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Hate Crime Awareness Week

Happy Easter! I hope that the season of Lent has been a spiritually enriching time and that the new life through the resurrection of our Lord will be a wonderful experience for you and all for whom you pray and support. Over the past few weeks the war in Syria has claimed hundreds of lives. Chemical weapons have been used in Ghouta. This is clearly unacceptable and we as Christians have a duty to pray for an end to this conflict and also express our anguish to our MP's and government. I am extremely concerned about the silence from the Church. We follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and we need to cry out for peace in our violent world. I believe that although we cannot get involved in directly ending the conflict, we can support charities that provide aid to Syria and we can also offer prayers for peace.

'Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. We pray for an end to the conflict in Syria. We pray for protection for all those who live in Ghouta, Especially the children and others who are vulnerable. We long for the day when Syria will be at peace, And all her people will once again celebrate life And flourish in peace and harmony' Amen.

Rogers Govender

New Life

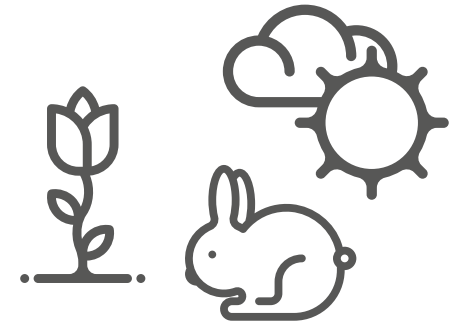
Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor and Acting Precentor

I write this in the middle of the week in which 'the beast from the east' has come to Manchester. It's been the coldest week in years, and the whole country is struggling. By the time you read this in April, I hope that the sun will be shining and we will be surrounded by spring flowers.

I am not a gardener but I love early spring. In the days when people had to wait for things to grow and eat what was in season, signs of the long-awaited spring brought hope as well as a sigh of relief. Farmers could start ploughing the land and begin to look forward to their next harvest.

The harshness of the weather this week and Lent have quite a bit in common; we have had to think carefully – is it safe to go out? Have we got enough to eat in the house? Can I go to the gym? Lent calls us to look at our lives and re-think the way we do things.

Spring and the Eastertide also share a commonality. Spring brings with it new life. Everywhere you look, there is colour and fresh greenery, and people look happier and healthier. In Eastertide we celebrate our new life in Christ and the hope that this brings to us as individuals and to the whole world.



Manchester Cathedral Poetry Competition

Andrew Rudd, Poet-in-Residence

Are you the sort of person who works things out for yourself by writing? Are you a secret poet? Why not enter this year's Manchester Cathedral Poetry competition...

It's been going for twenty years and is open to everybody. This year the First Prize increases to £500 along with the title Manchester Cathedral Poet of the Year 2018. All profits from the competition go directly to the work of the Booth Centre charity for the homeless.

This is a Cathedral competition, but is not just for 'Christian verse.' What we are looking for, first of all, is good poems, written in any form and any style. Whether you are a member of a faith tradition, or just someone who questions what life is all about, we would love to see what you have written – especially poems that resonate with readers of any faith or none.

**Full details of how to enter the competition are on the web-site: www.manchestercathedral.org/poetry
Closing date for entries: 30 June 2018.**

You can read all the winning entries and runners-up from last year in the 2017 booklet, which can be ordered for £4.00, post-free, from the web-site.



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Every year we have a different judge – different people value different kinds of poetry. This year it's the wonderful Malika Booker – one of the most lively, creative and inspiring poets around. She will read all of your poems and the results will be announced on National Poetry Day, 4 October 2018. Enter on-line, and encourage your poetry-loving friends to do the same.
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Salt Business Network, Christian Aid

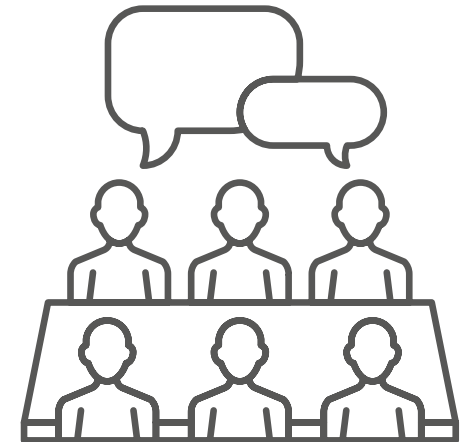
Helen Howe, Salt Business Network Manager

Christian Aid is working to eradicate poverty across the world, and is coming up with some innovative ways to do just that. They are inviting business leaders to work with them, and with each other, to tackle global poverty by leading more ethical, sustainable and inclusive businesses.

