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Praying in the Present

By The Dean

At the start of November, the festivals of All Hallows Eve (aka Halloween), All Saints, and All Souls encourage us to look back. At the end of November, we turn around to look forward in Advent towards Christmas and the end of time. May I suggest that we use the middle of November to look at the present?

One of my favourite times in the Cathedral is our lunchtime Holy Communion service, held each weekday at 1.10pm. For the hour between 1-2pm, the Cathedral falls silent, apart from the soft voices of visitors and welcomers, and we turn to God. Those who come to this service set aside the time they might have spent shopping or having lunch to gather around God's table, replacing sandwiches with the bread of life, and worry with wonder. We hear the Scriptures read aloud together while the world goes on outside, and listen for the particular life-giving word from God addressed to each of us.



We who gather for Communion in this way are not there only for ourselves; we are also there to pray for others. After the Scripture reading and short homily we pray together for the prayer requests that people have posted on our prayer request board, and for all who have come to the Cathedral through the day looking for God's help. The prayer requests are confidential to the priest leading the service, but the first names of those asking for prayer and the first names of those being prayed for are said aloud, without breaking any confidentiality.

Then comes the moment when we speak God's word of peace to one another, putting into words the word that God is always speaking to the world: 'Peace be with you; it is I; do not be afraid.' The Eucharist shows us that God's own life was given up for us, and enables us to receive that truth into ourselves in consecrated bread and wine. Then we go back to our workaday world, refreshed, strengthened, reorientated and renewed. The service lasts just over 30 minutes, so why not join us when you can? Or leave a prayer request. God changes things, and changes us, when we pray.

With my love and prayers,

Rogers Govender

A Journey to the Balkans REMEMBERING SREBRENICA

Canon Philip Barratt, Sub Dean and Precentor

I have just returned from Bosnia, where I have been part of a Manchester delegation visiting the place of remembrance in Srebrenica. Do you know the story?

During the conflict of 1992-1995 in the Balkans, the Bosnian town of Srebrenica was declared a UN Safe Area, under the watch of the United Nations Protection Force. In July 1995, General Ratko Mladić and his Serbian paramilitary units overran and captured the town, despite its designation as a safe.

In the following days more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were systematically massacred and buried in mass graves. Thousands of women, children and elderly people were forcibly deported, and a large number of women and young girls were raped. In 2004, the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Tribunal ruled that the mass execution of men and boys in Srebrenica constituted genocide. How are we to respond to such dreadful acts? The easy option is just to treat this event as historic and "park it away", yet one thing has stuck with me alongside the enormity and savageness of the genocide, and that is that it starts with small things. Genocide does not start with an army killing a group of people, it starts with hatred in the heart—a comment here, an inappropriate joke there. It builds until it is infectious hatred and sweeps people along. The shock to the people of Bosnia was how fast it happened and we were reminded in a very stark way that no nation is immune.

We can all do something to stop hate by the lives we lead. As one survivor reminded us when asked if he hated his persecutors ," Hatred is the sign of a weak heart." Amen to that!



Photograph by Elinor Chohan

Memorial Service for Revd Canon Professor John Atherton There will be a memorial service on **Thursday 17 November 2016 at 3pm** for Revd Canon Professor John Atherton. Canon Atherton was a Canon Theologian at Manchester Cathedral for twenty years until his retirement in 2004. **All welcome.**

Modern Slavery: Not Gone. Not Forgotten

By Alison Rowland, PA to the Dean

On the afternoon of Monday 7 November 2016, the Very Revd Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester, will host a public event in the Cathedral entitled: 'Modern Slavery: Not Gone. Not Forgotten.'

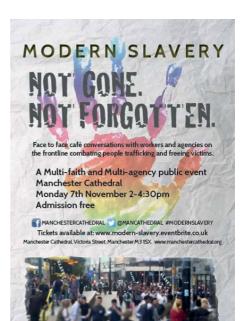
This multi-faith, multi-agency public event aims to raise awareness of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking in Greater Manchester and what is being done to tackle it. Guest speakers will include Jim Battle (Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester), Ruth Dearnley (CEO, Stop the Traffik) and Cate Allison (Chief Executive, Manchester Action on Street Health).

