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## My ancestors were immigrants

By the time you read this I will have preached in Madras Cathedral in India on Sunday 8 September. I will have been on a short trip to support a poor village school in Chennai, Madras with much needed classrooms and I expect to return to Chennai for the official dedication ceremony. My ancestors (fifth generation) were immigrants to South Africa from South India, probably somewhere in Chennai; they were Tamil-speaking Indians and it has been a long cherished dream to visit their land of origin and to absorb the culture and the country. If good photos emerge I shall be happy to share them on my return.

Meanwhile, during the month of September, we held the Kosovo 20 exhibition marking the 20th anniversary of Manchester's reception of Kosovar refugees from the genocide inflicted on ethnic Albanians by Milosevic and his

ilk. In my comments at opening of the exhibition, I reflected on the emergence of a powerful individual filled with prejudice and hate towards people who are ethnically or religiously different, who sets upon a course of mass killings and ethnic cleansing.

I believe that Christians have a responsibility to undermine such individuals in the name of Christ and in the cause of building unity in our diverse world and country. May we continue to raise awareness of these atrocities in the hope that they are not repeated!

As we move closer to winter may you feel the warmth of God's love and joy in your heart.

Blessings in Christ,

**Rogers Govender**

## Slowing down ...

Marcia Wall, Canon Precentor

**On Sunday of the August Bank Holiday weekend, I fell and broke my foot. So for a number of weeks now I have been using a black strap on cast and walking around in crutches. Not being able to walk properly and also not being allowed to drive, has slowed me down a lot. After the initial irritation with all the inconvenience that this has caused, I have come to accept that I had to slow down and accept other people's offers of help and support. Slowing down helped me realize that I have been good at the 'brother, sister, let me serve you' but not so good at having 'the grace to let you be my servant too'.**

Slowing down is so hard, we seem always to be under pressure to be busy. It can seem like a competition, in which if you are not busy, you feel as if you are lazy and not pulling your weight.

Our bodies and our souls need to rest. Jesus always made sure that he had time out, some peace and quiet, away from the crowds and their demands. Sometimes he invited his disciples to join him; sometimes he enjoyed solitude and prayed alone.

**How good are we at following Jesus' example?**

Why not join the Cathedral Community on a time of retreat? Either come to Whalley Abbey over 7-9 February 2020 or to The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk over 19-21 June 2020, or both! There will be time for reflection as well as relaxation and socialising. Please contact me if you are interested in either of these Cathedral retreats.

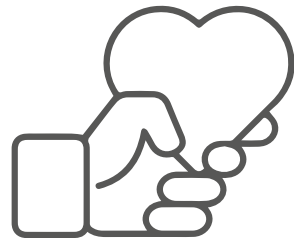


# First Interfaith World Mental Health Service

Giselle Rusted

On Thursday 10 October at 6:30pm the Cathedral will host the first interfaith World Mental Health service. The aim of this service is to unite people spiritually with our commonalities and to understand that, whatever our faith, we all suffer from similar mental health issues. We want to offer people hope that whatever part of the journey they are on there are positive outcomes. The service, inspired by Taizé, will weave in texts, readings, narratives, chants, mantras and prayers from the different faith groups. People of all ages will be participating, from young children to the sages of our community.

The framework of the service uses the five ways to wellbeing for living a life well. They are CONNECT, LEARNING, GIVING TO OTHERS, BEING ACTIVE and BEING MINDFUL. We hope that all those who come will experience and connect with something spiritual and meaningful, and will learn from stories highlighting issues of isolation, loneliness and consequential anxiety which can lead to mental health problems.



During the service participants will be able to be active in the Sufi Circle and, prior to the service, walk the prayer labyrinth (available from 3pm). We hope that by connecting with each other in practical ways, those who attend will see and feel the commonalities that we all share as faith groups. This, we hope, is a recipe for the health and wellbeing of our wonderfully colourful and diverse city.

 **Booth Centre**

The 2019 **Manchester Sleepout**  
Manchester Cathedral  
Fri 8th Nov

At the Booth Centre, we're working to end homelessness in all its forms. Join us in our mission.

