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## #GOD with US: Your Christmas journey

#GOD with US is the theme of the Church of England's campaign this Christmas. We will have the opportunity to reflect on this theme during Advent and beyond. It is an important theme in our Christian faith as we celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, Jesus Christ. Jesus is God with us, God who takes on a human face. This informs the Church's theology and understanding of mission, that is, we are to be an incarnational presence in the world. This means that we are not divorced from the everyday challenges of life and that at Christmas we celebrate God's presence and God's power to transform life into all the fullness of God.

There are so many challenges as we move into 2018. As we face them, both personal and corporate, we need to recognise that we do not move into

the New Year alone. The Holy Spirit is with us and this brings comfort and confidence as we wrestle with the needs of the society in which we live.

My prayer is that we celebrate the birth of our Lord may we be ever conscious of God's presence with us in the year ahead.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and your loved ones!

### Rogers Govender

p.s. #GOD with US booklets, with reflections from Advent 1 to New Year's Day, will be available in the Cathedral. For more information, please visit: [churchofengland.org/Christmas](http://churchofengland.org/Christmas).

## Hurting at Christmas

The Venerable David Sharples, Archdeacon of Salford

The writer Julian Barnes once referred to the United States as the place where 'emotional optimism is a constitutional duty'. Oddly enough, this makes me think of Christmas. We can be made to feel that happiness is compulsory at Christmas; that it is a time when we are supposed to feel full of joy and gladness, surrounded by a loving family and children.

The reality can be all too different. At Christmas we also tend to look back not only to the magical childhood memories of Christmas past (if we are fortunate to have such memories) but the year which is drawing to a close. This year, Manchester has been overshadowed by the horrific bombing and loss of life on 22 May and we will be particularly mindful of the relatives and loved ones of those who were killed and injured. You too may have experienced personal loss in the last year, and of course this may be felt more keenly at Christmas. We may even feel guilty if we cannot enter into what we might think of as 'the spirit of Christmas'.



In truth, life can hurt so much more at Christmas and yet this festival is not about 'emotional optimism' but hope. 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us'. If it hurts more at Christmas, if you feel left behind among all the jollity, remember that at Christmas we celebrate the fact that we have seen the glory of the Word made flesh, God in Christ, 'the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth' and that he is with you in the hurt, the poignancy and the pain.

# Cathedral Christmas Cards

The 2017 Cathedral Christmas card is now on sale at St Denys' Bookshop and via the online Cathedral shop. This year's card features a photograph of the Icon of St Mary, one of five icons designed by Kamelia Konstantinova which were installed at Manchester Cathedral in November 2015. The photograph was taken by Derrick May, Cathedral Head Verger.

## Heavenly Honey

Did you know that you can buy 'Heavenly Honey' produced by the 300,000 bees that live on our roof?

Shop online:  
[www.manchestercathedralonlineshop.co.uk](http://www.manchestercathedralonlineshop.co.uk)



# Jewish Living Experience Exhibition



Pam Elliott, Education Officer

**Tuesday 16 January to Thursday 25 January 2018 (Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 4.30pm and Sunday 1pm to 4pm)**

This January, hundreds of Manchester schoolchildren and members of the public will be learning about the Jewish way of life by visiting the Jewish Living Experience Exhibition at Manchester Cathedral.

The travelling exhibition - aimed primarily at school groups, but open to all - enables

visitors to gain an insight into Judaism as a living faith. Visitors are encouraged to explore the exhibition on their own, while trained guides are on hand to explain topics and answer questions.

School groups can extend their visit by booking a **Cathedral:explored!** trail.

Please email [pam.elliott@manchestercathedral.org](mailto:pam.elliott@manchestercathedral.org) for further details.

