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An update from the Dean

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Lent 2019

One of the readings for Ash Wednesday was from the Prophet Joel 2:13 'Rend your hearts not your garments. Return to the Lord your God for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love...'

In my homily at the lunchtime service I spoke about the need to reflect on the state of our hearts and suggested that Lent needed to be a time to deploy a

tender heart - a soft heart that is loving, forgiving and kind. As Christians we seem easily to become judgemental and hard-hearted towards ourselves and others. Let me repeat the call to have a 'tender' heart since this is the very nature of God who loves each one of us with the tenderness of an adoring and loving parent. I trust you are having a good Lent thus far.

Sabbatical

My sabbatical was a restful time to recharge my physical and spiritual batteries. I spent six weeks in South Africa with family and friends and also presided at a family wedding. I also spoke at an ecumenical and interfaith gathering on the role of faith communities in building peace in our world. Unfortunately the dreaded flu bug knocked me flat for a week and it took a while to feel strong again. I certainly felt stronger and much refreshed on my return home to Manchester.

I am extremely grateful to Canon David Holgate for deputising for me and to all my clergy and Cathedral colleagues for their work and ministry during my absence. Canon Holgate will be on sabbatical leave between May and July this year.

Very Sadly

On Monday 11 March we received the sad news that Michael Powell died after a short illness. Michael has been Librarian at Chetham's Library for over 30 years and Hon Archivist at the Cathedral for many years. I was pleased to nominate him for a Hon Lay Canonry as a way of celebrating his contribution to Cathedral life. We pray God's love and comfort for Agneta, Katie and Henry as they, and we, give thanks for Michael's life. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Following the terrible attack on two mosques in Christchurch, on Friday 15 March, I sent an email to the Dean of Christchurch, saying, 'I want to assure all of you of our prayers and good wishes in the midst of the pain and grief that has visited your city. We stand in solidarity with you and especially the Muslim Community as you suffer the pain of this awful atrocity and assault on your common life together. Please convey our love to our Muslim brothers and sisters. An interfaith vigil was held last night in Manchester as we prayed in silence with you. We shall remember all of you at the Eucharist tomorrow morning. God give you strength and comfort.'

The Dean, Lawrence Kimberley, replied saying, 'Thank you very much for your prayers and good wishes. We will indeed convey your love to our Muslim brothers and sisters. Our people are still in shock, and the security level has been raised to high so the city is still tense with helicopters flying around and keeping an eye on things. Nevertheless, we gathered for a beautiful Eucharist this morning.'

Lastly

The gospel (good news of Jesus) is the light of the world, which illuminates the whole household (Matt 5:14); it is the yeast and not the whole loaf (Matt 13:33); it is the salt that gives flavour and nutrition to the much larger meal (Matt 5:13). This good news is you in Christ!

Every blessing in Christ,

Rogers Govender

Creative Easter!



Led by our Education Officer Pam Elliott and her volunteer team, Terrific Tuesdays @ Manchester Cathedral are FREE drop-in sessions that are great fun for families!

Our next Terrific Tuesday event is on **Tuesday 9 April 2019, from 10.15am-12.15pm**. Come along to the Creation Station at the Cathedral where there will be plenty of crafts and activities designed to help families explore the Easter story, including:

- An Eggciting Easter Trail;
- An interactive storytelling session;
- Spring and Easter crafts;
- And much more ...

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

Circle the City



Saturday 27 April 2019 at 11am

You are warmly invited to join Christian Aid for a fantastic sponsored walk in the heart of Manchester. This family-friendly fundraising event is an opportunity to visit Manchester's historic places of worship and get involved in activities, challenges, pop-up exhibitions, musical performances, guided tours and many other adventures along the way!

Around the City ...

The walk explores historical places around Manchester, starting at Manchester Cathedral. Registration begins at 11am and there will be a short pre-walk service starting at 11:30am.

Making a Difference ...

The money you raise through Circle the City sponsorship will help our sisters and brothers around the world step up the fight to end poverty.

Register Now!

When you register for this event we will send you a sponsorship pack with all the information you need to get started. Everyone taking part will need to register via Eventbrite: www.ctcmanchester.eventbrite.co.uk

For more information please contact us at ctc@christian-aid.org.

Volition update

Laura Henshaw, Volition Volunteer Manager



It has been a busy couple of months at Volition. We are delighted to announce that Catherine Charnock and Diane Drinkwater have joined the Volition team as our two new Beekeepers. They will be working alongside the Cathedral's Canon Apiarist, Adrian Rhodes, looking after the bees on the roof of Manchester Cathedral and the new hives at Salford Cathedral. I am sure you will all make Catherine and Diane feel very welcome. We will include a full piece about Catherine and Diane in a future edition.