Sleep out once so that others don't have to.

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# Challenging Hate Crime Upcoming Public Events

Nidhi Sinha, PA to the Dean

**This year's Hate Crime Public Event will be held in the Cathedral on 11 November at 2.00pm. We are thrilled to have the High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, Mark Adlestone as our chief guest. He will be speaking about how to achieve integration within a Diverse Greater Manchester and exploring ways in which we can develop a shared Civic Patriotism. The event promises to be an entertaining afternoon with food, café conversations, local diverse artists and an update on hate crime by our local Greater Manchester Police.**

We are also holding our yearly Modern Slavery event in collaboration with Stop The Traffik on 17 October 2.00- 4.30pm in the nave of the Cathedral. This year's theme is 'Hidden Voices' and will focus on the fact that slavery is not an issue confined to history, nor an issue that only exists in certain countries; it is something that is still happening today. It is a global problem and also affects men, women and children in Manchester.

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Modern slavery encompasses slavery, servitude, forced and compulsory labour and human trafficking. Traffickers and slave drivers coerce, deceive and force individuals against their will into a life of abuse, servitude and inhumane treatment. Join us as we work together to fight this evil and free those caught up in it.  
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# The Turning of the Leaves: A Fortnightly Act of Remembrance

Don Rhodes

**At 12:45, every second Wednesday, a group of rather elderly gentlemen march through the cathedral behind a Verger or member of the Cathedral clergy and standards. Follow them into the Regimental Chapel of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and you will see a simple ceremony, where veterans turn the pages of seven books contained in shrines, recite prayers, and, twenty minutes later, they retrace their steps through the cathedral and disappear, only to reappear at 12:45 two weeks later.**

What is going on? Four of the seven books contain 14,209 names of men of the Manchester Regiment who sacrificed their lives in the 1914-18 war. A fifth book contains the names of those who fell between the wars

and in WW2. The sixth names men of the Kings Regiment killed in Northern Ireland and men of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment who fell in Iraq and Afghanistan. The final book contains the names and citations of recipients of medals for gallantry. The leaves are turned to ensure that every name is regularly visible. This is the ceremony of "The Turning of The Leaves".

On 2 July 2019 the group was granted the Lord Lieutenant's Meritorious Service Award, for their dedication to the ceremony, first carried out in 1937.

# ‘What Hope Democracy?’ The Castlefield Manchester Sermon, 18 October at 7:30pm

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Delivered by Gillian Slovo; hosted by Rachel Cooke

How do we respond to a world full of injustice? South African born writer Gillian Slovo has spent a career considering the answer. Her Prix RFI Témoin du Monde-winning novel *Red Dust* is set around a fictional hearing of South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission; her memoir *Every Secret Thing* tells the story of her parents Joe Slovo and Ruth First – South Africa’s pioneering anti-apartheid white activists. Her plays cover issues including Guantánamo Bay, the 2011 English riots, and ISIS.

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Tickets cost £8-£10  
and can be booked on  
**0843 208 0500**, or online  
**<https://tinyurl.com/y3a5py8h>**  
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This event is presented in partnership with Manchester Cathedral and sponsored by Castlefield, responsible financial advice and thoughtful investment specialist with headquarters in Manchester.



# Cathedral Poetry Weekend: Lecture, Workshop and Prizegiving, 26-27 October

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Andrew Rudd, Poet in Residence

**We are amazed and delighted at the large number of entries for this year’s Manchester Cathedral Poetry Competition! Poems have come from all over the world, by email and post. There has been an impressive number from Ireland. People have been challenged to reflect on their spiritual life and put it into words.**

Anthony Wilson, our judge, has selected the winning poems and all will be revealed at the **Prizegiving**, on Sunday 27th October, starting at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to this special occasion, hosted by me, our poet in residence. Anthony will talk and read from his new book of poems **The Afterlife** and the winners will read their prizewinning and commended poems.

