am

Service / All welcome / Tickets not required

Cristina Rodrigues has created textile works for Manchester Cathedral's altars as the product of a partnership with the Municipality of Castelo Branco, a town in the interior central area of Portugal, home to the sumptuous and noblest of Portuguese embroideries, known as the Castelo Branco Embroidery.

The name Cristina Rodrigues is not unfamiliar to Manchester, a city where she has lived, studied, worked and where she also began her career as an artist. In 2016, Cristina appeared on the cover of the January/February issue of the American magazine SCULPTURE.

This year marks the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's State Visit to Portugal. During this visit, the people of Portugal marked the occasion with an offering of a traditional bed spread embroidered in Castelo Branco especially for Her Majesty. Cristina is dedicating the altar frontals to the reign of Her Majesty. This will be presented in a solemn event at Manchester Cathedral, where it will remain before going on exhibition throughout the world. This gift from the People of Portugal also comes as a sign of the Portuguese artist's love of England and as a reminder of the alliance between these two countries.



Olive Trees Exhibition

Monday 18–Sunday 24 September

FREE / Tickets not required

This exhibition features a series of 13 paintings inspired by the understanding and the commitment of 35 Israeli women from all cultural and religious backgrounds: Jewish, Muslim, Christian and Circassian, reflecting the diversity within Israeli society. The chosen theme was The Olive Tree and through their passion the artists created an environment of tolerance, friendship and sharing. The exhibition has travelled throughout Europe and been seen at significant locations including The European Parliament and the United Nations.

The artists

Since this initial project, the ladies have continued to work together to develop their painting skills and grow their friendships, sharing with friends, family, and other communities, both in Israel and internationally, their very special experience of Unity in Diversity. The Community Centre in Afula.

The WIZO Community Centre in Afula was founded in 1986 in an economically disadvantaged neighbourhood with a large immigrant population. The Centre provides services to all communities in and around the region.

Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Thursday 21 September

1pm

Free / Tickets not required

Chetham's 'Music for a While' series profiles individual students from the world-famous 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.

www.chethamsschoolofmusic.com



**London Concertante present
VIVALDI'S FOUR SEASONS by Candlelight**
Friday 22 September

7.30pm
Tickets from £19-£28

London Concertante returns to Manchester Cathedral this September, bringing a wonderful programme of music celebrating the magnificent Four Seasons by Vivaldi, coupled with music by Bach, Elgar, Rossini and Mozart. With rising star and fiddle sensation, Ben Norris, at the helm, this promises to be a very special evening of fine musicianship.

Tickets www.picatic.com/manchester

Our Faith – Our Planet – Our Community
Monday 25 September

6pm-9pm
FREE

'Our Faith – Our Planet – Our Community' aims to bring people together to learn about climate change, promote shared values, enjoy food and entertainment and find out more about the Manchester Climate Change Strategy 2017-50.

The evening will include guest speakers, information on reducing our carbon footprint, interactive discussion, displays and entertainment from music and the arts. A buffet supper will also be available. People of all faiths or none are welcome to attend this exciting and informative event.

Ticket details will be advertised shortly on www.manchestercathedral.org



The Gin Society at Manchester Cathedral

Thursday 28 September 6pm-11pm
Friday 29 September 6.30pm-11pm
Saturday 30 September 12pm-4pm
Saturday 30 September 6.30pm-11pm

Admission £7.50 + booking fee
Admission fee includes The Gin Society goblet to take home and a Gin Guide booklet

After March's sold out event and by popular demand, The Gin Society returns to Manchester Cathedral this September! Join us at the stunning Grade I listed building with over 90 gins including, local suppliers, prosecco cocktails and distillers' masterclasses. There will be entertainment for you to enjoy; gin connoisseurs and fellow gin lovers happy to share their enthusiasm; and, if you should feel a little peckish, there's a food offer to wow you.