Aside from Beekeeping, we have already welcomed two new Volition groups this year, with another new group due to start in April. We had an excellent day at Hotel Football recently, with our Volition volunteers taking part in mock interviews with their HR Manager. The day was a great success, and we would like to thank Hotel Football.

We have also set up cooking demonstrations for Amie's Kitchen with local restaurant partners, including Hive Hospitality, Randall and Aubin, and Salvi's. We would like to thank everybody for their support.

The beekeeping season starts again in April, and our three beekeepers will be working with our volunteers to teach them new skills, develop confidence, and care for our lovely bees. There are a small number of jars of honey left from last year's harvest. If you would like to purchase a jar, please get in touch with the Volition office by calling 0161 833 2220 (ext 242).



Cathedral News - back in print editions

In June 2018, Chapter decided to stop producing a monthly printed copy of Cathedral News due to budget constraints. It was to be replaced with electronic copies for nine months of the year and three printed copies, with a review in early 2019. This took place recently.

The review noted that over the past year our print communications have been cut dramatically, first with the loss of the events brochure and then Cathedral News. Three print issues of Cathedral News was now the only printed marketing material available for visitors/external contacts. The review group felt that this was neglecting an important outward-facing communication channel.

Feedback received over the last nine months has confirmed that the print edition of Cathedral News is a key resource for visitors enquiring about events.

Whilst electronic communications form an important part in communicating our stories, print helps us to reach people who don't know they want to connect until they pick up information.

Also the Annual Visit England inspection took place on a month when there was a printed edition, and the inspectors commended Cathedral News for providing plenty of interesting content for visitors along with comprehensive details about events and services.

The review also noted that the shift away from print editions of Cathedral News had not had much impact on the budget. Whilst it had saved a small amount of money, we were not effectively communicating with our visitors and a wider outside audience. In the light of these factors, the review group decided to reinstate ten printed editions of Cathedral News, with this April issue being the first printed edition.

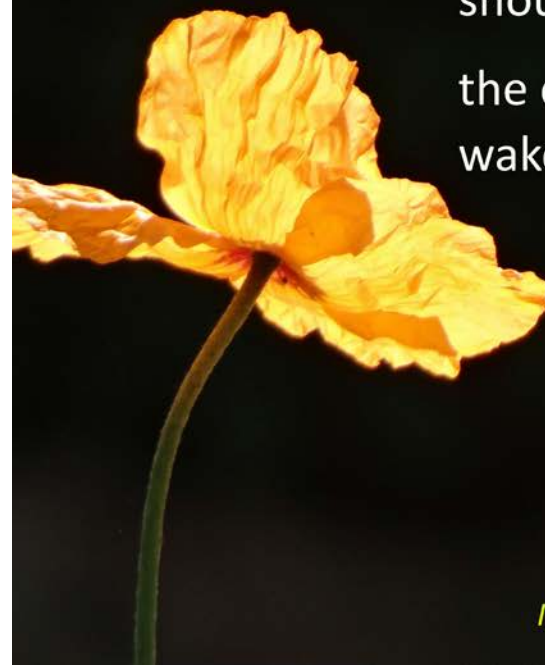


New Choristers

Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers

In this academic year, we have taken eight new probationary choristers into the Cathedral Choir, three boys and five girls. At a time when finding new choristers is a challenging prospect for all cathedrals, the recruitment fairy has certainly waved his or her magic wand at us!

These bright young sparks - Cormac, Edita, Logan, Matty, Molly, Rosie, Sophie and Tammy - have settled well into their chorister lives, both in the Cathedral and in Chetham's, and they are fast becoming a force to be reckoned with.



in the silence
a whisper of possibility
on a despondent road
the sound of your footsteps
your hopeless song
accompanied
a rickety lamb
bleats its way to mother
brightness of birdsong
as the light rises
organ pipes
shout hallelujah
the call of the trumpet
wakes every cell of your body

*Andrew Rudd,
Manchester Cathedral Poet in Residence*

Faith in prisons

Revd Joanne Calladine, Church of England Chaplain, HMP Manchester

“How did I get here?”

“What’s the point of it all?”

“Where am I going in life?”

These are questions all people can ask from time to time and they are questions that many prisoners are confronted with when they are sent to prison. For some, sadly, going to prison is just another day, but for many going to jail triggers a crisis. It may be the first time, or a long time since the last sentence, or it might be just one bit of bird too many.

Prison offers plenty of one thing – time. Away from most of the distractions that occupy our time on the outside, prisoners have plenty of time to think and reflect on their lives and what has brought them to this low and desperate point. Many do end up asking themselves deep and searching questions. In fact, questions like those above are spiritual questions about the fundamentals of life and our place in the world.

