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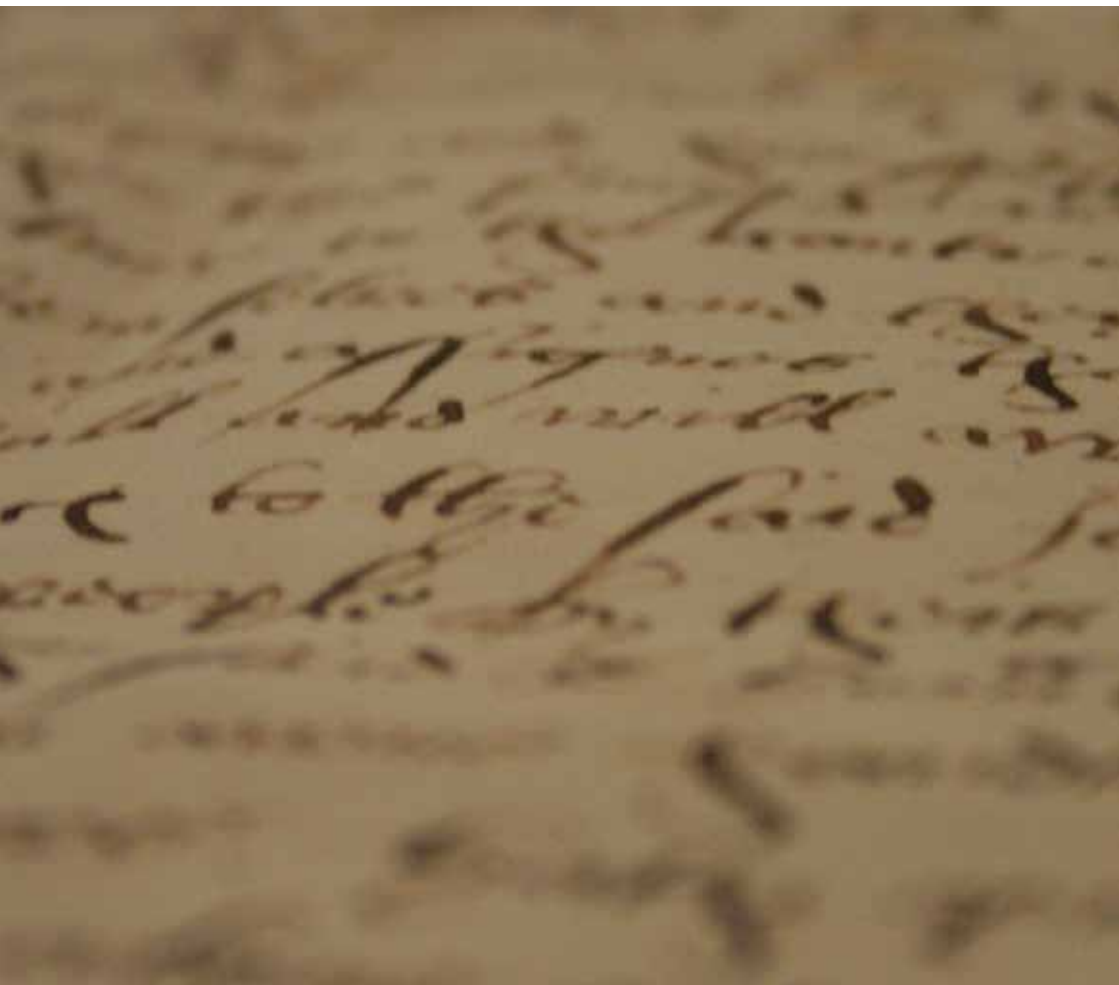
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In Hallowed Footsteps

Our current Sub-Dean looks back to a benevolent predecessor...



In August we were delighted, once again, to be involved in the Manchester Dig the City festival. We were surrounded by great exhibits in all shapes and sizes. Amongst other things at the Cathedral there was a 'sock tree', which stood elegantly by the tomb of Canon Cecil Wray. It reminded me that I walk past that tomb daily to go into the Dean's Door without really thinking about the remarkable and wildly eccentric priest who is buried there.

Cecil Daniel Wray was a very popular priest at the Cathedral, serving for an astonishing 56 years. He started off as a Chaplain, a contemporary of the famous Joshua Brookes and one who could rival the latter's claim to be the most prolific conductor of marriages and baptisms in history. Later he was elected to a Fellowship; and when the Collegiate Church became a Cathedral in 1847 Wray was one of the Canons, eventually becoming Sub-Dean. I clearly follow in hallowed footsteps!