Anthony will also lead a **poetry workshop** on the previous day, Saturday 26th. This is a valuable opportunity for you to write with an excellent practitioner. This will take place in the Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre, 2.00 to 4.30 pm. Details on the Cathedral web site – please book with Eventbrite.

Some comments on Anthony’s book *The Afterlife*:

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In these affecting, graceful poems, Anthony Wilson takes time to reflect on a life: ‘We cannot grasp what we have been given, or can give back’ and so offers his reader an essential book of (re)discovery, encounter and a true value of the present.

Rebecca Goss

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Anthony Wilson’s poems are often meditative and always very, very readable, but don’t be fooled; the avuncular voice belies a restless interrogation of faith, love and loss, and Wilson moves from moments of everyday comedy to a wounded reckoning with the afterlife of cancer survival and poems of intense anger and grief.

Fiona Benson



# The Viciousness of Injustice: The Ken Leech Memorial Lecture

Jason Lowe, Cathedral Administrative Assistant

**Luther King House extends an open invitation to the Ken Leech Memorial Lecture, which will be given by the Dean of St. John's College, Canon Mark Oakley, on 5 November 2019 at 7:30pm. Venue: Luther King House in Rusholme, M14 5JP. Refreshments will be available before the lecture, from 7pm**

Mark Oakley is widely known for being a passionate campaigner for social justice and human rights. He is a Deputy Priest

in Ordinary to HM The Queen and visiting lecturer in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at King's College, London.

There is no charge but confirmation of attendance is required, so those who would like to attend are asked to visit the organisers' EventBrite page in order to register for a ticket, or telephone **01612492504**

# Book Launch: Preaching Women



Liz Shercliff, Director of Studies for Readers in the Diocese of Chester

**Should women who preach, preach as women? Filling a glaring gap in the literature around homiletics, Preaching Women considers reasons why women preachers should preach from their experiences as women and argues that, far from being a gender-neutral space, the pulpit is a critical place in which a gender imbalance can begin to be redressed.**

"Not least among Liz Shercliff's achievements in this fine book on preaching is the reminder that 'vocation' and 'voice' are rooted in living bodies responding to God's call... It acknowledges the cost and character

required for women to find, in their bodies and stories, the hope, fierceness and passion to sing God's wondrous story in fresh ways." Canon Dr Rachel Mann

You are warmly invited to the launch of this fascinating and engaging book, with the author Liz Shercliff at the Cathedral on 21 October at 6:30pm.

Refreshments will be available and copies of the book can be purchased from the event at the discounted price of £14.99 (payment by cash or cheque only).

# Cathedral Community News

## A Cathedral Family Celebration

Marcia Wall, Canon Precentor

**Weddings are very special occasions and on 31 August the Dean conducted the marriage service of Basil and Marina Fox. Many people from our congregations attended the service and witnessed Marina and Basil commit to married life and to stand by each other for the rest of their lives.**

They are much loved members of our congregation and serve the Cathedral in many ways. After the service we celebrated their union with a reception held in the Regiment Chapel. We wish Marina and Basil a very happy and long marriage.



### Time to Remember

#### Friday 1 November

All Saints Evensong at 5.30pm in the Quire (incense will be used)

#### Saturday 2 November

All Souls Eucharist at 5.30pm in the Nave (incense will be used)

#### Sunday 10 November

Remembrance Sunday, 10.30am Eucharist

#### Monday 11 November

Remembrance Service in the Regiments Chapel at 10.45am.

