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# Christian support and faith sharing

By the time this article appears, **I will have travelled to the Diocese of Lahore, Pakistan.** Our two dioceses have a formal link and we have already had several exchange visits between lay members and clergy. Our diocesan Education Department has made special visits to Lahore to assist with their Church schools and I have been part of a small delegation involved in retreats, preaching at their Cathedral and seeking to strengthen our links. Given our large Pakistani Christian community in Greater Manchester it is rather apt for our relationship to be deepened.

There is so much we can offer each other in Christian support and faith sharing. A few years ago I was able to send a gift to the Diocese of Lahore in the wake of a fatal terrorist attack on a few congregations there. This gift helped survivors who were receiving ongoing medical treatment.

Christians in a number of Asian and African countries suffer terrible persecution, often because of their links with the west. Syrian, Nigerian and Asian Christians are often targeted. We are called to pray and to support them in their witness for Christ.

I hope that my visit will deepen our link with Lahore Cathedral, and that in due time the Dean may be able to visit us and share in Christian fellowship with us. Please do pray for the Diocese of Lahore and their Cathedral community. I will share some photos of my visit in next month's issue.

**Rogers Govender**

# Lent Journey

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor

**I love travelling and visiting new places. For me the journey itself is as exciting and interesting as the destination.**

Whether I am on an 11-hour plane trip to Brazil or on the number 17 bus coming to work, I always find that I learn something new about myself and others. I read, reflect and observe people, wondering about their connection or disconnection with each other, and my reaction to all of it.

It's quite strange, I'm surrounded by people and yet it feels like solitude. I keep finding God in unexpected places. This should not surprise me really, as this is God's world and our incarnate God is always present.

We often use the language of journey in relation to our faith, and the Lent journey is almost upon us. On it, we are invited to slow down and be attentive to the world outside and inside us, to observe, reflect, learn and change in a way that brings us closer to God.

Canon David Holgate and I would like to invite you to share your Lent journey with us and join us in the Library, after the 10:30am Sunday Service, for our Lent Conversations. This year we will be using another booklet from the Pilgrim Series as a guide: Church & Kingdom.

Whether you are joining our Lent Conversation sessions or doing your own private Lent reflections or both, may your Lent journey be one of discovery and spiritual growth.

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# The Ferguson Lecture and associated Cathedral Event, 2 March 2017

The University of Manchester and Manchester Cathedral invite you to two Ferguson Lecture events by Professor David Ford of Cambridge University.

**'Introducing Scriptural Reasoning - An Interfaith Practice for Our Time'**, 2 March 2017, noon-1 pm, at Manchester Cathedral, followed by a light lunch.

An introduction to the practice of Scriptural Reasoning, in which small groups of Jews, Christians and Muslims study and discuss short texts from Tanakh, Bible and Qur'an together.

**'A Wisdom of Surprise - Thought, Action, and Amazement at God'**, 2 March 2017, 4 pm, in the Graduate School Conference Room, C1.18, Ellen Wilkinson building, University of Manchester.

Surprises are part of life and the Bible is about a God of surprises. This lecture proposes a spirituality and ethic of wisdom-seeking and daring improvisation for the twenty-first century.

# Street Pastors in Piccadilly

Natalie Chen, Manchester Street Pastors



An estimated 100,000 people visit the city centre every weekend. Since mid-2011, Street Pastors, together with teams of Street Angels and Village Angels, have helped to ensure the welfare of people on the streets at night.

At 1am one night, we saw a young girl walking alone. We asked if she was okay but she hurried past us, seeming to be upset. Market Street was empty. We were concerned about her safety and followed at a distance.

She stopped to speak to a couple of ladies but then carried on alone. A Street Pastor approached her and said, 'We are street pastors we're here to help.' She was visiting Manchester

and was trying to find her way back to Piccadilly Station. We offered to walk her there. She had been drinking, her phone was dead and as she'd missed the last train home, she planned to spend the night at the station.

