

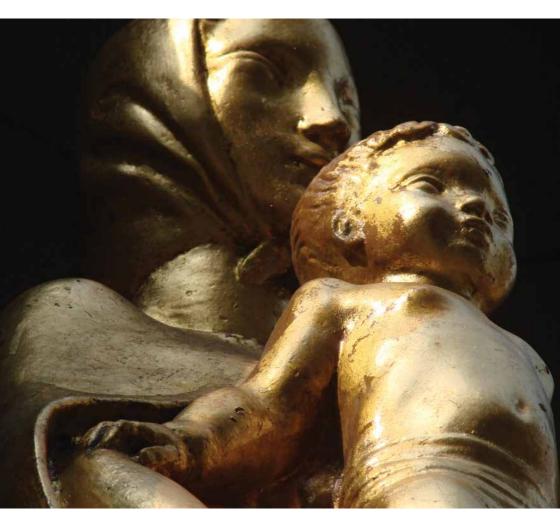
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## **Dean's Corner**

'Mission Connections'

Collaborating in an Urban Context

By The Dean

The world is interdependent and not independent.
This applies to every aspect of life, including the Church and her mission. A local parish church, a diocese, a national or international denomination cannot fulfil God's mission on its own; we need to connect with other groups, organisations and faiths if we are to be effective.

I often hear at church synods that congregations will grow if the minister provides good pastoral care and home visits, or if the worship is good and attractive, or if we reach out to young people, and so on. But while all these things are important, they are not singular solutions. Dynamic growth, in quality as well as quantity, comes through collaboration.

Therefore, good mission is predicated on building strong relationships, sharing a vision for the good of society and working together to achieve it. It is about being strategic, combining resources to build social capital and spiritual value in the community. It may be a project that involves the needs of the homeless, the unemployed, our neighbours or our visitors. It may involve the physical regeneration of an area. At Manchester Cathedral we collaborate with a number of partners to fulfil our mission, and together we are making a difference in our city.

We work with Jobcentre Plus to help unemployed people on the road back into employment, and acquire some excellent new volunteer Welcomers along the way - who, in turn, extend the Cathedral's warm welcome to every visitor who comes through our doors. Our volunteers working in the main Cathedral building also witness our daily worship, and the music and spirituality of the church, and sometimes find their own faith renewed or awakened.

The monthly meetings of the Challenging Hate Forum bring together leaders of a variety of faiths groups and the statutory sector to discuss important community issues and how to initiate positive change, in our different capacities. The Dean and Rector of St Ann's, for example, wrote an article on 'unity' for the local newspaper regarding the Gaza crisis and a speech was addressed to protestors.

Peacemaking and building unity is implicit in our Christian mission, and we are only able to do this collaboratively.

Our art project with Manchester Airport is another example of strategic collaboration. The Airport's artists-in-residence work with children from different Wythenshawe schools, visiting Manchester Cathedral and producing their own artistic responses to the building, which are now on display in the airport terminals.

The popular and classical concerts and the dinners that we host in collaboration with production companies or events agencies present many opportunities to fulfil our spiritual and social mission. These events bring thousands of people into the Cathedral each year, and each audience is welcomed by a member of the clergy team, representing the church and its ethos of hospitality and inclusivity. We are often received very warmly by these audiences, who appreciate our hospitality and visit us again.

Of course, these events also generate much-needed income that helps to maintain and improve our facilities for worship and community activity, while also providing additional sponsorships for our choristers and music ministry.

These examples are just a glimpse of our collaborative missional activity. We don't have all the answers nor all the resources, but together with other partners – religious, secular or commercial – we can serve God's call to be a 'community of good news'! As Archbishop Rowan Williams once said, 'mission is recognising what God is already doing, and joining in'.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas, and grace and peace over the new year.

You will see from the Volunteers feature and the Contacts page that we have a number of staff announcements to make! Look out for more introductions in the February issue.



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## Christmas at Manchester Cathedral Handel's Messiah Saturday 13 December, 7pm Tickets £15, www.ticketsource.co.uk/secretopera **Christmas Carol Sing-along** Saturday 20 December, 12 noon to 1.30pm (informal - just turn up and stay as long as you like) **Family Carols Concert** Saturday 20 December, 7.30pm Tickets £10 (£8), www.familycarols.eventbrite.co.uk Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Monday 22 December, 7.30pm **Blessing of the Crib** with Children's Nativity Christmas Eve, 12 noon The First Communion of Christmas Christmas Eve, 11.30pm **Christmas Day Sung Eucharist** Christmas Day, 10.30am (incense will be used at this service) Victoria Street, Manchester, M3 1SX O161 833 2220, www.manchestercathedral.org

# Connecting Cultures Manchester Cathedral hosts the Cathedrals Plus Conference 2014

By Pam Elliott, Education Officer

Between 30 September and 2 October, we welcomed 80 Cathedrals Plus members responsible for Education and Visitor Services in Cathedrals and Greater Churches from the UK and Ireland. The title of the Conference was 'Connecting Cultures' and it certainly lived up to its name.

Over three busy days, we were inspired by presentations from Loyd Grossman, Chair of the Heritage Alliance and Churches Conservation Trust (and well-known food lover and TV presenter!), Anjum Anwar of Bradford Cathedral, Elaine Griffiths of Gorton Monastery and many other workshop leaders working in Education and Visitor Services. As well as discovering the rich and varied programmes offered by Pam and Dympna, delegates experienced a wonderful choral evensong and

a drinks reception - generously hosted by the Dean - and shared an atmospheric formal dinner in the Cathedral's nave. Delegates also visited some of Manchester's other great cultural destinations, including the Buddhist Centre, Manchester Art Gallery, John Rylands Library and the National Football Museum.