# Manchester Cathedral Needs You

**From parish church to cathedral, this magnificent building has celebrated its community, welcomed visitors and shared its stories for centuries.**

Alongside the services which take place daily you may be surprised to learn what a busy place Manchester Cathedral is. Our profile as a heritage attraction and one of the city's key cultural hubs has risen considerably over the last few years, enhanced by a dazzling array of events and concerts including citywide science, history and literature festivals.

We have a brilliant team of over one hundred committed volunteers but we are so busy that we need more help.

Volunteering roles include: welcoming visitors, guiding, stewarding at services, serving refreshments at services and public events, flower arranging, needlework, bell-ringing, cleaning our special silver and brass and singing on Sunday evening services with our wonderful Voluntary Choir. We also need people to support the work of our Education Officer with schools.

If you would like to volunteer with a friend or partner, we can ensure that you are both allocated the same duties and time slot. We warmly welcome applications from people of all faiths and none.

Interested? Get in touch for more information and an informal chat via the email addresses below.

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Manchester Baroque  
presents

Manchester  
Cathedral

# Messiah

G F Handel

Featuring the new Stoller Organ  
built by Kenneth Tickell & Co  
Manchester Cathedral Choir  
Nicola Howard, Soprano  
Geoffrey Woollatt, Conductor  
Christopher Stokes, Organ

Tickets £25 and £15

Available [www.mancathmessiah.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.mancathmessiah.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Saturday 9 December 2017**

**7.00 pm** *Please note the  
early start time*

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## Saint of the Month 6 December

Nicholas  
Bishop of Myra, ca. 326

Albert Radcliffe



Although St Nicholas is one of the most popular and venerated of saints, less is known of him than almost any other. There is no evidence of him attending the Council of Nicaea (AD 325) or of him being in prison during the reign of the Emperor Diocletian (AD 284-305). All that is known about him are miracle stories and the story of his corpse being moved from Myra, now in south west Turkey, to Bari in Italy.

The most famous of the stories is about his paying the dowries of three young girls by throwing bags of gold through their window by night to save them from prostitution. This is said to be the origin of the three golden balls of a pawnbroker's sign. He is also said to have brought back to life three boys murdered in a brine tub by a butcher.

For reasons that are not at all clear, his cult became immensely popular and his patronage was sought for all manner of good causes, so that he became the patron saint of, among

other things: Aberdeen, archers, brewers, broadcasters, children, coopers, the falsely accused, fishermen, Greece and its navy, Liverpool, merchants, pharmacists, Russia- and sailors. Churches dedicated to him were often built on the coast as aids to navigation, as in the case of St Nicholas, Liverpool.

Thanks mostly to the Americans, the saint's deepest and most lasting effect, however, is seen at Christmas where St Nicholas as Santa Klaas has become Father Christmas, the climber-down of countless chimneys. This process of secularisation shows the strength of his cult.

It's difficult to know what lessons we can draw from all this. Perhaps he should become the patron saint of our modern view of 'acts of kindness', whether random or specific.

# Manchester Cathedral Radio

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Mike Shaft, Presenter, BBC Radio Manchester and Cathedral Radio



**For the past 15 years I have been presenting the Sunday Breakfast programme on BBC Radio Manchester. The programme includes interviews, Thoughts for the Week, inspiring stories of coming to faith and much, much more, along with some wonderful Gospel music and a selection of inspirational songs.**

A while ago I was invited by the Dean to join the Cathedral Council for Manchester Cathedral. This means that I attend regular meetings of the Council and other functions at the Cathedral. At the end of one of these meetings back in 2016, The Dean asked me why we couldn't have a Cathedral Radio station. I told him we could. So he said, 'Well make it happen then.'

And so it was that we launched a pop-up station on DAB in the Manchester area in the run-up to Christmas 2016. We were on the air for six weeks and provided some wonderful entertainment including, interviews, testimonies, Bible readings, great Gospel music and a whole lot more.

During the summer of 2017 we were contacted by FLAME CCR, who were launching on DAB in Manchester, about the possibility of providing a two-hour programme for them each Sunday evening between 10pm and midnight. And so began another wonderful journey.