Entry on both days is by pre-booked session tickets. Drinks are purchased using vouchers worth £5 or £20, and unused vouchers can be redeemed on exit.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-gin-society-manchester-cathedral-september-2017

**Manchester's Musical Odyssey:
Talk by John Alker
The Regiment Chapel
Wednesday 4 October**

2pm

FREE / Booking recommended

Take a trip on this musical journey from the Renaissance to the present day in the splendid company of Manchester's best. Hear the sounds of world premieres and of the finest composers who came to this city.

From Chopin to Vaughan Williams, Elgar to Anthony Burgess, film music, piano, orchestra and of course the regions rich choral heritage, see how the city of Manchester inspired musicians and how its magnetic pull brought the greatest to perform and write here.

John Alker is a trained classical musician and currently lectures part time in music, fine art, performing arts and contextual studies. He occasionally works as a visiting lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University.

www.manchestersmusicalodyssey@eventbrite.co.uk

**Astounding
October**

**Bishop Wickham Lecture
Professor John Swinton
Reimagining Dementia:
Whose memory counts?
Thursday 12 October**

7pm

FREE / Pre-booking recommended / Refreshments served

Dementia is a deeply challenging human experience. It is clear from the literature that people fear dementia more than they fear cancer. Why is this? The answer is because we somehow feel that if we lose our memory we lose ourselves. However, this is a theological mistake. We are not what we remember.

This presentation will explore an alternative understanding of dementia and offer a model of relational development that enables people with dementia and those who care for them to live well even in the midst of the challenges.

Biography

Professor John Swinton is Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland who, for more than a decade, worked as a registered nurse specialising in psychiatry and learning disabilities.

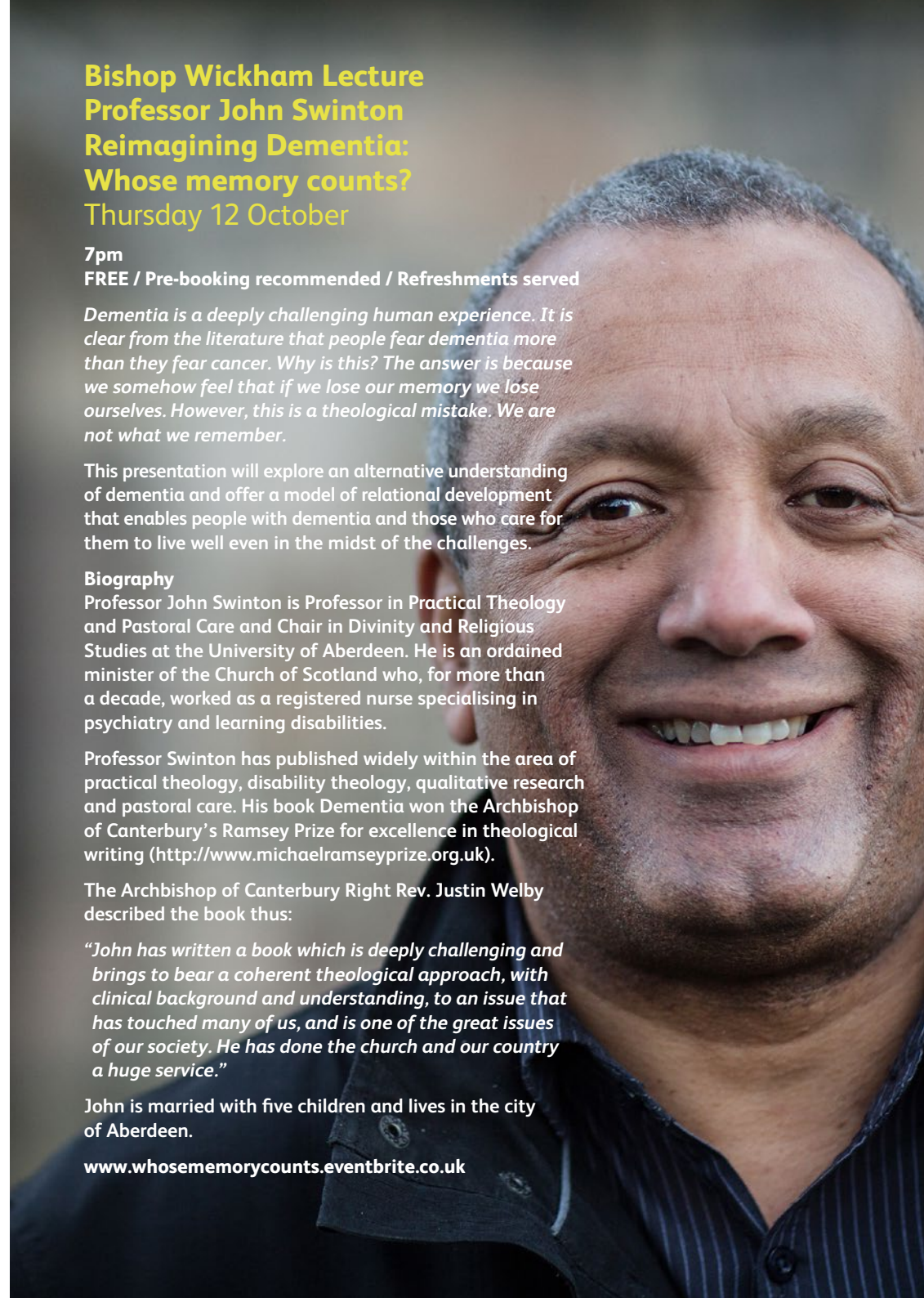
Professor Swinton has published widely within the area of practical theology, disability theology, qualitative research and pastoral care. His book *Dementia* won the Archbishop of Canterbury's Ramsey Prize for excellence in theological writing (<http://www.michaelramseyprize.org.uk>).