Cover image: Detail from the historical archives, on display for Heritage Open Day in September – see page 8.



Wray was certainly an eccentric, turning up at the Cathedral in a 'carriage and four' with liveried footmen. Getting down from his carriage he would bow to the Dean, shake his fellow Canons by the hand, then proceed to shake the hands of the Minor Canons with two fingers – or a single finger for curates.

On the occasion of his 88th birthday, he set up a fund for the provision of socks for the poor on his birthday each year, 21 January. There were to be two pairs of 'good Worsted stockings' given to eight men and eight women in need. The charity fund was, at Wray's request, called 'Canon Wray's Birthday Gift'. Our quirky sock tree brought back the story of this eccentric benefactor, now long gone.

If you look at his tomb you will see verses from Psalm 26:

*O LORD, I love the habitation of thy house,
and the place where thine honour dwelleth.*

As we reflect on his life, we also reflect on our own ministry in what is now a very different city, nearly 130 years later. Those words around his tomb tell us that this house of God in which we serve and minister is truly amazing, not just because of its history or its beauty, but first and foremost because it is the place

where 'God's glory' dwells. Cecil Wray was committed to that throughout his ministry. To make it a living reality in 2014 we must retain this vision of our Cathedral as a place of prayer and worship, before anything else. Our prayers throughout each day and our daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist are the framework around which the rest of our life as a vibrant Cathedral in a vibrant city is built.

For Cecil Wray, being a place of prayer meant engaging with the people who came through the door, and trying to meet their needs. Caring for the needs of anyone who steps through those same doors in 2014 is still a huge part of what we do, and underpins the amazing work of the Cathedral Volunteer Programme and the newly re-housed Booth Centre Charity, amongst many other things. This November, the Cathedral will again host the Booth Centre Sleepout, which sees hundreds giving up their beds for a night in the cold to raise funds for the charity. Somehow I think Cecil Wray would approve!

Perhaps the time has come for a new annual 'sock day', around 21 January... Watch this space!

By Canon Philip Barratt

Reclaiming the Public Space

Archbishop William Temple 70th Anniversary Conference

Monday 10 November 2014 - People's History Museum, Manchester

Marking seventy years since the death of the leading thinker, writer, clergyman and social activist Archbishop William Temple, 'Reclaiming the Public Space' will examine the role of Christianity, and other faiths, in developing a just society.

Featuring **Linda Woodhead**, **Craig Calhoun**, **Ray Plant**, **Elaine Graham**, **John Atherton**, **Chris Baker** and more...

William Temple's relevance for the twenty-first century
Lord Raymond Plant (King's College, London)

Workshop and sharing sessions
Featuring practitioners from the Trussell Trust, Evangelical Alliance, Eden Network and William Temple Foundation

What does a Big State for the twenty-first century look like?
Prof Craig Calhoun (London School of Economics)

What role for religion in public life in contemporary Britain?
Linda Woodhead (Lancaster)
Elaine Graham (Chester)
Bruce Clark (The Economist)

For the full conference programme and to book tickets visit:

williamtemplefoundation.org.uk/conference2014

Tickets £35 // Students £10 (limited availability)



Be a Chorister for a Day

Saturday 4 October 2014
Saturday 6 December 2014
2.15pm - 5.30pm
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.
Refreshments are available for purchase throughout the event.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance by the previous Wednesday.
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The 2014 **Manchester Sleepout**

Friday 7th November
Manchester Cathedral



For one night only we're sleeping out to highlight some of the hardships that homeless people have to face every single night. We're inviting you to join us and raise vital funds for the Booth Centre, a charity that provides activities, advice and support to homeless people in Manchester. Are you up to the challenge?

#McrSleepout

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To find out more and register,
visit boothcentre.org.uk

Demeter



I had not dreamt the world
could scale and flake, fall inward
like a face stripped of teeth,
my breath foul as a dog's

I had not meant the pomegranates
to decay on the tree, seeds
withering, children rotting
in the womb

But we are all dust or hide or bone
born to be buried under soil,
like her, the one who'd loosened my tongue,
who'd moistened my lips with song

Earth crushes us, makes fossils
of your flesh and mine, squeezes
till we are slick, black as night,
fuel for myths, nature's spoil.

Rachel Mann

Autumn 2014



Saturday 18 October 2014 at 11am
Richard Allum (piano)

Accomplished and versatile pianist, Richard Allum will be performing Johann Sebastian Bach's Italian Concerto BWV 971 and Franz Schubert's Four Impromptus, D. 899.