The programme broadcast on 12 November featured a report-back on the Cathedral's 'Modern Slavery - Protecting Vulnerable People' event, including interviews, presentations and some wonderful music.

Over the past couple of months we have had some truly amazing programmes including interviews with the Dean of Manchester, the Revd Hayley Matthews, Rev Kevin Tyson from Miami, Florida and with the winners of the Manchester Cathedral Photographic Competition and the Manchester Cathedral Poetry Competition as well. I have also had the great pleasure of interviewing the new Poet in Residence at the Cathedral, Andrew Rudd.

As well as our amazing interviews and great music, Cathedral Radio enables us to report on some of the major events taking place at the Cathedral. Recently these have included The '500th Anniversary of the Reformation' Service with a wonderful sermon by Rev Fleur Houston. We were also able to report back on the Climate Change Conference, and broadcast the 2017 Bishop Wickham Lecture by the Rev Professor John Swinton on Reimagining Dementia.

You can listen to Manchester Cathedral Radio every Sunday evening at 10pm on FLAME CCR on DAB in Manchester, on medium wave in the Chester and Wirral areas, and of course online around the world on TuneIn radio.

Our listen-again facilities can be accessed worldwide via MixCloud: [https://www.mixcloud.com/Manchester\\_Cathedral/](https://www.mixcloud.com/Manchester_Cathedral/).

Our Christmas station will launch on Sunday 3 December and will be on air until Sunday 14 January 2018.

We would love to hear what you think of Manchester Cathedral Radio. Please email your feedback to [radio@manchestercathedral.org](mailto:radio@manchestercathedral.org).

We do hope you enjoy our innovative programming. Let's make it better and better!



# La Nativité

Christopher Stokes, Organist and Master of the Choristers

**On Friday 2 February 2018 following the 5.30pm Candlemas Sung Eucharist, Organist and Master of the Choristers, Christopher Stokes will perform La Nativité by Olivier Messiaen, on the Stoller Organ.**

According to Messiaen, La Nativité du Seigneur represented a musical coming-of-age for the young composer. The organ became for Messiaen a self-contained orchestra, capable of endless variety and limitless expression, but also transcended the orchestra in terms of the possibilities of duration, resonance, and timbre. Timbre, in fact, is central to the work, and, as musicologist John Milsom points out, what appears on paper to be music dominated by melodic and harmonic concerns within a carefully constructed contrapuntal texture

instead turns into 'flashes of color and light... an astonishing display of fireworks' when performed. The work consists of nine 'meditations,' foreshadowing the symbolic nine-movement structure of the Méditations sur le mystère de la Sainte Trinité of 1969. Musically La Nativité is significant, for it represents the first explicit use of Messiaen's famous chromatic modes, the 'modes of limited transformation' to which the composer draws attention in the work's preface. As a whole, the work is a mixture of the beautiful and the bizarre: the density of timbre is at once breathtaking and overwhelming, and the sheer variety of registration makes for a piece that is not always easily accessible. It represents a step for Messiaen toward the later, decidedly esoteric and atmospheric pieces of the late 1940s and 1950s.

# Heritage Lottery Fund supports Manchester Cathedral's ongoing development aspirations

Anthony O'Connor, Director of Fundraising and Development

**Manchester Cathedral has received £88,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for an exciting project, Appraising a Transformational Heritage Project, in central Manchester. Made possible from money raised by National Lottery players, the project focuses on an exploration of how the Cathedral might adapt its buildings to interpret its heritage better and to reach out to the community more fully.**

The fourteen-month project will use consultants to look in detail at the options for possible change to the ways in which the Cathedral, internally and externally, might function better for its staff and become more welcoming and accessible to visitors and all who visit central Manchester. The project will include three major workshops, the third of which will be about the community use of and opinions about the Cathedral.