The Archbishop of Canterbury Right Rev. Justin Welby described the book thus:

"John has written a book which is deeply challenging and brings to bear a coherent theological approach, with clinical background and understanding, to an issue that has touched many of us, and is one of the great issues of our society. He has done the church and our country a huge service."

John is married with five children and lives in the city of Aberdeen.

www.whosememorycounts.eventbrite.co.uk



**Manchester Literature Festival
presents The Castlefield
Manchester Sermon:
Michael Morpurgo
Friday 13 October**

**7pm
Tickets £10 / £8**



Manchester Literature Festival is commissioning beloved author, poet, playwright and librettist Michael Morpurgo to deliver this year's Castlefield Manchester Sermon in the spectacular setting of Manchester Cathedral. His sermon, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, explores our ever diminishing connection to our natural surroundings: our reliance upon them, exploitation of them, and our myopia to a growing crisis. A skilled and sensitive writer of stories for young readers, Michael's views on writing, reading and wider world affairs are suffused with quiet wisdom and humour. He is the author of many books including *War Horse* (adapted into a film and a sensational West End theatre production), *Why the Whales Came*, *Private Peaceful* and *Toto*, a retelling of the Wizard of Oz.

The sermon will be followed by a conversation between Michael and host Carol Ackroyd. This event is presented in partnership with Manchester Cathedral and sponsored by Castlefield, responsible financial advice and thoughtful investment specialist with headquarters in Manchester.

Tickets: www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk **Tel: 0843 2080500**

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**Stoller Organ Recital
Christopher Stokes
Cathedral's Director of Music
Saturday 14 October**

**11am
FREE / Tickets not required**

If you have not visited the Cathedral for a while this is the perfect opportunity to see and hear the beautiful new Stoller Organ.

The Organ recital will be given by the Cathedral's Director of Music, Christopher Stokes. The programme will include works by JS Bach, Sweelinck and Franck. FREE coffee, tea and cakes served. Donations welcome.