The afternoon will have an interactive format including: face-to-face 'cafe conversations' with workers and agencies working on the front line to combat people trafficking and to free victims; a panel discussion facilitated by Hannah Flint of Stop the Traffik; informative displays; refreshments and entertainment courtesy of the talented WAST Choir (Women Asylum Seekers Together).

This event has been organised by the 'Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Multi-faith Forum' in collaboration with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester, Stop the Traffik, Greater Manchester Police Modern Slavery Unit and MASH.

People of all faiths or none are very welcome to attend this exciting and informative event in Manchester Cathedral, 2.00pm-4.30pm.

Entry is FREE, but please register your attendance here: www.modern-slavery.eventbrite.co.uk



Cash for Kids Mission Christmas



The statistics are shocking: one in three children are still living in severe poverty in Greater Manchester. This means there are children going to bed without a hot meal in a house without central heating. It also means that 150,000 children in our city will not have a present to open on Christmas Day.

As Christmas approaches, Key 103's Cash for Kids Mission Christmas campaign aims to brighten Christmas for these children by asking you to buy an extra present when doing your Christmas shopping.

Last year, the support and generosity of Manchester people was overwhelming, and helped Cash for Kids to distribute distribute £1,960,170 worth of toys to almost 52,000 children.

Many wrote to say thank you. One parent said, "I am really grateful as my children would watch TV and ask for toys but unfortunately I never have any spare money for these types of luxuries, so thank you."



Debbie Gardner, of the Trafford Domestic Abuse Service wrote: :

"I wanted to say a big thank you for your kind donation of toys this Christmas. Christmas can often be a difficult time for the families we support, both at the refuge and within the community, so your generosity makes a huge difference to them. Often the families we support face financial difficulties resulting from the abuse they have experienced and this adds to the pressure they are already under. Being able to provide children and their mums with gifts at Christmas really helps to bring some happiness."

We are asking for your help again this year. We are even more determined to help children in Greater Manchester and to ensure that as many of them as possible wake up to a present this Christmas. **Please buy an unwrapped gift for a child aged 0-18 and donate it to our Mission Christmas appeal here in Manchester Cathedral. The last day for drop off will be Wednesday 14 December.**

Mission Christmas will not change the poverty statistics for our city, but will make a difference to so many families on Christmas Day. www.key103.co.uk/mission/

Our Faith – Our Planet A Climate Change Conference for Faith Communities

By Alison Rowland, PA to the Dean

On Monday 14 November 2016 the Dean of Manchester, the Very Revd Rogers Govender, will host 'Our Faith - Our Planet.' This innovative interfaith conference on climate change aims to promote shared values amongst faith communities, to educate and inform people about climate change and its effects and to share examples of best practice, with particular

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focus on preserving public buildings and places of worship and working towards reducing our carbon footprint. This event is part of Inter Faith Week 2016.

People of all faiths or none are welcome to attend this exciting and informative event. Free entry. To book your place please visit http://tinyurl.com/j8wzda7

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Manchester Cathedral Poetry Competition First Prize

This year's Manchester Cathedral Poetry Competition has once again proven to be a great success. With over five hundred poems to sift through, we are especially grateful to our judge, Jo Bell, for her selection of ten excellent winning and commended poems.

The overall winner of this year's competition is Sarah Westcott, with her poem entitled, 'Breast'.



Breast

Sarah Westcott

All night he's on me like a lamb and it is a love act, this feeding, my tender fit to his wet mouth, his baby guts, sucked neat from the heart.

How do we make it, this sweetness? Under the light of an old moon the rain throws stones the sleeping have no need to hear.

He of the old place, old be, He snores into himself, slow clock unwinding, I hear his heart like an old cello hollow and the little dog heart going down by the door. O low He snores and lo the little he sucks for the living thirst of us all

What-what-what tongue is he taking swallowing me, my mother, anon, what matter is he gobbling in the hours where the mild are loud and lack shrieks us awake in the morning?