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Founded on strong theological principles, the Salt Business Network aims to inspire businesses and business leaders to be the 'salt of the earth and the light of the world' (Matthew 5:13-16) in advancing God's work here on earth. Through workshops, online communities and events, leaders are learning more about the impact businesses large and small have on our world and re-frame what it means to be in business.
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The launch of the North West hub will take place on the 30 April 2018, at the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce. It will be the fifth such hub within the UK. Christian Aid Staff will be joined by Paul Gerrard of the Co-operative Group and Jody Wainwright of Boodles to mark the launch of this hub and deliver a series of training events hosted by GMCC which aim to support leaders to develop more values-based businesses.

If you would like to explore how you could be part of this growing movement please register for your free place now at saltnw.eventbrite.co.uk or find our more by visiting www.caid.org.uk/salt



Farewell to Martin Taylor

Peter Mellor, Logistics Officer



I know many of you will already know, but Martin Taylor has decided to leave the Cathedral and will be verging for the last time on Easter Day, 1 April 2018.

The date is especially important as it will be exactly 26 years to the day, since he started as a vergier. I will not say any more about it being April Fool's Day!

During the 26 years Martin has worked as a vergier, he has been in attendance at a great number of special services, including both visits by HM Queen.

Martin's dedication to his work and his vast knowledge of the Cathedral's rich history will be greatly missed, but we wish him all the best for the future and I am sure he will find new ways to fill his time, and continue to enjoy his passion for food and the odd glass of burgundy.

Notice of Annual General Meeting & Easter Vestry Meeting 2018

Stuart Shepherd, Cathedral Administrator

The Cathedral's Annual General Meeting and Easter Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday 29 April 2018 at 12.15pm in the Cathedral Nave. This year, in addition to the usual elections for Churchwardens and Stewards, there will also be elections for a lay Chapter member, the Cathedral Community Committee and the Cathedral Council.

The draft minutes from last year's meetings are now available for download on our website.

Once again we will endeavour to have published and circulated the Annual Report one week before the meeting, which will contain extracts of the Cathedral's financial statements from the previous year along with various other departmental reports. Hard copies will be available to collect from the Churchwardens at Sunday services from Sunday 22 April 2018 or from the Cathedral Office thereafter (Monday to Friday, 8.30am-4.30pm).

Poem

Andrew Rudd, Poet in Residence, Manchester Cathedral

This is the garden

you open the gate in half-dark
not caring any more whether
the light is coming or going

this is the garden
the gardener already at work
paying attention to branches

that are out of hand
deadheading the roses
cutting back wooden stems

weeding in that unhurried
methodical way that he has
and when the moment is right

may you turn
and recognise the voice
you have always known

he has accompanied you
along all the tunnels of your life
and he calls you by your name

as if no-one before
had ever spoken
your own true name

The Battle of Manchester Hill

The Battle of Manchester Hill took place on 21 March 1918 in an area of high ground just outside Saint-Quentin in northern France.

Despite heroic defence by the 16th Battalion of the Manchester Regiment, they were overcome by the enemy and by 4pm that afternoon, most of the battalion were dead or wounded. Out of the eight officers and one hundred and sixty men who went into action on the hill, just two officers and fifteen other ranks returned to British lines. Of the remainder, seventy-nine men were killed and the others were either wounded and subsequently held captive, or taken directly as prisoners of war. Among those who lost their lives was twenty-nine year old Lieutenant Colonel Elstob, who led his troops into battle with the words, 'Here we fight. Here we die.'

One hundred years on, the actions of the valiant soldiers of the Manchester Regiment will be remembered, both here in Manchester and in France at the hill that still bears the name, Manchester Hill.

Commemorative events in Manchester include a wreath-laying at the Cenotaph and a special service at Manchester Cathedral on 15 April, exactly one hundred years to the day since a similar service was held there in 1918 to remember those who had just lost their lives in that battle.



To further mark the centenary, Manchester Central Library will host an exhibition about Manchester Hill, opening on 16 April and featuring historic regimental photographs alongside pieces of creative writing from today's school pupils.

One hundred pupils from Greater Manchester schools will also be taking part in a battlefield tour, culminating at Manchester Hill on 21 March - exactly 100 years since the battle - for a service of commemoration alongside local villagers and dignitaries.

Councillor Tommy Judge, lead member for the armed forces, Manchester City Council, said: 'Manchester Hill was a significant event in the final months of the war in which many local young men gave their lives for their country. One hundred years on it's important we remember this, and that we commemorate their courage and the sacrifice they made.'