# Terrific Tuesdays 2019

Pam Elliott, Education Officer

**Norwich had a helter-skelter, Rochester; a golf-course, and this summer Manchester Cathedral had its very own pop-up Circus! Tapping into the popularity of the 'Greatest Showman' film, each Tuesday this summer, the Education Department brought the thrill of the circus to the Cathedral nave as we engaged families with the Cathedral's stories through circus-themed crafts and activities.**

We had hoped to build on the success of last year's Seaside theme, but knew that we had created something special when tickets sold out overnight and we made the top of the MEN's compilation of 'things to do' over the summer holidays! The response from families was fantastic and we achieved our largest Terrific Tuesday audiences ever; we had over 1000 children and at least 600 adults attending the 6 sessions. Many families were new to the Cathedral and we had fantastic feedback:

- It is great to see the cathedral so alive!
- I really liked the atmosphere and music. Places like this make me feel the presence of God in our world.
- Thank you. Very well organised. All the volunteers were very friendly, helpful and cheerful. We learnt lots and had fun.
- A fabulous well-run activity which the children in my care loved. Very entertaining. Thank you to all involved
- Had a fab time! Terrific Tuesdays have been a great part of the summer and my daughter looks forward to it every week. Great work Pam and team.

My thanks to my wonderful team of Education Volunteers who are at the heart of Terrific Tuesdays and have helped to make this event such a success, and similarly to the Cathedral staff who have supported the event – sorry that I don't have space to name you all individually. This summer I was fortunate to have the assistance of a Family Learning Facilitator, Christina Lydon – who is an experienced theatre practitioner; my thanks to her for all her ideas and enthusiasm.

Our next Terrific Tuesday is on 29th October 1015-1200 and the theme is 'Crafty Foxes!' – an autumnal workshop that draws inspiration from the misericord carvings in the Quire. Please do spread the word!



# The Diary October

## Tuesday 1 October

7.30 pm Fanfare! Music for Brass and Organ (Chetham's 50th Anniversary Concert)

## Friday 4 October

6.30 pm Manchester Food + Drink Festival 2019

## Saturday 5 October

6.30 pm Manchester Food + Drink Festival 2019

## Tuesday 8 October

12.30 am Julian Prayer Group Meeting

6.30 pm Book Launch Event- Canon Dr Rachel Mann

## Wednesday 9 October

8.00 pm Manchester Camerata Concert Mozart Gran Partita W/ Sven Helbig

## Thursday 10 October

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert  
6.30 pm World Mental Health Service

## Saturday 12 October

10.00 pm Manchester's Vintage Weigh and Pay Fair

## Sunday 13 October

2.00 pm Pet Service

## Tuesday 15 October

7.00 pm Knife Crime Summit

## Wednesday 16 October

5.30 pm Choral Evensong for New Headteachers

## Thursday 17 October

2.00 pm Modern Slavery public meeting (tbc)

## Friday 18 October

7.30 pm Manchester Literature Festival

## Saturday 19 October

10.00 am BAME Service (Archbishop Doyé)  
1.00 pm Be A Chorister For A Day (BACFAD)

## Tuesday 22 October

6.00 pm 'Scientists in Congregations Event on Cyborgsand the Christian Faith' with Scott Midson

## Wednesday 23 October

7.30 pm A Service of Remembrance for lives cut short. (SAMM)

## Friday 25 October

7.30 pm Vivaldi The Four Seasons- London Concertante

## Saturday 26 October

11.00 am Coffee Concert- Joyce Tindsley (Mezzo Soprano) & Christopher Stokes ( Piano)  
Elgar- Sea Pictures  
2.00 pm Poetry Workshop, Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre,  
7.30 pm Vivaldi The Four Seasons-London Concertante

## Sunday 27 October

1.00 pm Poetry Competition Prize Giving Ceremony- Andrew Rudd

## Tuesday 29 October

10.15 am Terrific Tuesday!

## Wednesday 30 October

10.00 am Chinese School Fashion Show

## Thursday 31 October

7.00 pm DHP presents Cassia

## 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

21-28 October 2019 Chorister Half-Term

# Looking ahead November

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## Friday 1 November

5:30pm All Saints'  
Day Festal Evensong

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## Saturday 2 November

5:30pm Requiem  
Eucharist for All Souls'

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## Sunday 3 November

7:30pm Concert by  
London Concertante

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## Friday 8 November

7:30pm The 2019  
Manchester Sleepout

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## Saturday 9 November

10am-4pm Manchester  
Craft & Flea  
6:30pm Interfaith  
Festival of Lights

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## Sunday 10 November

7:30pm Manchester  
Peace Song Cycle

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## Saturday 16 November

10:30am-5pm  
Manchester Print Fair

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## Sunday 17 November

2pm Wood St Mission  
Anniversary Service

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## Monday 18 November

7pm 'Living with and  
loving Machines'