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If prisoners want to engage with these questions seriously, the chaplaincy department can offer them support and advice. There is strict guidance about how faith is practised in prison. We are not allowed to proselytise, in order to protect all prisoners from any aggressive conversion tactics. However, we are here to journey alongside those who want to think more deeply about their life, their choices and priorities.

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We do that firstly by being there. As Christ demonstrated in his incarnation, being visible and present makes an incredible statement about God’s love and commitment to us. The fact that chaplains of various faiths are in the prison, on the wings and talking to the men, is a great witness to God’s light and love shining in the darkest places.

And, for those who want to, we can talk to them about God’s love and forgiveness that is freely available for us all. We can offer them the hope that God has a plan and a purpose for them and that they have a chance for a new beginning. Please pray for us in our chaplaincy ministry and for these men, asking that prison may be a place of redemption and transformation for many.

We also offer our time and support to men who are often at their lowest ebb. We are not there to judge. We know that many of these men have done terrible things and have caused great harm. But we also know that a person is worth much more than their worst actions. We help by offering practical advice to many prisoners bewildered by the prison system and we listen to the men as they open up about their worries and fears.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Israel and Palestine

Led by – The Deans of Manchester & Lichfield

8 Days Thursday 14th to Thursday 21st November 2019

With Optional Extension to Petra 21-24 November 2019

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Manchester Cathedral supports the Trans Community

Anthony O'Connor, Director of Fundraising and Development

Earlier this year, Manchester Cathedral hosted a photo shoot for a number of Trans women. During the day event, each person was given a makeover and escorted to various parts of the cathedral to be photographed against the backdrop of our incredible building.

The event was supported by a number of people who gave their time to travel to Manchester for the occasion. In particular I would like to thank the photographers, Katie Neeves and Nick Heaton. Katie has had a career in photographic journalism working for tabloids and magazines and Nick Heaton has a great passion for street art, creative lighting and cinematography.

Paul Heaton was the feminisation specialist makeup artist. He is fully committed to the mission of improving the lives of Trans and non-binary people by offering them practical help and advice while working to boost their confidence and self-esteem. I am grateful to Paul Heaton from Born who worked with me to bring this off (Born www.born.uk.com).

Jack Tyson was delighted with the setting of Manchester Cathedral. He has been involved in the makeup Industry since 2012 and is well known in the Trans community for his excellent work helping women look and feel confident and full of self-esteem.

One of the women who took part in the day was Maddy, who travelled to Manchester on public transport from the Midlands. She said, "It's very reassuring and easy to feel relaxed, at ease and to be yourself in the company of like-minded people. The other participants were soon like old friends. We sat and chatted, shared affirming comments about each other's style or hair etc. I often find the most beauty in a person resides in their smile. As I looked around, I felt so relaxed and pleased to look into the faces of the other girls. Even the most introvert person had a beautiful smile".

She thanked the organisations involved in staging the day and the professionalism of all involved. She confirmed that we and they truly understood her needs as a transgender woman and that the day really inspired confidence, making her and the other women feel quite beautiful.



Cathedral Community the Friends of Manchester Cathedral

Marcia Wall, Canon Precentor



The Friends have been supporting the Cathedral for over 80 years. They hold regular meetings and outings and play an important role bringing our congregations, friends and supporters together.

Their latest 'Talks and Lunches' event was held on Ash Wednesday. Mr David Haywood, Cathedral Friend and Warden, tells us more about the event: 'Nearly 30 members gathered in the Refectory to listen to a talk by the Cathedral Organist and Master of the Choristers, Mr Christopher Stokes.

Chris spoke about his 26 years at the Cathedral, about the choristers and Lay Clerks, and gave us a most interesting insight into the workings of the new Stoller organ. We are all used to seeing and hearing all aspects of Cathedral music, but it was fascinating to learn what happens behind the scenes. We then had a delicious buffet lunch, provided by Slatтеры, during which members were able to socialise. There followed a short break allowing us time take part in the Ash Wednesday Eucharist and to receive our 'ashing'. The more penitent took the opportunity to enjoy their cream cakes before the service!

If you would like to know more about the Cathedral Friends please send an email to friends@manchestercathedral.org or pick up a leaflet next time you visit us.