Faith in Mental Health

By Canon Marcia Wall, Canon Pastor and Canon David Holgate, Canon for Theology and Mission

Set in the heart of the city, Manchester Cathedral often welcomes visitors and worshippers needing help with their mental health. Working very closely with the Booth Centre, we are also very aware of the links between homelessness and poor mental health. The Booth **Centre currently serves 250** different people per week, and the staff estimate that at least 85% have mental health needs. Given this situation, the Cathedral is involved in three initiatives intended to give some help.



Working with Self Help

The first is a very practical offer of help in partnership with **Self Help**, a user-led mental health charity based in the North of England. Self Help offers a range of support and services including one-to-one support based on cognitive behavioural therapy, groups, workshops and e-Therapy.

From Friday 14 October Self Help has been holding weekly morning surgeries in the Fraser Chapel (09.30am-13.30pm). The service is free and offered to young people and adults living with mental health difficulties. If you or someone you know struggles with low mood and/or depression; loss of interest and pleasure; feelings of worthlessness, hopelessness and guilt; poor concentration; excessive worry or panic, sleep problems, or anxiety. Self Help could help support you on your journey to recovery. For more information about the services that they offer please visit their website: www.selfhelpservices.org.uk.

For more information about the Cathedral's work with Self Help, please conctact Marcia Wall.

Working with the Greater Manchester Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The second initiative involves joining other faith communities in working more closely with the National Health Service. On Monday 26 September Canons David Holgate and Marcia Wall and Dr Sonia Soans took part in the Faith in Mental Health and Voluntary Sector Conference at AJ Bell Stadium in Salford. About 150 people from voluntary sector organisations, including faith groups, the faith and voluntary sectors were present. The two-pronged aim of the conference was:

- To explore ways of supporting Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership
- And to implement and develop the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy's across the four key areas of: Prevention; Access; Integration and Sustainability

The day was chaired by Jim Battle, Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and the key note speaker in the morning was Jon Rouse, Chief Officer, Greater Manchester Health & Social Care Partnership. Mr Rouse's address looked at how the Partnership will be supporting people with mental health issues and helping to make mental health everyone's responsibility.

The Conference was very well attended and brought together Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, and people of no faith who are interested in mental health issues. It gave us the opportunity to meet with faith groups who work with and support the work of mental health charities, to share what we do now, and to explore what we could do better by working together.

David Holgate will be liaising with the faith communities represented by Faith Network for Manchester and with GM Mental Health Network Manager Maqsood Ahmad to find ways for the faith communities to continue to help develop and implement the policies and priorities set out in the Greater Manchester Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The aim of this engagement process will be us not only to offer help to those with mental health needs, but also to identify the social and structural causes of poor mental health.

Praying and Anointing with Oil for Health and Wellbeing

When David spoke at the Conference, he encouraged faith communities to put into practice the resources for healing that are already part of our faith traditions. The Christian faith follows Jesus the teacher and healer. and the church can offer prayer and anointing with oil as a simple and effective contribution to our shared work towards mental health and wellbeing in Greater Manchester. Amongst the other simple but effective actions that faith communities can take are teaching and friendship. The Cathedral will be offering regular opportunities to receive prayer and anointing for healing at the end of the Sunday morning Eucharist. Details of these will be advertised in advance in our Sunday service booklets.

Volunteer Programme Update

By Tony Maunder, Volunteer Programme Coordinator

We are now coming to the end of our first Volition team and the new team will start on Thursday 3 November. We have had a great outcome with some of our volunteers, with two more gaining employment in the space of a single week.

Our employer engagement is gaining momentum, with key partners such as the Manchester Arndale offering work



placements throughout their departments. The volunteers from this course have had a brilliant time, especially those who have helped Canon Adrian Rhodes care for the Cathedral bees on the roof.

Following on from the Cenotaph project in the summer, it has been decided that Volition is going to carry it on and a new member of staff will be overseeing the daily running of this development.