The commemorative events are being organised in partnership with Manchester Cathedral and the present Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, which traces its roots back to the Manchester Regiment.

Brigadier Peter Rafferty MBE, Colonel of the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment, said: 'The defence of Manchester Hill by the Manchester Regiment is nationally recognised and a significant event both for the city and the regiment today. The commemoration will provide opportunities for the whole community to reflect and learn more about the battle, and the involvement of so many schools and other organisations is particularly meaningful and important.'

More information at:
www.manchester.gov.uk/mcrhill

Volition update

Tony Maunder, Volunteer Programme Manager

This month Volition has been trying the 'employer challenge' on social media. One of our most reliable volunteers, Colin, is still looking for a job so we thought that we would showcase him to potential partners such as Manchester Council and CityCo.

Volition Course tutor, John, said 'Colin has been volunteering at Manchester Cathedral since August 2017, where I am Volunteer Coordinator. During this time, he has demonstrated himself to be a highly dependable individual who is willing to get involved with a range of duties and has never missed a shift.'

Peter Mellor, Manchester Cathedral Logistics Officer, said 'Colin is an asset to the Cathedral's Volunteer Team. He is always courteous, cheerful and willing to assist with any task. In addition, Colin is motivated and interested in learning and self-development. To this end, he has supported in a number of volunteer roles in both hands on and administrative capacities.'

We hope to have some positive news for our next Volition write up so keep your fingers crossed for Colin and the others currently on our Volition programme to get people back into work.



Dean's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019

Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester

I am considering leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2019 as part of a journey of faith. To prepare for this, as a result of feedback I have received, I will be hosting two information sessions later this year to get an indication of the level of interest, of the sites that pilgrims would like to visit and the ideal duration of the pilgrimage.

It is my intention for this to be a deeply spiritual journey of faith. Although the precise sites to be visited will come out of the feedback we receive, I am looking at this as being a spiritual experience of prayer, reflection and worship. I would hope that as part of this journey we would be able to celebrate the Eucharist in a boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee and to go to the site where Jesus was baptised by St John the Baptist. This journey of faith will for many be a once-in-a-lifetime experience and will be a very memorable occasion.

One other consideration is the actual journey to the Holy Land. We would be looking at traveling on scheduled flights from Manchester, staying in good quality hotels and being accompanied by a highly knowledgeable and experienced guide. We may also need to build in some time off from visiting sites so we have opportunities to unwind, relax and enjoy the experience.

The information sessions are from 12.30pm to 2.30pm on Friday 8 June and from 12.30pm to 2.30pm on Sunday 10 June 2018. Please contact Anthony O'Connor on 0161 833 2220 ext. 233 if you would like to attend one of these sessions. You can also email Anthony at beapartofit@manchestercathedral.org



Cathedral Community Away Weekend

Canon Márcia Wall, Canon Pastor and Acting Precentor



It feels like a long time ago now, but on 9-11 February a small group from our Cathedral Community experienced our first Weekend Away at Whalley Abbey.

There were seven of us in total, including our retreat conductor, the Revd Canon Debby Plummer. We arrived at the Abbey late on the Friday afternoon, were welcomed by the Abbey's friendly staff and shown to our very comfortable en-suite rooms.

During our time together we had the opportunity to experience silent meditation, three very good teaching sessions led by Debby on hope, faith and love, enjoyed worship together and of course spent time relaxing and socializing. The food was very

good and the staff went out of their way to be helpful. We left after lunch on Sunday feeling re-energized and happy, as you can see from these comments: 'Joyously Spirit led, happy and carefree, with good company and four star meals and accommodation. Looking forward to going again,' (Raylia Chadwick). 'This being my first visit to Whalley, I found it very spiritual and uplifting. The building lends itself to the peace which surrounds you. Can't wait to return' (Jack Peacock).

It may have been a cold and wet weekend but we certainly enjoyed ourselves! I hope you are able to join us next February when we will have our second Cathedral Community Weekend Away, again at Whalley Abbey.

