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We support democracy and good government in our country

June is national election month with voters going to the polls on Thursday 8 June to choose the next government. I want to urge every person eligible to vote to please cast your ballot and participate in the electoral process. This is about good citizenship as we support democracy and good government in our country. And we also need to pray for all those standing for election in the various constituencies. Pray too that we shall have a government that takes seriously the needs of the most vulnerable in our society.

June this year is also time for our Cathedral Stewards to party! I look forward to welcoming our great team of Stewards to the summer party at the deanery on Saturday 3 June. This will give me the opportunity to express my

thanks to all these wonderful people for the help and support given to the Dean and Chapter at our services and other events.

Thank you to all my clergy colleagues for their help with leading worship and sharing in the ministry at the Cathedral. I am going to miss our Precentor Philip Barratt as he prepares to move to Bangor Cathedral in Wales. My sincere thanks to Philip for all that he has given to the Cathedral community especially in the area of worship and music. Our best wishes to Irene and Philip as they move to Bangor!

God Bless,

Rogers Govender

Roots and Homelessness

The Venerable David Sharples, Archdeacon of Salford and Residentiary Canon



My great grandfather William Sharples moved from Bacup to Manchester sometime in the 1860s to work on the railways. His descendants have lived in Manchester ever since and so you could say that I have some roots here.

William may not have been surprised to learn that his family still live in Manchester but I wonder how he – a railway engine driver - would have felt to discover that his great grandson had been made a Residentiary Canon of Manchester Cathedral? Pretty astonished I imagine.

Being a 'Residentiary' Canon implies a sense of place, of belonging. Having a residence, does give a real sense of identity and security, yet it is impossible today to walk in any direction from the Cathedral without encountering homeless people, those who today have nowhere to lay their head. We are reminded each day that we have a duty to care for, and serve, those who for whatever reason find themselves on the very margins of our society.

Manchester Cathedral has a very special place in my heart as the church where I was ordained both deacon and priest. I thank God for the privilege of serving here as a priest and I am immensely grateful for all those who welcomed me and prayed for me at my installation on 30th April. But, as I give thanks, I am very mindful that we follow the Son of Man who had nowhere to lay his head and who came not to be served but to serve.

Thy Kingdom Come – Call to Prayer and Praise

Philip Barratt, Canon Precentor and Sub Dean

Last year more than 100,000 people responded to the call of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to focus on prayer in the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost. This year, even more are expected to unite with thousands of others in praying for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

As well as entering into this period of special prayer, the Cathedral is hosting a wonderful Songs of Praise celebration on **Whit Sunday, the 4th of June**, for the people of the Diocese to come together in praise and prayer. A variety of people will offer their own faith stories and share the significance of their own choice of hymn or chorus. Do join us if you can.



Manchester Camerata

Thomas Quaye, Marketing and Communications Manager

Music in Mind is our pioneering music therapy-based programme for people living with dementia. These sessions see Camerata musicians visit care homes, community centres and hospitals to make music with people living with dementia, encouraging improvisation using percussion instruments.

It is an amazing sight to behold; willing participants gather in a communal space and the atmosphere is relaxed and cordial from the beginning. The music begins on an almost subliminal level, with the musicians giving gentle percussive offerings before participants join in at their leisure, shaking, tapping or playing whatever instrument they have to hand. The ineffable power of music is evident, the room now instantly united in this impromptu jam session, where the only aims are to keep playing for the fun of it and to communicate through the music-making. Vibrant melodies form almost instantly and the pleasure this elicits is plain to see on all faces.

Music in Mind shows us the unique ability of music to remind us of our truest self, and that music is within all of us. It is this fact that makes these sessions so poignant: to retain a sense of self through music is one of our best weapons against the disease of dementia.

Manchester Camerata bring their incredible season to a close with The Playoff here at Manchester Cathedral on Thursday 8 June, with a world premiere of Colin Riley's Double Concerto for Two Cellos.



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Poem

By Rachel Mann

Burial Rites

We kill ourselves to propagate our kind – John Donne

Always a moonless night, headlights off,
walking the last few miles to be safe.

I search for the spot I marked
with a scratch of knife twenty years before,

I take tape measure and spirit level,
dig the soil to check you haven't shifted an inch.

Each year that heart-skip flutter as I lift the lid,
expecting you to be gone, escaped bones

worshipped as a god in Pondicherry,
feted as miracle in Accra,

or the worst – your furious step three feet
behind mine on Market Street or Oxford Road,

your breath on my neck,
your words: *we need to talk*.

Peace and Unity: Our Manchester – Our Communities



Alison Rowland, PA to the Dean



The Sacred Sounds Women's Choir sang beautifully at last year's 'Peace and Unity' event.

On **Sunday 23 July 2017** Manchester Cathedral will host a very special event entitled 'Peace and Unity: Our Manchester – Our Communities' in and around the Cathedral from **1.00pm-4.00pm**. This event is a follow-up to the hugely successful 'Peace and Unity: One Community' event which took place in July 2016 at Manchester Town Hall.