Saturday 26 November 2016, 11am Aether Quintet

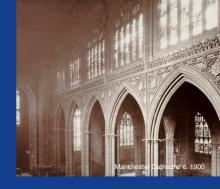
The Aether Quintet is a new and innovative group of freelance musicians based in Manchester, led by multi-international award winning Bass Trombonist Josh Cirtina. They bring to the Cathedral an unusual instrumentation made up of 2 saxophones, 1 trumpet and 2 trombones, and a vast repertoire covering many different genres and styles, from renaissance to rock.

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Development Project Stained-Glass in the Cathedral: History and Hope

By Anthony O'Connor, Director of Fundraising and Development



The installation of the new Hope Window is an important moment in the revealing history of stained glass in the Cathedral. The earliest references to stained glass in the building, c. 1630-50, describe the richly painted glass of the medieval church. When the church was ransacked during the Civil War, much of this original glass is thought to have been destroyed. But the windows were replaced and at the beginning of the 20th century, there was still stained glass throughout.

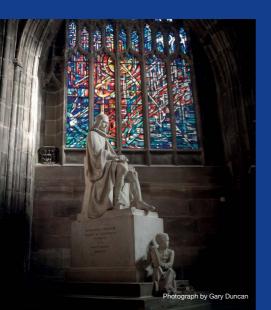
The windows were then lost again in the extensive bomb damage of WWII, necessitating a 20-year restoration project. The project was shaped by the financial constraints of the post-war period, but the new clear glass was a blank canvas: an opportunity to re-consider the use of light and colour in the building. The new approach is evident in Margaret Traherne's 'Fire Window' (1966). Unlike traditional stained glass, this is a striking, abstract artwork and a memorial to the blitz. Antony Hollaway's west windows were installed 1976-1995, and Linda Walton's Healing Window in in 2004.

The design for the new window – the last to complete the east wall - developed around the theme of hope: new life, regeneration, innovation, and the spirit of Manchester. The brief reflected on the following quotation from Shakespeare and others from the New Testament, which inspired the window's imagery.

There is a tide in the affairs of men Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat, And we must take the current when it serves Or lose our ventures.

Julius Caesar, IV.iii.218-224

The design includes the tree of life and seed pods, the moon and sky, woven fabric (alluding to the textile industry and God as 'weaver of the universe') and the Manchester bee. A tilted cross symbolises Christ's final journey as well as conveying dynamic, forward movement.



Devotional

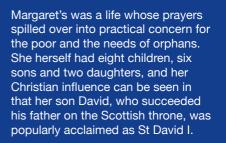
Margaret, Queen of Scotland (c. 1045-93)

Philanthropist and Church Reformer

Margaret was an English princess who fled to Scotland after the Norman Conquest and, in 1070, married Malcolm III Canmore, the great Scottish King. Her grandfather had been Edmund Ironside (989-1016), king of England.

Margaret was a strong and devout Christian woman, who used her considerable influence to bring the outlook and traditions of the rather isolated church in Scotland into greater conformity with those of the wider European church. She also, rightly or wrongly, helped bring to an end the dominance of the old Celtic church.

Unlike his wife Margaret's husband, King Malcolm was not noticeably devout or religious and his life was largely taken up with dynastic politics and wars. It was all the more remarkable then that Margaret should have distanced herself from secular affairs of state and dedicated her life to 'good works.' She is credited with being a good influence over her ambitious husband and, as former princess of Wessex, working to end the constant wars with England.



Margaret died four days after her husband's death at Alnwick in a war against the English. It was in an effort to end those wars that her daughter Matilda married Henry I of England. Margaret was buried at Dunfermline Abbey which she and Malcolm had founded with the help of English monks as an expression of her hope to strengthen the church and bring the kingdoms together.

It was part of medieval dynastic politics for royal families to seek to have a saint among their ancestors. Some royals were undoubtedly given the benefit of the doubt, but Margaret does not seem to have been one of them.

By Albert Radcliffe



Looking ahead November

Tuesday 1 November -All Saints' Day

5.30 pm Festal Evensong. Incense will be used.