**Be a Chorister for a Day
Saturday 14 October**

**3pm–5.30pm
FREE / Booking essential**

Be a Chorister for a Day (BACFAD) returns to the Cathedral on Saturday 14 October. All those interested in taking part are welcome to attend. If you would like to book a place please contact the Worship and Music Administrator on 0161 833 2220 (ext. 238) or email worship-music.admin@manchestercathedral.org.

For more information on choristerships contact Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers on 0161 833 2220 (ext. 225) or email christopher.stokes@manchestercathedral.org

**Gabrielle Aplin
Thursday 19 October**

**Doors open 7pm
Tickets £18.15 (includes booking fee)**

Gabrielle Aplin has announced a seven-date headline tour of the UK for October 2017, including Manchester Cathedral. The live-dates follow a series of sold-out UK shows in February this year and the huge success of Aplin's 'Miss You' EP, which has thus far racked up an impressive 25 million streams online.

www.alttickets.com/gabrielle-aplin-manchester-cathedral

**Hanging Ditch Wine Fair
Friday October 27
6pm–9.30pm**

**Saturday October 28
1pm–3.30pm
and 5pm–8.30pm**

Advance tickets £20 / £25

This is the 10th anniversary of this incredible event by Hanging Ditch Wines and Vinoteca. Start your autumn social season with a visit to this two-day event featuring stunning wine, beer, spirits and food, wine walks and masterclasses.

Great company and great music set against the medieval splendour of Manchester Cathedral.

Tickets are available to purchase directly from hangingditch wine merchants in person, over the telephone on 0161 832 8222 or through the website. Don't miss it.

www.hangingditch.com



**Lamb
Monday 16 October**

**Doors open 7pm
Tickets £27.50**

Hugely popular band Lamb are returning to Manchester Cathedral to celebrate the 21st Anniversary of their debut self-titled album 'Lamb'.

**www.lambofficial.com
www.alttickets.com**

Summer walks and tours

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 2017

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. 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 building to life.

The Stoller Organ and new Hope Window are now in place and attracting visitors and interest from all over the world.

Daily tours:

We have regular taster tours of the Cathedral Monday to Saturday between 11am and 4pm.

These tours are free but we politely request donations.

Group bookings:

We also offer a wide range of general and in-depth themed private tours for groups and businesses of 10 people or more interested in visiting Manchester Cathedral.

- **General Cathedral Tour**
£5 (£3 concessions)
- **A History etched in Stained Glass**
£5 (£3 concessions)
- **Manchester Cathedral Decoded**
£5 (£3 concessions)
- **A Stroll around Medieval Manchester**
£8 (£5 concessions)

All groups must be pre-booked. We can tailor make one of the most exciting tour experiences in the city for you. If you are a local community group, organising a team-away day or have a specific art, history or photographic interest -ring up for an informal chat or to arrange a tailor-made tour.

Contact

visitors@manchestercathedral.org

Cathedral Services and Music

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 and women, who have died in service, are remembered.

Evensong at Manchester Cathedral From September Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday

5.30pm
FREE

Members of the public are more than welcome to attend the Evensong service which takes place in the Medieval Quire or just sit in the church and enjoy one of the 'not to be missed' 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.

Choristerships

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

All of our choristers attend Chetham's School of Music and as such receive an excellent musical and general education there, 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, can commit to a demanding but immensely rewarding schedule.

For an informal chat call Christopher Stokes on 0161 833 2220 ext 225.

Manchester Children's Choir

Manchester Children's Choir is open to all boys and girls aged between 6 and 11, and is completely free! We are proud to follow in the footsteps of Sir Hamilton Harty's aim to make music accessible to children across Greater Manchester encouraging a varying repertoire from an early age. The choir runs on a Saturday morning from 10am-11am each week and is free to all members.

For more information, contact Geoffrey Woollatt on 0161 833 2220 (ext. 215) or email geoffrey.woollatt@manchestercathedral.org

Manchester Cathedral Music

Tweet us!