This year's multi-faith/ community event aims to bring people together to celebrate our cultural diversity in prayer, song, poetry, chanting and dance with a summer fair atmosphere. Entertainment during the afternoon will take place both inside the Cathedral as well as outside on the South lawns (weather permitting!). Entertainment will include guest speakers, superb musical performances, an interactive Bhangra dance led by Prajyoti Madhusudan of the Pushpanjali Dance Company (she will be teaching the dance during the afternoon), activities for families including a story

tent with different stories throughout the event, three giant puppets who 'say good things, do good things and think good thoughts', origami crafts, a Sufi circle of chanting and whirling. Refreshments will also be available, together with community information stands and a special display tree where you can write your own 'Dreams for Manchester'. It promises to be an exciting afternoon of fun, food and fellowship promoting peace amongst the many communities in Greater Manchester.



Peace and Unity Tree – your chance to write your 'Dreams for Manchester' at this year's event.

The Very Reverend Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester, will officially open this special event which has been organised by the 'Peace and Unity' planning group which is comprised of representatives from Manchester Cathedral, Manchester City Council and faith and community groups across Greater Manchester with support from Buddha's Light International Association (BLIA), Faith Network for Manchester (FN4M), Muslim Engagement and Development (MEND), the Sikh community, The Jewish Representative Council, the Hindu community, Manchester Council of Mosques, The Muslim Jewish Forum and the Centre for Spirituality and Cultural Advancement (Sufi community) amongst others.

“This is an exciting community/interfaith initiative and will build and celebrate relationships in our wonderfully diverse city of Manchester. In this election Year for a new Mayor, and a new Parliament let us make our contribution to peace building and encouraging friendships in our city!”

People of all faiths or none are welcome to attend this exciting community event. Free entry.

Come celebrate with us!
#WeStandTogether



Spontaneous dancing for joy broke out during the Urdu-Christian performance at last year's 'Peace and Unity' event – the video footage went viral with 10,000+ hits on social media!

The Printworks Garden Project

Tony Maunder, Cathedral Volunteer Programme Coordinator

Volition is running brilliantly, with 20 participants a week currently on the programme. With the weather perking up, we have been able to prepare the Printworks rooftop garden for summer by planting rhubarb, onions, pumpkins and chilli plants to name a few.

The garden project has proven a really useful tool to help our participants deal with stress and mental health issues as it is located out of the way, in a quiet and relaxed setting.

Our Dean, Rogers Govender, has allocated some space in the grounds of the Cathedral to us to plant vegetables that our volunteers can tend. And we are in the process of ordering the Silky chickens that will be rehomed in their coop next to the rooftop garden.

So watch this space for our next project!



Spring/Summer 2017

Manchester Cathedral

Coffee Concerts

Saturday 17 June 2017, 11am
8 Cellos
After a lively and popular performance in 2015, 8 Cellos return to the Cathedral with an equally riveting programme. With diverse playing careers as soloists, they come together as performers through a love of the cello.

Saturday 22 July 2017, 11am
The Melia Duo
Performing at the Cathedral a programme of works utilising saxophone, vibraphone, and multi-percussion, this award-winning duo love to take on the challenge of arranging and adapting repertoire themselves, which has led to a number of commissions due to be premiered throughout 2017.

All concerts take place at Manchester Cathedral
 Tea, coffee and cake will be available
 Admission is free: there will be a retiring collection for Cathedral music
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A Special Ending

Karen Beal, Diocesan Children's Work Officer



We are privileged to have **191 Church of England schools** within the Diocese of Manchester. Visiting them is always a pleasure, from Canon Maurice Smith's pilgrimage around the primary schools (which took three years in total), to the Youth Officer and Children's Officer's visits to lead Collective Worship.

One of the highlights of the year is during the summer, when Manchester Cathedral plays host to the Year 6 Leavers' Services for the Diocesan family of primary schools. These are always wonderful occasions as, in total, around 3,000 pupils gather,

along with staff from the schools, to celebrate their years at CE primary schools, to give thanks for all those who served and cared for them, and to look forward to new challenges and adventures at secondary school.

Every year we explore a different theme. In 2016 we considered the Servant Queen and the King she serves, and the example which HM Queen Elizabeth sets for us as the country celebrated her 90th birthday. We were honoured that the Queen's representative, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester, Mr Warren Smith, joined us as and spoke at each service.

This year we will remember Jesus' promise that he came to bring each of us 'Life in all its fullness,' looking at the Christian values of Compassion, Justice and Wisdom. Pupils from various schools will make presentations on these values, presentations that will be different in every service. It is always interesting to see how inventive and creative our schools are.

As always, the pupils will lead us in prayers and readings and Bishop Mark Davies will offer words of inspiration and oversee the now traditional and legendary relay race around the Cathedral, in which pupils pass on the baton of faith, hope and love.