Manchester Cathedral sits at the heart of Manchester's Medieval Quarter. Founded as a collegiate church by Henry V in 1421, it became a Cathedral during the reign of Queen Victoria. Its wonderful historic interior includes major woodwork from the 16th century, superlative stained glass windows from the 20th and 21st centuries, and the superb Stoller Organ, newly

completed and dedicated on 14 September 2017. Its records tell many stories of exciting times and people, including a skirmish in the Civil War and relief of hardship during times of poverty and distress in the 19th century and today.

The Dean of Manchester, The Very Reverend Rogers Govender, said: "This award is a vote of confidence in the Cathedral's ability to shape its future for the sake of the people we serve. We are deeply grateful for this opportunity to plan carefully and constructively about our long-term future."

A festive poster for "Family Carols" featuring a dark blue background with white snowflakes and stars. The text is centered and reads:

**Family Carols**  
Saturday 16 December 2017  
7.30pm  
Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir  
Christopher Stokes, Organ  
Geoffrey Woollatt, Director  
Tickets £10 (£8)  
available from  
[www.familycarols2017.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.familycarols2017.eventbrite.co.uk)  
includes a glass of wine & mince pie

# Cathedral Community News

Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor and Acting Precentor

Our Cathedral Community is very inclusive and diverse, and it is great to know that, no matter how old or young you are, you can feel that you belong to our community. A welcoming community is happy to see you, whether you come to church every Sunday, once a month, or once a year. We all have a role to play in welcoming people to the Cathedral, but I would like to say a special thank you to our volunteer stewards, honorary chaplains, welcomers and guides. They are usually the first people our visitors

and new congregation members meet, and their work is crucial in making people feel at ease, welcomed, and wanting to return.

Emily is Pauline Dimond's granddaughter. She wrote the poem below at school in Tanzania where the family lived until recently. Although she only spends three months each year in Manchester, she regards Manchester as her home and loves coming to the Cathedral with her grandmother when she is here.

## Manchester!

The morning awoke  
On the streets of Manchester,  
Dull, grey and misty.

'Manchester,' I called,  
'Manchester, the place to go,  
Oh, oh, Manchester.

'That place I call home,  
That starts with the letter M!  
It is amazing!'

**By Emily Horton (aged 12)**

We wish our wonderfully friendly Cathedral Community a peaceful and blessed Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

# The Diary December

## Friday 1 December

6.30 pm Prevent Breast Cancer Christmas Celebrations

## Saturday 2 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
10.30 am Cathedral Journaling Group - Growing your spirituality  
7.30 pm Henshaws Carols by Candlelight (doors open 7pm)

## Sunday 3 December

12.15 pm Advent Conversations-#GOD with US  
1.00 pm, 2.30 pm & 4.00 pm St Ann's Hospice 'Light up a Life' Services  
5.30 pm Advent Procession

## Monday 4 December

7.30 pm MedEquip4Kids Christmas Singalong

## Tuesday 5 December

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group  
6.15 pm Cathedral Christmas Tree Light Switch-On  
7.30 pm Children's Society 'Sing for Christmas'

## Wednesday 6 December

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

## Thursday 7 December

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

## Saturday 9 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
10.30 am Christian Meditation session  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer (no 5.30 pm Evensong)  
7.00 pm Messiah (G. F. Handel) Concert

## Sunday 10 December

St Denys' Bookshop Stall (before & after the 10.30 am Eucharist)  
12.15 pm Advent Conversations—#GOD with US  
5.30 pm Evensong with Installation of new Honorary Canons

## Tuesday 12 December

11.30 am Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Carol Concert  
7.00 pm The Christie Charity Christmas Concert

## Wednesday 13 December

7.00 pm Alzheimer's Society Carol Concert (doors open 6.30 pm)

## Thursday 14 December

12.00 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

## Saturday 16 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir  
12 noon to 1.30 pm Cathedral Christmas Sing-along  
7.30 pm Family Carols Concert