We walked with her unsure of what we would do when we got to the station, but certain that we couldn't leave her alone. We stopped at a hotel on the way and explained to the door supervisor that she was stuck. The manager invited her to come and sit in the lounge. Staff offered her a phone charger and a hot chocolate and said she could stay there until the morning.

We were so pleased to ensure her safety and thanked God for the kind people of Manchester.



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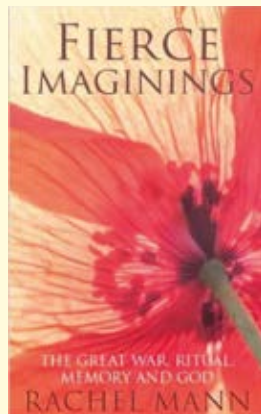
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# Book Launch: Fierce Imaginings: The Great War, Ritual, Memory and God

Rachel Mann, Poet in Residence

My new book, **Fierce Imaginings: The Great War, Ritual, Memory and God** will be launched at the Cathedral on 9 March 2017 at 7pm. The book examines the meaning of the Great War for faith and identity in a post-Brexit world. Mark Oakley, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral, calls the book, 'an intelligent, personal and provocative study of human identity,' while poet Michael Symmons Roberts has called it, 'an astonishing book.' In his Foreword, Rowan Williams calls Fierce Imaginings 'Exceptional...the most searching and original book I've read about the impact of the First World War on the faith and myths of this country.'

**The book will be available for a special launch price of £10. All welcome.**



# Devotional

Albert Radcliffe

## Saint of the Month 25 March Lady Day



**Before 1752, when the Julian calendar was replaced by the Gregorian, New Year's Day fell on 25 March, Lady Day, the Feast of the Annunciation. That gave a very different feel and atmosphere to the seasons and feasts that we know today. The reason why Lady Day marked the beginning of the year was because in AD 525, when this dating system was devised, the Age of Grace was reckoned to have begun at the conception of Jesus and not his birth.**

To this day, Lady Day remains one of the four secular Quarter Days, when many rents are due. Under the old Julian calendar, it was also the beginning of the tax year. But when eleven days were lost in the 1752 change of calendar, the date adjusted so that the tax year now begins on 6 April.

In Christian spirituality, the primary focus of the Annunciation to Mary was on her obedience in accepting the announcement of the angel Gabriel. She replied, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word.'

From the time of St Benedict (480-547), and especially since that of St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), those in religious orders have taken the threefold vows of Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. But what does obedience mean for those of us who are who are not members of a religious order, and who live in highly individualistic times today? Unquestioning obedience is no longer expected in the armed forces and, in a democracy, Christian conscience may oblige disobedience of lawful authority. All of which can complicate matters enormously where Christian integrity is concerned. One solution would be for more open, public discussion of contemporary spiritual and moral issues, especially in our congregations.

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Winter Series 2017



## Coffee Concerts

Saturday 11 March 2017, 11am

Holly Marland (Kora)

*Talented singer, kora player and composer, Holly Marland is widely acclaimed for her engagement with diverse audiences and is passionate about music's role in society. Holly returns to the Cathedral with brand new material, composed as part of her Soundspaces project at Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.*

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Admission is free; there will be a retiring collection for Cathedral music

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# New Canons

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In recognition of their service to the Diocese of Manchester, the following have recently been appointed Canons of the Cathedral:

## Honorary Canons

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### **The Revd Canon Lisa Battye**

Lisa Battye has served all her ordained ministry in the Diocese of Manchester. In 2002 she was appointed as the Rector of St Paul, Kersal Moor and, for the last four years, has been Area Dean of Salford. 2015 saw her election to the General Synod. Lisa takes an active lead in Jewish-Christian dialogue.