We also hear some very honest stories from Year 7 pupils about how they felt as they moved from Year 6 to high school and about some of the challenges and opportunities they faced. This year their contributions will reflect the compassion, wisdom and justice that is brought to fruition in our CE High Schools.

It's wonderful to be involved in these services and see the Cathedral filled with children. We're always grateful for the enthusiasm of all those involved in planning and taking part. We also appreciate the generous help of the Cathedral staff. And so it is with a sense of excitement that we look forward to the services in June and gathering together once again as our Manchester Diocesan CE Primary School family.



Cathedral Community Experience Easter

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor and Pam Elliott, Education Officer

It took us months of planning: we needed at least 3 activities for each of the six craft tables and all the materials that went with them, we needed enough volunteers to help us run the sessions, we needed space at the Cathedral where we could do it, and of course we needed people to come! People did come, over 200 came and made our first Manchester Cathedral Experience Easter a huge success!

We started on Monday 3 April with a training session for our volunteers – a big thank you to them for all their help and support. Our first session took place Monday afternoon, followed by two sessions on Tuesday, and the final one Wednesday morning.

It was not only the children and their families who enjoyed it. Two groups of adults with learning disabilities came, a French and a Hungarian teacher walked through the stations,

making notes to take back to their respective countries and adapt for use in their schools and some overseas visitors joined in the fun too.

This is what some of the parents and children had to say about the event:

Thank you, the children really enjoyed the morning. It's important that they learn what Easter is all about.

I didn't expect it to be this busy! Very glad we came.

When is the next one?

We are already planning Experience Christmas! Watch this space!

Looking ahead June

Saturday 3 June

10.30 am Christian Meditation session
12.00 noon Lunchtime Concert by Simply Voices

Sunday 4 June

3.00 pm Pentecost Songs of Praise Service

Monday 5 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Wednesday 7 June

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 8 June

12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer
7.30 pm Manchester Camerata: The Play Off

Saturday 10 June

10.00 am Cathedral Fellowship of Widowed People
10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
12.00 noon We Are One! Ecumenical Walk & Worship
3.00 pm Be A Chorister For A Day (BACFAD)

Sunday 11 June

2.00 pm Talk: 'Around Manchester' by Nigel Barlow
2.00 pm Tour: A History etched in Stained Glass (free)

Monday 12 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Thursday 15 June

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi

Saturday 17 June

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
11.00 am Coffee Concert: 8 Cellos
1.00 pm Tour: From Henry V to the Fun Lovin Criminals: A backstage tour

Sunday 18 June

3.30 pm Celebration of Reader Ministry Service

Monday 19 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 20 June

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 21 June

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 24 June

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
2.30 pm Ordination of Priests

Sunday 25 June

10.30 am Sung Eucharist - with anointing and laying on of hands during Communion
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Manchester Cathedral Occasional Singers

Monday 26 June

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Thursday 29 June

2.30 pm Chetham's School of Music Prizegiving and Leaver's Service

Friday 30 June

5.30 pm Broken Shells: A Medieval Sea Story A shortplay by Daisy Black

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)

26 May - 4 June 2017 Chorister Half Term
10 July - 4 Sept 2017 Chorister Summer holiday

Looking ahead July

Saturday 1 July

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

Sunday 2 July

10.30 am Ordination of Deacons

Monday 3 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 4 July

7.00 pm Manchester International Festival presents BONOBO

Wednesday 5 July

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 8 July

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir
2.30 pm Saying Goodbye Service

Sunday 9 July

10.30 am Sparkle in the Cathedral!

Monday 10 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 11 July

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 13 July

12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer

Monday 17 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Wednesday 19 July

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 22 July

11.00 am Coffee Concert: The Melia Duo
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Choir of Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon

Sunday 23 July

10.30 am Eucharist sung by Choir of Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon
1.00 pm Peace and Unity public event
5.30 pm Evensong sung by Choir of Holy Trinity, Stratford upon Avon

Monday 24 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Tuesday 25 July

10.00 am & 2.00 pm Terrific Tuesday

Monday 31 July

9.30 am SelfHelp; Improving Mental Health

Exhibitions

Admission to all our exhibitions is free.

'Read Manchester' Bookbenches
14 July-31 August



Staff member for June

Philip Barratt,
Canon Precentor

What is your favourite film?

Into Greater Silence followed a close second by Muppet Christmas Carol.

Do you have any hobbies?

Playing music is my main hobby (trad blues and trad folk). I have recently played regularly with a Blues Brothers Cover Band and a trad Irish Band. I enjoy photography and walking, especially near our family home in North Wales.

What was the last book you enjoyed?

Cider with Rosie (re-read from years ago!) I collated a music score for a play of the book at Oldham Coliseum Theatre many years ago.

Do you play an instrument?

I play piano, a variety of "squeezeboxes" and bass guitar.

Do you have any pets?

An old rescue cat named Oli.

Tell us something unusual/interesting or funny about yourself.

I used to play the piano for a famous pop singer, and I speak Welsh!

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