The Diary April

Tuesday 2 April

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 4 April

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 6 April

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir

Sunday 7 April

10.30 am British Sign Language interpreted Said Eucharist (congregational setting)
12.15 pm Lent Conversations

Tuesday 9 April

10.15 am Terrific Tuesday: Creative Easter

Wednesday 10 April

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Sunday 14 April-Palm Sunday

10.30 am Sung Eucharist for Palm Sunday
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Music & Readings for Palm Sunday

Monday 15 April

10.30 am Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Vows

Tuesday 16 April

11.30 am Bishop of Beverley's Chrism Mass

Thursday 18 April-Maundy Thursday

4.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars followed by a watch of prayer until 10pm

Friday 19 April-Good Friday

9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
12.00 noon The Way of the Cross

(No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)

4.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Music and Readings for Good Friday

Saturday 20 April-Holy Saturday

4.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 21 April-Easter Day

10.30 am Easter Day Eucharist
5.30pm Evensong

Monday 22-Friday 26 April

9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
(No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 23 April

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 24 April

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Friday 26 April

9.00 pm St Ann's Hospice Manchester Midnight Walk

Saturday 27 April

10.30 am Poetry Workshop with Andrew Rudd
11.00 am Christian Aid 'Circle the city' sponsored walk
12.00 noon Be A Chorister For A Day (BACFAD)

Sunday 28 April-St George's Day

10.30 am Sung Eucharist—with anointing and laying on of hands during Communion
5.30 pm Festal Evensong. Incense will be used

Service Times

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer	9.00am	Mon-Fri (Wed: BCP)
Holy Communion	1.10pm	Mon-Fri
Evensong	5.30pm	Mon-Thurs*
Evening Prayer	4.30pm	Fri

Saturday Services

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion	9.00am
Evening Prayer	4.30pm*

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).

6-13 April 2019, Chorister Easter Holiday

25 May-2 June 2019, Chorister Half-Term

Looking ahead **May**

Thursday 2 May

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert
7.30 pm Service to celebrate 25 years of Women's Ministry

Friday 3 May

7.30 pm Vivaldi - The Four Seasons by Candlelight

Saturday 4 May

11.00 am Coffee Concert; Emma McPhilemy (Saxophone)

Sunday 5 May

10.30 am British Sign Language interpreted Eucharist

Monday 6 May-Bank Holiday

(No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)

Wednesday 8 May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Friday 10 May

7.30 pm Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata by Candlelight

Saturday 11 May

10.00 am Manchester Print Fair

Monday 13 May

7.00 pm Interfaith Youth Iftar

Tuesday 14 May

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 16 May

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 17 May

7.30 pm Manchester's legacy: Revealing the Hidden Beauty (Concert by the Michael Haydn Orchestra)

Saturday 18 May

10.00 am Manchester Chinese Centre Music Festival
5.30 pm Three Choirs Evensong

Wednesday 22 May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 23 May

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Friday 24 May

7.00 pm SJM presents Children of Zeus

Saturday 25 May

10.30 am Poetry Workshop with Andrew Rudd

Sunday 26 May

12.15 pm AGM & Easter Vestry

Monday 27 May-Bank Holiday

10.00 am Whit Walk Procession

Tuesday 28 May

10.15 am Terrific Tuesday

Wednesday 29 May

10.00 am Manchester Chinese Centre Community Music Festival for Children

Thursday 30 May-Ascension Day

4.30 pm Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day. Incense will be used



Staff member for April

Jason Lowe,
Assistant Organist

What is your favourite film?
Whisky Galore!

What music do you like?
Jethro Tull, Killing Joke, Nightwish

Do you play an instrument?
As long as it has a keyboard!

Do you have any hobbies?
Archery, Real Ales & Ciders and Cult Television

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

Tell us something unusual/interesting or funny about yourself?
I have an unusually sharp memory for recalling film and television quotes

Exhibitions

Admission to all our exhibitions is free.

Lent Art installation: 'Remember thou art dust and to dust thou shalt return' by Stephen Raw
6 March-18 April

Forsaken' by Philip Wharton
6 March-22 April

Loved&Lost Photographic Exhibition by Simon Bray
6 March-27 April

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Holy Week and Easter



Palm Sunday 14 April

Blessings of Palms
Procession & Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
Music & Readings for Palm Sunday at 5.30pm
sung by the Cathedral Voluntary Choir

Holy Monday 15 April

Sung Eucharist with the Blessing of Oils
and Renewal of Vows at 10.30am
The Lamentations of Jeremiah (Tallis) at 5.30pm

Maundy Thursday 18 April

Sung Eucharist with Washing of Feet
and Stripping of the Altars at 7.30pm
followed by The Watch until 10pm

Good Friday 19 April

The Way of the Cross at 12noon
Music and Readings at 7.30pm sung
by the Cathedral Choir

Holy Saturday 20 April

Easter Vigil at 7.30pm

Easter Day 21 April

BCP Matins at 8.45am
Holy Communion at 9am
Sung Eucharist at 10.30am
Festal Evensong and Procession
at 5.30pm sung by the
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