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The people who make it all happen

Many big events take place in our Cathedral each month and this December will be no exception. There will be twenty-four different carol concerts or services before our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on 22 December begins the run-up to Christmas Day itself. For each one, the Cathedral will be buzzing with people, excitement, music and drama. As the Andy Williams song goes, 'It's the most wonderful time of the year.'

I want to honour the people who make it all happen. At the Cathedral these are: our vergers, our logistics officer, our administrators, our flower arrangers, our musicians, our volunteer welcomers and guides, our stewards and the people who patiently serve endless warm drinks after services. Our Nave is like a stage, which is reset every day for different activities, performances and services.

Something as simple as putting up our huge Christmas tree is a task that has to be done with military precision between events for hundreds of different people. It's a daily 'behind the scenes, after hours' Christmas miracle. Equally, behind each of the carol services and concerts, for institutions or to raise money for important charitable causes, there are the unsung organisers and helpers.

May I say, in advance, a big thank you to all of you? I know you do it because you care and not because you need acknowledgement. But still ... thank you!

God bless all our pre-Christmas busyness and our times of rest,

**David Holgate,
Sub-Dean and Canon for
Theology and Mission**

Advent Mercies

David Holgate, Sub-Dean and Canon for Theology and Mission

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There's something about the coming of Christmas which both lifts and depresses the spirits. For many people, especially those working in retail, it is one of the busiest times of the year. For all of us in the northern hemisphere, there is the realisation that winter is really here. And then there is the compulsory jollity symbolised by the markets, the carol services, office parties, gift shopping and the like. Where are we to pitch our emotions in all this? The Church's answer is: wait; be quiet for a moment; look beyond Christmas to the end of time.

For four Sundays before Christmas, the Church observes Advent, the season of waiting for what is to come. Christmas is part of it, and we do wait for the 'arrival' of Jesus once again as a baby born in a cowshed in Bethlehem. But this is more of a commemoration, for Jesus has already come. Rather, Advent highlights the Christian belief that he will return, to raise and judge the dead, before bringing God's kingdom in once and for all.



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Death we expect, but what might resurrection and judgement mean? We cannot really imagine heaven or hell, but we can look forward to a full experience of justice and mercy. Even St Paul cannot explain how God will judge. All he can manage is, 'God has imprisoned all in disobedience, so that he may be merciful to all.' I think C S Lewis was right when he said, that in the end there will be those who say to God, 'Your will be done,' and those to whom God says, with sadness, 'Your will be done.'

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Manchester Baroque
presents

Messiah

G F Handel

Manchester Cathedral Choir
Nicola Howard, Soprano
Geoffrey Woollatt, Conductor
Christopher Stokes, Organ

Saturday 8 December 2018

7.00 pm *Please note the early start time*

Tickets £25 and £15

Available www.messiah2018.eventbrite.co.uk



Family Carols

Saturday 15 December 2018
7.30pm

Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir
Christopher Stokes & Jason Lowe, Organ
Geoffrey Woollatt, Director

Tickets £10 (£8)
available from
www.familycarols2018.eventbrite.co.uk
includes a glass of wine & a mince pie

Christian Aid

Peacemaking through Singing

Rebekah Turner, Christian Aid's North West Regional Coordinator

Over the past two of years, Christian Aid has partnered with the Cathedral at the Christmas Shoppers' Singalong service, raising over £1500 to support some of the world's poorest communities around the world. This Christmas, Christian Aid will partner with the Cathedral again to support our peacemaking work. While peace may be broken every day, it is also built every day – by strong women and men determined to heal and transform their communities.

The money raised will go towards supporting people like Hassan, who has spent his whole life in refugee camps. He hasn't seen his mum for four years, since his family were separated by war. Hassan's home was in a Palestinian refugee camp in Syria. But when he was just three years old, the family fled that war-torn country after his brother Abdullah was struck by shrapnel during a bombing.

Hassan's mum took Abdullah to Europe to find medical treatment and has been unable to return. Hassan now lives with his father, grandad and uncle in a camp for Palestinian refugees. A partner organisation to Christian Aid has helped Hassan to recover from his experiences and has given him a safe space to heal, play and learn.