At Manchester Cathedral; Tea, coffee and cake will be available.
Admission is free; there will be a retiring collection for Cathedral music.

Summer Highlights

We had a brilliant summer at the Cathedral this year, trying an array of new guided tours, running workshops and trails for the Dig the City, hosting the Cristina Rodrigues and Monica Thornton art exhibitions, and staging the first two of the Cathedral's rebooted history plays: 'Joshua Brookes and the Missing Grooms' and 'The Alchemist's Daughter', written by David Coggins, directed by Daisy Black and performed by John Hickey and Rachel Mann.



Joshua Brookes was famous for his eccentricity. During his chaplaincy the Manchester workforce grew from 17,000 to 180,000, and the Revd Brookes conducted more baptisms, marriages and funerals than any other clergyman in England. One audience member, Alan Maude, brought along a marriage certificate of a relative married by Brookes in 1791!



On 13 September there were four special Heritage Open Day tours that included a behind-the-scenes trip into the Cathedral Library to see some of our oldest documents and records. Pictured here is the charter from Elizabeth I. These tours were inspired by the success of the first 'backstage tour' of the Cathedral for Manchester Histories Festival in March.



The Cristina Rodrigues exhibition during Dig the City was a great success with visitors and attracted international press attention.

Coming Up...

Asia Triennial Manchester 14

Asia Triennial Manchester 2014

The Asia Triennial is now in full swing, and the Cathedral will be hosting the 'Harmonious Society' art installations by Zheng Guogu and Li Wei until 23 November. All Cathedral art exhibitions are free entry, and can be visited anytime during normal opening hours.

Thursday 9 October, 8.00 pm

Manchester Camerata & Bill Ryder-Jones

'MLF and Manchester Camerata are proud to present the first live performance of Bill Ryder-Jones's landmark solo album, *If...*, composed and recorded as a tribute to Italo Calvino's playful postmodern novel *If On A Winter's Night a Traveller*'. TICKETS AT: www.manchesterliteraturefestival.org

M Manchester Literature Festival

Manchester Literature Festival 2014

There is an exciting line-up of events throughout the Autumn and run-up to Christmas, and we are especially pleased to be hosting a number of Manchester Literature Festival events again this October.

Wednesday 15 October, 2.30 pm

Manchester Cathedral Poetry Prize

A celebration of poetry featuring the wide-ranging work of the winners and runners-up of this year's competition, with Cathedral Poet Rachel Mann and 2014 judge Helen Tookey. FREE event – book on 0843 208 0500



Tuesday 7 October, 7.30 pm

Simon Armitage in conversation

with Rachel Cooke

'The best-selling poet will be talking about his engaging, darkly comic and irreverent work with author and Observer writer Rachel Cooke, on the eve of his latest collection *Paper Aeroplanes: Selected Poems 1989-2014*'.

TICKETS AT: www.manchesterliteraturefestival.co.uk

Thursday 16 October, 7.30 pm

The Manchester Sermon

with Audrey Niffenegger

'Author of international bestseller *The Time Traveler's Wife*, Audrey Niffenegger is one of our most imaginative authors, exploring dreams, desire, love, death, myths, fables and storytelling in her work'. TICKETS AT: www.manchestercathedral.org

Look out for the forthcoming Autumn/Winter brochure for full season listings.

John Gillibrand

'Celebration of Theology Event' –
Disabled Church:
Disabled Society



Tuesday 18 November 2014
7.00 pm at Manchester Cathedral
in the Nave

Manchester Theological Society
Tel 0151 833 2220 for more details



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Campaign Corner

Be a part of it

Corn Exchange Developments

If you have been to the Cathedral or around Exchange Square recently you will have seen that work on the Corn Exchange redevelopment has begun. The Cathedral has been working closely with Interserve and Queensberry, who are managing the project, to ensure that the redevelopments complement Cathedral activity and fabric development plans. The Corn Exchange is set to re-open in Easter 2015.