Wednesday 2 November - All Souls' Dav

4.30 pm Evening Prayer 5.30 pm Requiem Eucharist. Incense will be used

Thursday 3 November

4.30 pm Evening Prayer (No 5.30 pm Evensong)

Friday 4 November 7.30 pm The Manchester Sleepout 2016

Saturday 5 November 10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir 10.30 am Christian Meditation session

Monday 7 November 2.00 pm Modern Slavery

and Human Trafficking Multi-faith Forum Public Event (Free)

Wednesday 9 November 12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 10 November 5.00 pm *Thursday Lates in the Medieval Quarter*

Friday 11 November 10.45 am Remembrance Day Service

Saturday 12 November

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir 10.30 am Cathedral Fellowship of Widowed People 3.00 pm Be A Chorister For A Day (starting at Chetham's School of Music)

Monday 14 November

9.00 am Our Faith—Our Planet; Day Conference

Tuesday 15 November 12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group 7.00 pm DHP presents Julia Holter. Support: Circuit Des Yeux

Thursday 17 November 3.00 pm Memorial service for Canon John Atherton 7.00 pm Talk: What lies beneath?

Friday 18 November

6.30 pm Hanging Ditch Wine Fair

Wednesday 23 November 12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 24 November 1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Saturday 26 November

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir 11.00 am Coffee Concert - Aether Quintet

Sunday 27 November 5.30 pm Advent Procession

Wednesday 30 November 7.00 pm DHP presents Frightened Rabbit

Regular Service Times

Midweek Services

Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evensong

Evening Prayer

Saturday Services

Morning Prayer & Holy Communion Evensong

Sunday Services

Matins Holy Communion (1662) Sung Eucharist Evensong 8.45am 9.00am 10.30am 5.30pm*

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1.10pm 5.30pm

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Monday 26 December 2016-Sunday 8 January 2017 Chorister Half-Term

*Please note: During the Chorister Half Terms and 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)

Looking ahead December

Thursday 1 December

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert 7.30 pm Action for Children Concert

Saturday 3 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir 10.30 am Christian Meditation session 7.30 pm Genesis Carol concert - The Christmas Celebration

Sunday 4 December

1.00 pm, 2.30 pm & 4.00 pm St Ann's Hospice Light up a Life services

Tuesday 6 December

11.00 am Dedication of the Hope Window 12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group 6.15 pm Christmas Tree Light Switch-On 7.30 pm MedEquip4Kids Carol Concert

Wednesday 7 December 12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 8 December 1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert 5.00 pm Thursday Lates in the Medieval Quarter 7.30 pm Children's Society Service

Saturday 10 December

10.00 am Manchester Children's Choir

Sunday 11 December

3.00 pm St John Ambulance County Carol Service 5.30 pm Evensong with Installation of Hon. Canons

Tuesday 13 December

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

Wednesday 14 December

7.00 pm Henshaws Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 15 December

7.30 pm Christmas Carols in the City for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity

Saturday 17 December 12.00 noon Cathedral Christmas Sing-along

7.30 pm Family Carols Concert

Sunday 18 December 7.30 pm Shelter Charity Carol Concert

Monday 19 December 14.00 pm Booth Centre Carol Service

Wednesday 21 December 12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves 7.30 pm Trinity High School Carol Service

Thursday 22 December 7.30 pm *A Festival of*

Nine Lessons and Carols

Saturday 24 December-Christmas Eve

12.00 noon Blessing of the Crib 5.30 pm Evening Prayer (no Evensong) 11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist

Sunday 25 December-Christmas Day

10.30 am Christmas Day Sung Eucharist 12.00 noon Evening Prayer (no 5.30 pm Evensong)

Monday 26 December

11.00 am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion (note change of time and no 1.10 pm Holy Communion) 4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27 December

9.00 am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion (no 1.10 pm Holy Communion)
4.30 pm Evening Prayer (no 5.30 pm Evensong)

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Geoffrey Woollatt, Director

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