### **The Revd Canon Andrea Jones**

Andrea Jones was ordained in 2010. Her prior work in the constituency office of an MP and her service as a local councillor helps inform her role as Borough Dean. In 2013 she became Rector of the Good Shepherd and St Barnabas, Manchester. Andrea has contributed much to various diocesan groups, and is a reviewer for diocesan Ministerial Development Review programme.



### **The Revd Canon Cathy Nightingale**

Cathy Nightingale, ordained in 2001, is one of very few profoundly Deaf (British Sign Language user) priests in the Church of England and has served in hearing parishes and deaf churches. She has been an observer for the Deaf Church at the General Synod. Since 2015 she has been working as Chaplain serving the needs of the Deaf community.

### **The Revd Canon Falak Sher**

Falak Sher, Priest-in-Charge of The Ascension, Hulme and St Werburgh, Chorlton since 2014, came to the UK from Pakistan in 1998 for major surgery following a diving accident. He has been a priest for 13 years, working especially with the Pakistani and wider Muslim communities, and building friendships with ethnic communities across Greater Manchester. He supports Ugandan Christians who worship at The Ascension, and is regularly invited to preach and pray in mosques.

## Lay Canons

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### **Canon Ghazala Adman**

Ghazala Adman is married to the Revd Fayaz Adman of this Diocese, who lost 18 members of his extended family in a suicide bomb attack at All Saints' Church, Peshawar, in 2013. Ghazala played an important part in the appeal her husband organised to support that devastated community and spent a considerable time nursing seriously injured victims in Taxila Christian hospital and organising after-care in Peshawar.

### **Canon Cath Hilton**

Cath Hilton, a retired teacher, was appointed the Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union in 2013. Her innovative "Just up your street" scheme is an umbrella over many small local projects encouraging Mothers' Union members to work with clergy to see what the needs are in their own communities, and how MU members could help to develop loving personal relationships and transform communities. She is a relief organist, sings in the Cathedral voluntary choir, trains music groups and choirs and helps lead a Café Church. She is a Bishop's nominee on Diocesan Synod.

### **Canon Alison Peacock**

Alison Peacock began working for the diocese in 2000, and is nationally recognised for her work with Geographic Information Systems. She has made an outstanding contribution to the effective planning of church processes and partnerships. The quality of her statistics and maps has reinforced the Church's position as a credible partner with the public sector and voluntary and community groups. Alison has contributed to the national Faith in Research Days, the Poverty Commission, the Hope not Hate Campaign and many other projects for the diocese and our partners. She leads the Transforming Communities Team.



## Ecumenical Canon

### **The Revd Canon Graham Sparkes**

Graham Sparkes is a Baptist minister. Since 2011, he has been President of Luther King House, the Christian interdenominational educational college in south Manchester. He teaches about Christian spirituality, focusing on the relationship between faith and art, and is the co-author of *God and the Art of Seeing*. As well as serving in two pastorates, Graham has been an Ecumenical Officer for the Baptist Union of Great Britain and his canonry recognises his significant contribution to ecumenism in Manchester.



## Distinguished Canons

### **The Revd Canon Professor Leslie Francis**

Leslie Francis is one of the Church's foremost researchers. He has held professorial positions in Wales and England and currently holds a chair at Warwick University. He is a leading advocate for the use of empirical methods in understanding Christian belief and behaviour, applying research in the social sciences and statistics to theology. He has also written the popular *Teddy Horsley* series of books to explain Anglican worship and practice to younger children. He supports the Diocese of Manchester in the analysis of the annual Clergy Wellbeing Survey.

### **The Revd Canon Professor Kenneth Newport**

Kenneth Newport is a distinguished academic, with research interests in New Testament studies. In addition, he is currently editing the letters of Charles Wesley. Having taught at the Universities of Manchester and St Andrews, and in Hong Kong, Kenneth is now a Pro Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool Hope University. He was recently awarded the prestigious degree of Doctorate of Divinity by Oxford University. Kenneth is an associate priest at Bolton Parish Church.