Fundraising at the Christmas Carols Shoppers' Singalong is just one of the ways Christian Aid works in partnership with Manchester Cathedral. The Cathedral also supports Christian Aid through giving, regular prayer and acts of solidarity, campaigning to enable Christian Aid to move closer to its vision of a world free from poverty.

Please join with us to be a peacemaker this Christmas.
christianaid.org.uk/christmas-appeal





Cathedral volunteer recruitment

Laura Henshaw, Volunteer Manager

We have a number of committed volunteers at our Cathedral who carry out a variety of roles as Guides, Welcomers, Flower Arrangers and Education Volunteers. All play an important part in the daily life of the Cathedral and provide a warm welcome to visitors from across the globe.

We are always looking for more dedicated, caring, and enthusiastic volunteers to help make the Cathedral as successful as it is. We are currently recruiting for Guides,

Welcomers, and Education Volunteers. If you are looking to gain new skills, meet new people, and make a difference in an incredible historic building, then please contact Laura Henshaw, Volunteer Manager by emailing laura@volitioncommunity.org or telephoning 0161 833 2220 (ext. 242).

We look forward to hearing from you!

For more information, please visit www.manchestercathedral.org/volunteering

Saint of the Month

Charles de Foucauld
[1858-1916]
Hermit in the Sahara

Albert Radcliffe, Canon Emeritus



Charles de Foucauld was very much a man of his time and ours. He was born in Strasbourg to godly parents who died when he was six. He and his younger sister were brought up by their grandfather. Charles was a studious boy but gradually lost his faith. In 1876, he joined the army and was sent to Algeria. He left the army in 1882 and until 1886 travelled in Algeria and Morocco.

Back in Paris, he began going to church again, praying, 'My God, if you exist, allow me to know you.' In 1890, he became a Trappist monk. Then in 1897, he left the Trappists to follow Jesus, the poor workman of Nazareth, more closely. At Nazareth, the Poor Clares took him in as a servant and noting his solitary life of prayer encouraged him to be ordained.

Feeling that his call was to serve the poor and the abandoned, in 1901 he settled at Beni Abbes in Algeria, near the Moroccan border, where he built a small hermitage. In 1904, he moved one last time to live and pray among the Taureg people, to share and study their lives and hardships. He made no converts but left a legacy of love and compassion remembered to this day. His work and ideas of mission are still supported by a world-wide 'confraternity'.

On 1st December 1916, de Foucauld was murdered by armed bandits. In 1944, his assassin was captured and executed by the French. In 2005, he was beatified by Benedict XVI.

To this day, De Foucauld lives on in his writings: 'It is by loving people that we learn to love God.' 'As soon as I believed there was a God, I understood that there was nothing else I could do but live totally for Him.' 'Our hearts like that of the Church, like that of Jesus, must embrace all humanity.'

The faith of Muslims had rekindled his own. He discovered that prayer, as the imitation of Jesus the poor workman of Nazareth, was way we need to engage with the modern world.

Portugal 2018

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Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers



On 20th October, and after months of planning, the full choir of Manchester Cathedral, the Organist, Sub-Organist, two house assistants from Chetham's School of Music, the Dean and Precentor all under the gently guiding hand of the Cathedral's Director of Development, Anthony O'Connor, met at T3 of Manchester airport to embark on a week's tour in Portugal.

We landed at Porto airport in the north-west region of Portugal and from there a coach took us to Castelo Branco, situated about 15 miles from the Spanish border. We spent the remainder of the day settling into our a very nice hotel with a wonderful view over the city.

Our first singing commitment was a Mass in the city's newly refurbished Cathedral. We sang Mozart's glorious Mass in D and his emotive setting of Ave Verum Corpus. The sight which greeted us at the west door of the Cathedral was quite overwhelming, as the modestly sized

building was packed with 500 worshippers; standing room only. Geoffrey Woollatt and I enjoyed playing the recently renovated organ, which had many interesting stops although there were no pedals for the feet! Geoffrey did a wonderful job transcribing Mozart's orchestral score for that particular instrument. The children particularly enjoyed the lavish reception in the sacristy following the service.

Our most prestigious singing engagement was yet to come, that of a full evening's concert in the city's wonderful modern concert hall in the presence of the regional President, the cultural director of the city, who arranged our various events and the Portuguese Consul General in Manchester.