Organ Project Update

We can now confirm the key dates for the organ project works, which will begin with the refurbishment of the Jesus Chapel pipes in January and February 2015 and end with the voicing of the new instrument, hopefully in September/November 2016. Most of the building work will take place off-site, so any major disruptions inside the Cathedral building will be roughly limited to July-September 2015 during the dismantling of the old organ and May-September 2016 for the installation of the new. There will be a temporary instrument for music in the intervening period. We have a number of education and community projects planned to run alongside the dismantling and installation, both of which are momentous occasions in the Cathedral's history. We look forward to confirming these in due course. Keep up-to-date by our website and social media.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we report the death of Ken Tickell, of

Tickell Organ Builders. We would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathies to Ken's family, on behalf of the Cathedral community. The programme of works for Manchester Cathedral's new organ has remained unchanged despite this sad event, and it is thanks to both Ken's hard work and the dedication of his family and closest colleagues, Tom Jansky and Simon Brown, who will continue to lead the project to its completion – the last and biggest that Ken worked on.



The new organ is designed to support both the choir and the congregation for a very long time. To be a part of the life of the instrument you can still 'sponsor a pipe!' To download the leaflet and sponsorship form go to: www.manchestercathedral.org/development-project/new-organ

A Saint for the Month

9 October
 Robert Grosseteste, c. 1175-1253
 Bishop of Lincoln, philosopher, scientist



Robert Grosseteste was lucky to be born when and where he was. In those days, sons of peasants could only 'make good' through the Church; and this was a time when the Church was central to European society, when its founding of the first universities was re-invigorating its intellectual and spiritual life.

It's likely that, as a Suffolk boy, Grosseteste studied at Paris and Oxford, before going on to lecture at Oxford in law, theology, medicine, mathematics and the natural sciences. He was later appointed to be the equivalent of our modern University Chancellor.

In 1235 he became Bishop of Lincoln, the largest diocese in England where he proved to be an energetic reformer, removing clergy who were slack in their pastoral duties – as one might expect of someone who was present at the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he even took on Pope Innocent IV and the Vatican for corruptions at the very heart of Papal power. His carefully prepared legal case was ignored, however, and he was reckoned fortunate to have escaped excommunication.

Much of what the Reformer John Wycliffe (c. 1320-1384) later campaigned for had been anticipated by Grosseteste: especially his criticism of the Papacy, his sympathy for the Greek Orthodox Church and the importance of preaching and pastoral work.

In today's scientific world, Grosseteste is remembered together with his student, Roger Bacon (1214-1294) as one of the pioneers of the experimental method, especially in his study of light.

In his studies on light and creation he came up with the idea that the universe started as a point beginning in time that was similar in many ways to the contemporary Big Bang theory.

As a mathematician he seems also to have anticipated Georg Cantor (1845-1918) by being the first to propose the paradox that not all infinities are equal.

Following his death, attempts were made to have him canonised, but now, after long neglect, the polymathic stature of Robert Grosseteste is again being appreciated.

By Albert Radcliffe

The Diary October

Wednesday 1 October
 All day Cathedrals Plus Conference 2014
 12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*

Thursday 2 October
 All day Cathedrals Plus Conference 2014

Friday 3 October
 7.00 pm *Jessie Ware*

Saturday 4 October
 2.15 pm—5.00 pm
Be a Chorister for a Day
 5.00 pm *Be a Chorister for a Day Act of Worship*

Sunday 5 October – St Denys
 10.30 am *Sung Eucharist—incense used*
 5.30 pm *Choral Evensong*

Tuesday 7 October
 7.00 pm *Manchester Literature Festival: Simon Armitage in conversation with Rachel Cooke*

Thursday 9 October
 12 noon *Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer*
 1.10 pm *Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert*
 8.00 pm *Manchester Literature Festival: If—music by Bill Ryder Jones*

Sunday 12 October
 10.30 am *Judges' Service*

Tuesday 14 October
 12.30 pm *Julian Prayer Group*
 7.30 pm *Out at the Cathedral Service (LGF)*

Wednesday 15 October
 12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*
 2.30 pm *Manchester Cathedral Poetry Prize with Manchester Literature Festival*

Thursday 16 October
 7.30 pm *Manchester Literature Festival & Manchester Theological Society: The Manchester Sermon with Audrey Niffenegger*

Friday 17 October
 7.30 pm *SAMM Service*

Saturday 18 October
 11.00 am *Coffee Concert*
 7.30 pm *Manchester Chamber Choir*

Tuesday 21 October
 7.30 pm *Chetham's School of Music Ensemble Concert*

Thursday 23 October
 7.30 pm *DBE Governors Service*

Saturday 25 October
 10.00 am *Apostolic Pastoral Association Joint Service of Celebration, Ordination and Licensing*

Wednesday 29 October
 12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*
 7.00 pm *65DaysOfStatic, 'The Fall of Math'*