The Diary April

Sunday 1 April - Easter Day

10.30 am Easter Day Eucharist
5.30pm Evensong

Monday 2 - Friday 6 April (No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)

Saturday 7 April

5.30 pm Evensong sung by the
Choir of St Mary's
Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow

Sunday 8 April

10.30 am Sung Eucharist by the
Choir of St Mary's
Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow
5.30 pm Evensong sung by the
Choir of St Mary's
Episcopal Cathedral, Glasgow

Monday 9 April

12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ
Recital by Asher Oliver
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist
(incense will be used)

Tuesday 10 April

10.30 am & 2.00 pm Terrific
Tuesday- family activities
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 11 April

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Friday 13 April

8.00 pm Artistic Performance:
Commemoration of the
Manchester Hill Battle

Saturday 14 April

10.00 am Manchester Children's
Choir
10.30 am Manchester Print Fair

Sunday 15 April

2.00 pm Manchester Hill
Service (by invite only)

Monday 16 April

12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ
Recital by George Herbert

Wednesday 18 April

7.30 pm Nikolsky Male
Ensemble concert

Thursday 19 April

1.10 pm Chetham's School of
Music Lunchtime Concert
6.30 pm The Gin
Society Festival

Friday 20 April

6.30 pm The Gin
Society Festival

Saturday 21 April

10.00 am Manchester Children's
Choir
12.00 noon The Gin Society
Festival - Afternoon Session
6.30 pm The Gin Society
Festival - Evening Session

Monday 23 April

12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ
Recital by Graham Thorpe

Wednesday 25 April

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Friday 27 April

9.00 pm St Ann's Hospice
Manchester Midnight Walk

Saturday 28 April

10.00 am Manchester Children's
Choir
2.00 pm Concert performed by
Laurence Perkins; Wind
Serenades Spem in
Alium ensemble

Sunday 29 April

12.00 noon Easter
Vestry & AGM

Monday 30 April

12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ
Recital by Tammas Slater
2.00 pm Dalit Lecture

Service Times

Midweek Services

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

Saturday Services

Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist	9.00am
Evensong	5.30pm*

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)

2 - 8 April 2018 - Chorister Easter Holiday

There will also be no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist during these Easter holidays.

25 May - 3 June 2018 - Chorister Half Term

Looking ahead **May**

Tuesday 1 May

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 3 May

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Friday 4 May

7.00 pm DHP & SCRUFF OF THE NECK Present The Slow Readers Club: Build A Tower Tour

Saturday 5 May

11.00 am Coffee Concert - Elfair Grug (Harp)

Monday 7 May

12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ Recital by Ben Newlove

Wednesday 9 May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 10 May - Ascension Day

4.30 pm Said Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day (Incense will be used)

Friday 11 May

7.30 pm Bach's Brandenburg Concertos by Candlelight

Monday 14 May

12.30 pm Lunchtime Organ Recital by George Warren
2.45 pm Concert: Gospel Choir from Catholic School, South London
6.00 pm Book launch & theological lecture: Theodicy Beyond the Death of 'God': The Persisting Problem of Evil by Andrew Shanks

Saturday 19 May

10.00 am Manchester's Vintage Weigh & Pay Fair

Sunday 20 May

10.30 am Civic Service
5.30 pm Solemn Evensong (Incense will be used)

Tuesday 22 May

Civic Memorial Service (by invite only)

Thursday 24 May

7.30 pm Archdeacon of Manchester's Visitation Service

Friday 25 May

10.00 am Interfaith Meditation For Peace

Monday 28 May

10.00 am Whit Walk; Procession to Town Hall for service at 10.45am (No 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)

Tuesday 29 May

10.30 am & 2.00 pm Terrific Tuesday - family activities
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

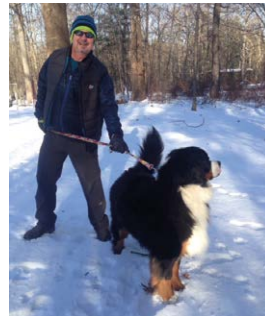
Thursday 31 May

4.30 pm Evening Prayer
5.30 pm Said Eucharist (congregational setting) for the feast of Corpus Christi

Exhibitions

Admission to all our exhibitions is free.

Art Exhibit by Levenshulme High School
12 - 18 April



Staff member for April

Peter Mellor Logistics Officer

What is your favourite film?
Scent of a Women with Al Pacino.

What music do you like?
A mixture but Blues is my favourite.

Do you play an instrument?
Very badly, My Gibson semi acoustic guitar.

Which are do you live in?
Holmfirth

Do you have any hobbies?
Walking, Cycling, Kayaking and Fishing

Tell us something unusual/interesting or funny about yourself? Driven over 10,000 miles in an RV in the USA

Do you have any pets?
Not anymore but had a Weimaraner called Eric who is sadly no longer with us

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LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

Performed by students of
Chetham's School of Music, past and present

Free admission

Performances begin at 12.30pm
in the Cathedral Nave

Monday 9 April **George Herbert**

Monday 16 April **Asher Oliver**

Monday 23 April **Graham Thorpe**

Monday 30 April **Tammas Slater**

Monday 7 May **Ben Newlove**

Monday 14 May **George Warren**

Monday 2 July **Ben Collyer**

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