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The next day the coach took us down to Lisbon for a sightseeing and shopping day. During August, Anthony, Marcia and I visited Lisbon and all the other places where we were due to perform so that we could have everything checked out and organised in advance. The fact that Marcia is an native Portuguese speaker made life a whole deal easier!

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It was a wonderful evening and the Choir was on top form. We gave a more informal concert in the local music conservatoire with a Q&A session at the end. One of the students said to the Choir during the session that it was the most wonderful thing he had ever heard; we were deeply moved by his words.

Two more engagements saw our task completed and a tired but cheerful group was deposited by Ryanair in a cold Manchester one week later, we having basked in summer temperatures all week!

We have made many friends in Portugal and those friendships will continue to grow as we build a solid cultural relationship between our two cities in the future.



Another Heavenly Harvest!

Laura Henshaw, Volition Volunteer Manager

On Friday 12 October, a hardworking and committed workforce of Volition staff and volunteers bottled a grand total of 375 8oz jars of honey from the beehives on Manchester Cathedral, and a further 67 from the hives at Salford Cathedral. This is an outstanding achievement, considering that this year has been a tricky one for beekeeping, due to the long, hot summer.

Our Volition volunteers worked together well as a team, each taking on an important task and all ensuring the highest quality honey was produced.

If you would like to purchase a jar of Heavenly Honey and support Volition with moving the long-term unemployed back in to work through volunteering, please visit the online shop (www.manchestercathedralonlineshop.co.uk) or the pop-up Cards for Good Causes shop located in the Cathedral Visitor Centre.



Campaign Corner

Anthony O'Connor, Director of Fundraising and Development



Cathedral Christmas Card 2018

The 2018 Christmas card is now on sale.

Each pack contains 10 Christmas Cards featuring two designs, Manchester Cathedral in the snow (2018 card) and the Icon (2017 card).

The card can be purchased via the online shop (www.manchestercathedralonlineshop.co.uk) or from the pop-up 'Cards for Good Causes' shop which is located in the Cathedral Visitor Centre.



I am pleased to announce that the enabling works on the Embankment site to erect another tower block to sit alongside 101 Embankment are well underway. The construction works to the B1 Level of the Q Parks, will allow the slab that will support the main core of the building to be constructed has now been completed. This included services diversions and installing additional steelwork underneath the main core to support the extra load of the building.

BAM Construction has installed steel stub connections on top of the car park steel frame, that the new steelwork for the building will be fitted too, we have also carried out a 720m³ pour of concrete in the center of the building to support the central core of the which will include the stairs and 6 near Lifts.

What's next

The construction works which will be progressed over the next few months will include / have included, the erection of the tower crane during late October / November; the installation of metal decking [permanent formwork] and concrete. The steelwork frame will be being erected over the next 9 months. This month we will also see the commence on the reinstatement works involved in handing back the B1 Level of Q Parks, to allow cars to park in the area in the New Year.



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Pet Service

On Sunday 14 October we had our first Pet Service. This was an opportunity for us to give thanks for our beloved pets and service animals for the love and loyalty they show to us.

Revd Kevin Crinks, accompanied by his dog Brian, talked to us about how important it is to care for our pets and how they bring joy and fun to our lives. The date for next year's Pet Service is already in the Cathedral diary: Sunday 13 October at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you and your pet(s) there!



Epiphany Procession with Carols



On Sunday 6 January we will celebrate Epiphany with a special service of Evensong. During the service we process to different areas of the Cathedral to remind of the many sides of the Epiphany season.

We go first to the Crib, where incense is offered as a sign of our worship of Christ the divine Son of God; then to the Font, to commemorate the Baptism of the Lord and reaffirm our own baptismal promises; then on to the Nave Altar, to give thanks for the transforming grace of the Eucharist. Come and join us on this amazing journey!



Cathedral Community Shared Lunch

Following the success of our Harvest Shared Lunch, the Cathedral Community Committee is planning to have another shared lunch in February 2019. Watch this space!