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## Friday 22 November

1:30pm & 5:30pm  
Laithwaites Wine Fair

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## Saturday 23 November

12noon & 6:30pm  
Laithwaites Wine Fair

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## Sunday 24 November

7:30pm Candlelight  
Concert

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## Thursday 28 November

7pm The Lord Mayor's  
Carol Concert

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## Saturday 30 November

7:30pm Performance  
of Handel's Messiah

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## Exhibitions

Admission to all our  
exhibitions is free.

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The Manchester Transport  
Museum 50th Anniversary-  
Victoria Street.  
18 October

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## Community Profile

**Catherine Charnock,  
Beekeeper**

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### What is your favourite film?

My Fair Lady with Audrey  
Hepburn. It was great  
seeing it live recently at the  
Opera House.

### What music do you like?

All types of music but my  
favourite must be Meatloaf.  
I've loved him since I was very  
young and my favourite song  
of his would have to be  
"Not a dry eye in the house".  
I'm also a fan of Elvis and  
Johnny Cash, along with  
Ludovico Einaudi, an Italian  
pianist and composer.

### What was the last book you enjoyed?

The Urban Beekeeper by Steve  
Benbow, the Fortnum and  
Mason Beekeeper who keeps  
bees on lots of iconic buildings  
in London.

### Where was the last place you holidayed or visited?

We were asked by a wonderful  
charity 'Childflight' if we would  
like a holiday in Florida. My  
son and the rest of my family  
will be forever indebted to  
these wonderful people.

### Do you have any pets?

We have a Spanish Water Dog  
called Indie, short for Indiana  
Bones, a lion head rabbit  
called Travis Perkins, and ten  
chickens.

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# Coffee Concerts

## AUTUMN SERIES 2019

We welcome you to join us  
for one of the best free concerts in the city;  
talented musicians, a fantastic setting  
with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere,  
all served up with complimentary coffee,  
tea and cake after the performance.

*Saturday 26 October 2019, 11am*  
*Joyce Tindsley (Mezzo-soprano) &*  
*Christopher Stokes (Organ)*  
*Sea Pictures - Edward Elgar*

*Joyce Tindsley studied at the RNCM with Barbara Robotham and Christopher Underwood. Over the years Joyce has worked with legendary conductors such as Georg Solti, Charles Groves, Richard Hickox, Stephen Cleobury and David Willcocks and sung in many major concert halls and cathedrals around Britain. She has performed with a handful of first class Orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic, Academy of St Martin in the Fields and the Northern Chamber Orchestra. Joyce has worked regularly for the BBC for nearly 30 years as a member of the BBC Northern Singers.*

*Christopher Stokes is Organist & Master of the Choristers at Manchester Cathedral. Prior to taking up that appointment, he was Director of Music at St Martin-in-the-Fields in London's Trafalgar Square and, subsequently, Director of Music at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. He is a well-known conductor, organist, pianist, harpsichordist and broadcaster, having performed and recorded with all the major British orchestras and has given many solo recitals in the UK, Europe and the USA. In Manchester, he works regularly with the Hallé orchestra, the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra and Manchester Camerata.*

*Saturday 7 December 2019, 11am*  
*The Eskandari String Quartet*

*Formed in 2017, the Eskandari Quartet provides a fresh look at the classics, creating an atmosphere of musical sophistication and refinement.*

*These young, vibrant and accomplished musicians are all graduates of the University of Manchester. They perform a variety of repertoire with a particular focus on contemporary music and collaboration with modern-day composers. Most recent projects include a performance of Borodin's String Quartet No. 2, alongside Gloria Coates innovative String Quartet No. 3 and new commissions by Manchester-based young composers, Will Frampton and Benjamin Marrington-Reeves.*

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