## Sunday 17 December

12.15 pm Advent Conversations—#GOD with US  
2.00 pm Shelter Charity Carol Concert

## Monday 18 December

7.30 pm Trinity High School Carol Service

## Wednesday 20 December

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

## Thursday 21 December

7.00 pm Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity - Christmas Carols in the City

## Friday 22 December

2.30 pm Booth Centre Christmas Carol Service  
7.30 pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

## Saturday 23 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir

## Sunday 24 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir

## 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 December 2017- 7 January 2018 - Chorister Christmas Holidays

# Looking ahead December

**Sunday 24 December**  
2.00 pm Blessing of the Crib  
11.30 pm Midnight  
Mass Eucharist

**Monday 25 December**  
10.30 am Christmas Day  
Eucharist  
12.00 noon Evening Prayer  
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)

**Tuesday 26 December**  
9.00 am Morning Prayer &  
Holy Eucharist  
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 27 December**  
9.00 am Morning Prayer &  
Holy Eucharist  
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Thursday 28 December**  
9.00 am Morning Prayer &  
Holy Eucharist  
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Friday 29 December**  
9.00 am Morning Prayer &  
Holy Eucharist  
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer  
7.30 pm London Concertante  
present Viennese  
Christmas by Candlelight

**26 December 2017-  
7 January 2018**  
Chorister Christmas Holidays  
Please note: during the school  
holidays evening services  
are said. All said services  
are at 4.30 pm.



## Staff member for December

**Derrick May**  
Head Verger

**What is your favourite film?**  
I like a suspense action movie  
or a feature length animation.

**What music do you like?**  
Anything as long as it is not  
loud and noisy heavy metal!

**Do you have any hobbies?**  
Photography and outdoor  
walking.

**What was the last book you  
enjoyed?** Wyrd. It makes  
me wonder about parts of  
Manchester that once were  
woodland.

**What was the last place you  
visited/went on holiday?**  
Turkey and, in the UK,  
Edinburgh

## Exhibitions

Admission to all our  
exhibitions is free.

Advent Labyrinth  
4-9 December (available  
between 9am-5pm )

The Jewish Living  
Experience Exhibition  
15-25 January

# Looking ahead January

**Monday 1 January**  
9.00 am Morning Prayer &  
Holy Eucharist  
(no 1.10 pm Holy Eucharist)  
4.30 pm Evening Prayer

**Sunday 7 January**  
4.00 pm Procession  
and Evensong with  
St Ann's Church

**Saturday 13 January**  
10.00 am Manchester  
Children's Choir

**Tuesday 16 January**  
12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group  
7.30 pm Faith in the  
Questions, a performance  
and discussion on science  
and faith - Riding Lights  
Theatre Company

**Wednesday 17 January**  
12.45 pm Turning  
of the Leaves

**Thursday 18 January**  
1.10 pm Chetham's School of  
Music Lunchtime Concert

**Saturday 20 January**  
10.00 am Manchester  
Children's Choir  
11.00 am Coffee Concert -  
Harpist Elinor Nicholson

**Saturday 27 January**  
10.00 am Manchester  
Children's Choir

**Wednesday 31 January**  
12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

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# Christmas

## at Manchester Cathedral

### Christmas Carol Sing-along

Saturday 16 December, 12 noon to 1.30pm  
(informal - just turn up and  
stay as long as you like)

### Family Carols

Saturday 16 December, 7.30pm  
[www.familycarols2017.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.familycarols2017.eventbrite.co.uk)  
Tickets £10 (£8)

### A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Friday 22 December, 7.30pm  
[www.NineLessons2017.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.NineLessons2017.eventbrite.co.uk)

**Blessing of the Crib  
with Children's Nativity**  
Christmas Eve, 2.00pm

**Midnight Mass**  
Christmas Eve, 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Sung Eucharist**  
Christmas Day, 10.30am

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