Did you know you can follow all the latest updates for the Cathedral's Music department on Twitter? Follow [@ManCathMusic](https://twitter.com/ManCathMusic) for Evensong music, BACFAD's, visiting choirs and much more!
www.twitter.com/ManCathmusic



Further information

Hosting Events at Manchester Cathedral

Manchester Cathedral's medieval splendour offers one of the most atmospheric venues in the city to host your event. In addition, the beautifully refurbished meeting rooms in the Cathedral Visitor Centre are fully equipped to meet your business or conference needs with light, airy rooms overlooking the Cathedral.

For more information visit www.events.manchestercathedral.org or www.mcvc.org.uk

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, backgrounds 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 our team and have three hours each week to spare, we welcome applications for volunteering roles in the following areas: welcoming, hospitality, event support and education.

Contact visitorservices@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.
**Membership Subscription Rates: Individuals £25 per annum
Family £35 per annum**

Cathedral Timeline

- 1086** Domesday Book 'the church of Saint Mary and the church of Saint Michael held one carucate in Manchester, free from all dues except tax.' First mention of St. Marys Church thought to be on this site.
- 1235** "J. Decanus de Mamcestre" mentioned in Hollinworth's Mancuniesis as chaplain of Manchester at this date.
- 1421–22** The parish church becomes a Collegiate Foundation, granted a charter by King Henry V and dedicated to St Mary, St Denys and St George.
- 1545–47** Henry VIII undertakes an inventory of all the goods in the ancient churches. The College is dissolved and the Chantries discontinued.
- 1553** The College is re-established by Queen Mary I under the same terms as the first Charter.
- 1578–95** The Church receives its Third Charter from Queen Elizabeth I, the College is renamed Christ's College. Dr John Dee, Alchemist and sometime spy for Elizabeth I is appointed Warden.
- 1617** Humphrey Booth of Salford pays for a gallery in the south aisle. The Booth Centre supporting those in need has a close affiliation with the Cathedral to this day.
- 1636–49** King Charles I grants a Fourth Charter, but the church is ransacked in the Civil War.
- 1787** Thomas Clarkson delivers the first anti-slavery speech in modern history.
- 1847** The Diocese of Manchester is created and the church becomes the Cathedral church.
- 1904–36** Library Annex is built. Refectory and Choir School are built. The Derby Chapel is given over to the Manchester Regiment.
- 1940** A blitz during the Second World War destroys most of the north-east of the Cathedral and causes extensive damage to the rest of the building. Post-war restoration takes almost 20 years.
- 1976–95** The West Windows are replaced in stained glass by the artist Antony Hollaway.
- 1996** An IRA bomb explodes close to the Cathedral and causes further damage.
- 2001** The Cathedral Visitor Centre was opened in 2001 by HM Queen Elizabeth II.
- 2004** The Healing Window by Linda Walton is installed. The gift of Dr Anthony Enoch.
- 2013** Cathedral closes for new underfloor heating system and 'Pop-Up' Cathedral opens. November 2013 Cathedral re-opens with the installation ceremony of the new Bishop of Manchester, David Walker.
- 2016** Dedication of the Hope Window funded by The Oglesby Charitable Trust.
- 2017** New Stoller Organ installation complete.
- 2021** Manchester Cathedral celebrates the 600 year anniversary of the King Henry V Charter.

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Visitor Centre

How to find us

Manchester Cathedral is open daily from 8.30am. General Admission is FREE.

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Manchester Cathedral, Victoria St, M3 1SX

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Victoria Station or Exchange Square

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Did you know?

It costs around £2,800 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

This charming tea shop is one of the best places in the city centre to pop in for lunch or relax with friends over Afternoon Tea. The café also stocks a selection of wines, beers and spirits.

St Denys' Book & Gift Shop

Pop down to the brilliant book and gift shop, where alongside the excellent selection of theological and local history books you can buy Cathedral souvenirs, postcards, gifts and a range of greeting cards.

Hanging Bridge

Don't 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.