# Fundraising & Development Annual Report 2016

Anthony O'Connor, Director of Fundraising & Development

I am delighted to report a movement in 2016 of **+£708,043** in the Manchester Cathedral Development Trust and a total of **£1,011,527** towards the various MCDP initiatives and the operational running of the Cathedral. The MCDP total now stands at **£10,378,730**.

### **Events & Visitor Donations**

The year's events income was £122,833. In 2016 the Cathedral gave spaces free of charge to 43 events, in-kind support equivalent to £130,000. In turn, non-commercial events such as art exhibitions allow us to offer a diverse and engaging visitor programme. The year's visitor donations **increased by 50% on 2015 to £61,621**.

### **Capital Projects**

The voicing of the organ is due to be completed for Easter 2017. The new suite of furniture will be delivered during Holy Week and consecrated at the Easter Day Eucharist – all of our donors are warmly invited to attend. We have received a grant award of **£500,000** from the WW1 Fund for repairs to the tower. Further fundraising

will be undertaken for the remaining £250k. We are also delighted to confirm that Light Perceptions are developing the lighting design for CFCE approval.

### **Community Development**

Working with the City Council, Volition also now operates at the Cenotaph in St Peter's Square and the operational staff team has grown to four. We continue to work in partnership with Medieval Quarter neighbours and the City Council on the development of our area.

### **2017 onwards**

Look out for the exciting projects planned for 2017 and beyond, especially as we look towards the 600th anniversary of our foundation as a collegiate church in 2021.



# Cathedral Children's Corner

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor



We are very lucky to have a number of young families at our 10:30am Sunday Sung Eucharist and it is always a joy to welcome them to the cathedral community.

To make the children welcome, every Sunday a team of very supportive and willing volunteers sets up the Children's Corner, where the children learn something about the Christian faith through craft activities that relate to the Gospel reading of the day. Their work is usually displayed on the noticeboard nearby after the service. Do have a look before you leave.

Let me introduce three of our volunteers: Helen, Pauline and Judith, who together have many years' experience of working with children. Helen Bamping was a child minder and Sunday School superintendent. Pauline Dimond is a former registered Pre-school learning alliance leader at St. James Parish Church and feels that she can empathize with parents as she had difficulty keeping her very active son occupied

during services when he was a toddler. Judith Walsh was a school governor and Sunday School superintendent for many years. Like Helen and Pauline, Judith volunteered to help because she feels that children's work is very important and very rewarding.

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'

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# Looking ahead **March**

**Wednesday 1 March-  
Ash Wednesday**  
12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer  
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

**Thursday 2 March**  
12.00 noon The Samuel Ferguson Lecture  
6.30 pm The Gin Society Festival

**Friday 3 March**  
9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session  
6.30 pm The Gin Society Festival

**Saturday 4 March**  
10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
10.30 am Christian Meditation session  
6.30 pm The Gin Society Festival

**Sunday 5 March**  
11.50 am Lent Conversations Session

**Tuesday 7 March**  
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group  
6.30 pm Exhibition Launch: 'Sentence' by artist Alan O'Cain and 'What Feminist Theologians Say' by artist Mei Yuk Wong

**Thursday 9 March**  
12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer  
1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert  
7.00 pm Book Launch: 'Fierce Imaginings: The GreatWar, Ritual, Symbol and God' by Rachel Mann

**Friday 10 March**  
9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

**Saturday 11 March**  
10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
11.00 am Coffee Concert; Holly Marland (Kora)  
3.00 pm Be A Chorister For A Day (BACFAD)

**Sunday 12 March**  
11.50 am Lent Conversations Session

**Wednesday 15 March**  
12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

**Friday 17 March**  
9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

**Sunday 19 March**  
11.50 am Lent Conversations Session

**Friday 24 March**  
9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

**Saturday 25 March**  
10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
10.00 am Mother's Day Craft Market  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer  
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist

**Sunday 26 March**  
11.50 am Lent Conversations Session

**Tuesday 28 March**  
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

**Wednesday 29 March**  
12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

**Thursday 30 March**  
1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

**Friday 31 March**  
9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

## Service Times Midweek Services

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

## Saturday Services

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion	9.00am
Evensong	5.30pm*

## Sunday Services

Matins	8.45am
Holy Communion (1662)	9.00am
Sung Eucharist	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)

31 March—8 April 2017. Chorister Easter Holiday

# Looking ahead **April**

## **Saturday 1 April**

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
10.30 am Christian Meditation session

## **Sunday 2 April**

11.50 am Lent Conversations Session

## **Monday 3 April**

10.30 am to 1.45 pm Experience Easter (family activities)

## **Tuesday 4 April**

10.30 am Experience Easter (family activities)  
1.45 pm Experience Easter (family activities)

## **Wednesday 5 April**

10.30 am Experience Easter (family activities)

## **Thursday 6 April**

7.00 pm 'So Many Beauties' Oratorio Performance

## **Friday 7 April**

9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

## **Saturday 8 April**

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir

## **Sunday 9 April - Palm Sunday**

10.30 am Procession & Sung Eucharist  
11.50 am Lent Conversations Session  
5.30 pm Music & Readings for Palm Sunday

## **Monday 10 April**

10.00 am Sung Eucharist with Blessing of the Oils and Renewal of Vows

## **Tuesday 11 April**

11.30 am Bishop of Beverley's Chrism Mass

## **Wednesday 12 April**

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

## **Thursday 13 April - Maundy Thursday**

12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.30 pm Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars & Watch

## **Friday 14 April - Good Friday**

9.00 am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion  
12.00 noon Way of the Cross (No 1.10 pm Holy Communion)  
7.30 pm Music & Readings for Good Friday

## **Saturday 15 April - Easter Eve**

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.30 pm Easter Vigil

## **Sunday 16 April - Easter Day**

10.30 am Sung Eucharist with dedication of the new Liturgical furniture  
5.30 pm Festal Evensong & Procession

## **Monday 17 April - Easter Monday**

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

## **Tuesday 18 April**

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

## **Friday 21 April**

9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

## **Saturday 22 April**

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
3.00 pm Be A Chorister For A Day (BACFAD)

## **Sunday 23 April**

10.30 am Said Eucharist, Congregational setting  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

## **Wednesday 26 April**

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

## **Thursday 27 April**

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

## **Friday 28 April**

9.30 am SelfHelp drop-in session

## Exhibitions

Admission to all our exhibitions is free.

'Sentence' by artist Alan O'Cain  
**7 March - 23 April**

'What Feminist Theologians Say' by artist Mei Yuk Wong  
**5 - 26 March**



## Staff Member for February

**Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub Organist**

### Music

Organ & Choral Music, which does help with the job! Particularly Herbert Howells. However, a few years ago, I did go to a McBusted concert.

### Hobbies

Plane spotting and Football

### Instrument

Organ, which again is quite useful for my job! I also dabble in playing the Piano, and for a short space of time when I was much younger, I had a go at the Violin.

### Last Holiday

Bude, Cornwall.

### Pets

We have two cats, Dibley & Moose.

**Area do you live**  
Prestwich.

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# Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 11 March 2017  
Saturday 22 April 2017  
Saturday 10 June 2017  
3.00pm - 6.15pm  
at Manchester Cathedral

For Boys and Girls  
aged 7+

Meet at Chetham's School of Music  
Long Millgate, Manchester, M3 1SB

**Free of charge.**

All music will be provided.

Each child attending needs a responsible adult to be present throughout the event.

Explore the Cathedral, try on chorister robes and have a go at brass-rubbing.

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Places are limited and must be booked in advance by the previous Wednesday.  
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