The Diary December

Saturday 1 December

10.00 am
Manchester Children's Choir
7.00 pm
Alzheimer's Society's
Carols at Christmas

Sunday 2 December

12.00 noon Advent
Conversations
1.00 pm, 2.30 pm & 4.00 pm
St Ann's Hospice 'Light up a
Life' Services
5.30 pm Advent Procession

Monday 3 December

10.30 am Toddler Christmas
7.00 pm The Lord Mayor of
Manchester's Christmas Carol
Concert

Tuesday 4 December

6.15 pm Cathedral Christmas
Tree Light Switch-On
7.30 pm MedEquip4Kids
Christmas Sing-a-long

Wednesday 5 December

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 6 December

7.30 pm Henshaws Carols
by Candlelight concert

Saturday 8 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's
Choir
7.00 pm Messiah (G. F.
Handel) Concert

Sunday 9 December

12.00 noon Advent
Conversations
3.00 pm St John Ambulance
County Carol Service
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 11 December

11.30 am Greater Manchester
Chamber of Commerce Carol
Concert
7.30 pm The Children's Society
Sing for Christmas service

Saturday 15 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's
Choir
10.30 am Fellowship Group
12.00 noon Cathedral Christmas
Carol Sing-a-long
7.30 pm Family Carols Concert

Sunday 16 December

12.00 noon Advent
Conversations
7.00 pm Merry Alexmas Concert

Monday 17 December

7.30 pm Trinity High
School Carol Service

Tuesday 18 December

12 noon Eucharist for Cathedral
and Diocesan Staff
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)
7.00 pm The Christie Charity
Christmas Concert

Wednesday 19 December

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 20 December

7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm)
Royal Manchester
Children's Hospital Charity-
Christmas Carols in the City

Friday 21 December

2.30 pm Booth Centre Christmas
Carol Service
6.30 pm Prevent Breast Cancer
Christmas Celebration

Saturday 22 December

4.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm A Festival of Nine
Lessons and Carols

Monday 24 December

12.00 noon Blessing of the Crib
& Children's Nativity
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist

Tuesday 25 December

9.00am Morning Prayer & Holy
Eucharist
10.30 am Christmas Day
Eucharist
12.00 noon Evening Prayer
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)

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).

26 December 2018—7 January 2019 inc. Choir Christmas Holidays

Looking ahead December

Wednesday 26 December

11.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 27 & Friday 28 December

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

Saturday 29 December

9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Eucharist
4.30 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm Viennese Christmas by Candlelight

26 December 2018-7 January 2019 inc.

Choir Christmas Holidays
Please note: during the school holidays evening services are said. All said services are at 4.30 pm.



Staff member for December

Jon Moxham
Worship and Music Administrator

What is your favourite film?

Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe.

What music do you like?

Opera, Jazz, Dance definitely not Church music!

Do you have any hobbies?

Landscape gardening.

What was the last book you enjoyed?

The Romanovs

Do you play an instrument?

Yes Piano.

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

Fosdinovo- Italy

Do you have any pets?

Yes 2 white cats- Elizabeth Taylor and Debbie Reynolds

Tell us something unusual/interesting or funny about yourself.

My great great uncle was Bombardier Billy Wells who bangs the gong on the Rank Films.

Looking ahead January

Tuesday 1 January-New Year's Day

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

Wednesday 2 January

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Tuesday 8 January

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group meeting

Thursday 10 January

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 12 January

10.00 am Manchester's Vintage Weigh & Pay Fair

Wednesday 16 January

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 19 January

11.00 am Coffee Concert

Thursday 24 January

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Friday 25 January

7.00 pm DHP Presents Matt Corby

Saturday 26 January

10.00 am Manchester's Craft & Flea Market
10.30 am Cathedral Journaling Group

Tuesday 29 January

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group meeting

Wednesday 30 January

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Exhibitions

Admission to all our exhibitions is free.

Journeys art project with Manchester Airport
11 September - 31 December

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Christmas 2018

at Manchester Cathedral

Christmas Carol Sing-along

Saturday 15 December, 12 noon to 1.30pm
(informal - just turn up and stay as long as you like)

Family Carols

Saturday 15 December, 7.30pm
www.familycarols2018.eventbrite.co.uk
Tickets £10 (£8)

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 22 December, 7.30pm
www.ninelessons2018.eventbrite.co.uk

Blessing of the Crib with Children's Nativity

Christmas Eve, 12 noon

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day, 10.30am

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