Thursday 30 October
 7.00 pm *Nick Mulvey*

Looking ahead November

Sunday 2 November
 10.30 am *Sung Eucharist—incense used*
 5.30 pm *Festal Evensong and Procession—incense used*

Monday 3 November
 3.00 pm *Five Lost Churches Book Launch*
 5.30 pm *Requiem Eucharist—incense used*

Tuesday 4 November
 12.30 pm *Julian Prayer Group*

Friday 7 November
 8.00 pm *Manchester Sleepout for the Booth Centre*

Saturday 8 November
 7.30 pm *Concert with Manchester Baroque*

Tuesday 11 November
 10.45 am *Manchester Regiment Remembrance Service*

Wednesday 12 November
 12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*

Thursday 13 November
 12 noon *Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer*
 1.10 pm *Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert*

Friday 14 November
 2.30 pm—4.00 pm *Hanging Ditch Wine Fair*
 6.30 pm—9.30 pm *Hanging Ditch Wine Fair*

Saturday 15 November
 11.00 am *Coffee Concert*
 2.30 pm *Children's and Youth Work Certificate Presentation*
 7.00 pm *Piano Recital*

Tuesday 18 November
 7.00 pm *Celebration of Theology*

Wednesday 19 November
 10.00 am—4.00 pm
Growing in Kingdom

5.30 pm *Evensong with welcome to new head teachers*

Thursday 20 November
 10.00 am—2.30 pm
Mothers' Union Quiet Day

Saturday 22 November
 9.00 am—5.00 pm *Come and Sing*

Monday 24 November
 7.00 pm *Sharon Van Ethen*

Tuesday 25 November
 12.30 pm *Julian Prayer Group*

Wednesday 26 November
 12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*

Saturday 29 November
 7.30 pm *Fodens Brass Band Concert*

Monday 30 November
 5.30 pm *Advent Carol Service*

Looking further ahead *December*

Monday 1 December

7.00 pm *Augustines*

Tuesday 2 December

7.30 pm *MedEquip4Kids Carol Concert*

Wednesday 3 December

7.00 pm *Action for Children Carol Concert*

Thursday 4 December

1.10 pm *Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert*
7.30 pm *Children's Society Carol Service*

Friday 5 December

7.30 pm *North West Air Ambulance Charity Concert*

Saturday 6 December

11.30 am *Star for Christmas (Age UK)*
2.15 pm—5.00 pm
Be a Chorister for a Day
5.00 pm *Be a Chorister: Act of Worship*

Sunday 7 December

1.00 pm, 2.30 pm & 4.00 pm
Light up a Life (St Ann's Hospice) - by invitation

Monday 8 December

11.00 am & 2.15 pm *Manchester Evening News Concert*

Tuesday 9 December

11.30 pm *Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce & Industry Carol Concert*
7.30 pm *NSPCC Carols by Candlelight*

Wednesday 10 December

12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*
7.00 pm *Henshaws Carols by Candlelight*

Thursday 11 December

12 noon *Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer*

Saturday 13 December

7.00 pm *Messiah Concert*

Sunday 14 December

3.00 pm *St John Ambulance County Carol Service*

Monday 15 December

6.30 pm *'Merry Alexmas' (Alex Hulme Foundation Charity Concert)*

Tuesday 16 December

12.30 pm *Julian Prayer Group*

Wednesday 17 December

12.45 pm *Turning of the Leaves*
3.30 pm *BBC Choral Evensong*

Thursday 18 December

7.30 pm *Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity Carol Concert*

Friday 19 December

7.00 pm *The Genesis Christmas Concert*

Saturday 20 December

12 noon—1.30 pm *Cathedral Christmas Sing-Along (FREE event, drop in at any time)*
7.30 pm *Cathedral Family Carols Concert*

Monday 22 December

7.30 pm *Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*

Wednesday 24 December

12 noon *Blessing of the Crib & Children's Nativity*
11.30 pm *First Communion of Christmas*

Thursday 25 December

10.30 am *Christmas Day Eucharist—incense used*
12 noon *Evening Prayer*

Friday 26 December

11.00 am *Morning Prayer & Holy Communion*
4.30 pm *Evening Prayer*

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Christmas Concerts - Tickets

For all charity concerts, please contact the charity directly for tickets. Details of the ballot for Manchester Evening News tickets will appear in the paper. Tickets for the Cathedral's Messiah and Family Carols concerts will go on sale soon. Please check www.manchestercathedral.org

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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 school holidays evening services are said. All said services are at 4.30 pm.

Variations to the schedule for special dates and services will be listed here whenever possible.

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