Delivering the conference was a team effort, with almost every member of clergy, staff and many of our volunteers and congregation members helping to make the event a success.

Many delegates felt it was the best conference yet. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all involved.

Pam will be on maternity leave from December. We welcome Petra Wilcockson to the post for this period.

## Canon Wray's Sock Day!

In the October issue of Cathedral News, Canon Philip Barratt wrote about his Victorian predecessor, Canon Cecil Wray ('In Hallowed Footsteps', October 2014).

Cecil Wray served at the Cathedral for 56 years, and died in 1866. He was an eccentric character and is buried in the tomb outside what is now the main Cathedral office.

On the occasion of his 88th birthday he established the 'Canon Wray's Birthday Gift' fund, providing socks for the poor.

As of the 21 January 2015, Manchester Cathedral is re-instating the annual Canon Wray 'Sock Day' and will be collecting pairs of new, unwanted socks for the Booth Centre charity for the homeless.

## Manchester Cathedral Christmas Card 2014

We are very pleased to present the official Christmas card design for 2014, chosen by the Dean from the selection of anonymous entries to our first ever 'Design our Christmas Card' competition.

The winning design depicts an icon from our Lady Chapel, and was entered by Kevin Gilbo. Kevin clearly knows how to capture the essence of the Cathedral, as he was also successful in this year's Capture the Cathedral photography competition! We hope to open up the 'Design our Christmas Card' opportunity again in 2015, so look out for details in the new year.

Packs of cards can be purchased from St Denys Bookshop, or ordered online at www.manchestercathedral.org/shopping



### St Denys Bookshop

Pop into the bookshop during the festive season to pick up a card or a gift from the wonderful Christmas range. The bookshop is located on the lower ground floor of the Cathedral Visitor Centre, on Cateaton St (opposite the main Cathedral building), below the ProperTea Café.

- Nativity Sets
- Advent Calendars
- Advent Candles
- Christmas Cards
- · Christmas Gift Selection
- Christmas Storybooks for Children

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday-Friday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Saturday 9.00 am -2.00 pm

### **Tiles of the Old Cathedral Floor**

We still have a few remaining tiles from the old Cathedral floor that was taken up during the underfloor-heating project. If you would like one, please email **beapartofit@manchestercathedral.org** 

## **Christmas Poem**

## Mary & Child

Not wanting to lay him down in the wood and cloth. Not yet.

Just one heartbeat more, pressing the smooth skin, the pulse

of warmth she gave him, to her breast. One last time,

before she sets him where others may come,

squeeze his toes, touch the curled-up possibilities

of his hands. Breathing in the tang of milk, the scent

of sea, of her, the waters where he found his shape,

before he becomes one more body among many,

before the world crashes in.

By Rachel Mann

## Development Project Be a part of it

## Volunteers: three years on...

#### By Lauren Bailey-Rhodes

When we started the Volunteer Programme just less than three years ago, who would have thought that it would be so successful? We're pleased to report that after securing funding from Nesta we've now launched a second programme in Liverpool Cathedral and doubled the numbers of volunteers on the programme in Manchester Cathedral. More volunteers means we need a bigger team and so we welcome Helen Jones - who has been seconded from Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue - and Andrea Swales - who joins us from The Manchester College - as Manchester Cathedral's two new Volunteer Programme Coordinators. Tracy Fishwick officially joins us as Director of Programmes and Development for the UK, and Bev Taylor will be working on a freelance basis on business development. Together the team will be working to ensure that all volunteers continue to have a fantastic experience whilst on programme, in addition to bringing new cathedrals on board across the UK.

Volunteers continue to remain at the heart of the programme. Our Work Club is supported two days a week by Matt Leak, who gives his time freely. Former volunteers Charlene Burton and Jed Humphries delivered a presentation at Liverpool Cathedral, which convinced the Chapter there

that they wanted to be a part of this. A number of other volunteers give their free time to support the recruitment and induction of each new group.

And I'm pleased to be able to share another success story with you. Glynn Hunt has been working at the Manchester Arndale for over twelve months now, but before joining the programme he'd been out of work for eight months and had only had a few short-term jobs. He's just been offered a security job that will almost double his wage and he's moving to the Peak District with his partner, who has also just secured an admin role. Glynn has been saving some of his wages each month and hopes to get a flat with his girlfriend in the new year. It just goes to show what a difference the programme can make to people's lives. We'll miss Glynn dropping into the office before his shift, clutching his cup of coffee, but we wish him the best of luck in this new adventure.

No matter how large the Volunteer Programme may become in the future, it's success will always come down to a few key ingredients: the staff and volunteers in each cathedral, giving participants the care, support and respect that they need to develop and flourish. Manchester will always be the beacon of best practice, so I'd like to thank everyone who has played a part in making the programme the enormous success that it is. It couldn't have been done without you.

## **People Helping People**

#### By Tracy Fishwick, Director of Programmes and Development UK

We know that volunteering can build skills that will be useful in the workplace. However, few volunteer programmes focus on volunteers' employability needs, and fewer still have explicit relationships with employers to bring about lasting change in someone's life. The Manchester Cathedral Volunteer Programme has been a true pioneer in this regard. Using the Cathedral's space, relationships, partnerships and reputation in the city, something quite special, yet simple, has happened. People are helping people!

Tried and tested for three years in Manchester, this is now a flagship programme for the rest of the UK to follow. With the backing of the Cabinet Office, Nesta (the UK's social innovation lab) and Jobcentre Plus, plans are in place to scale up in Manchester, with volunteers coming from across Greater Manchester for the first time. We are also proud to announce that Liverpool Cathedral has now started its first 18 volunteers, with our input and expert hands-on support from Lauren Bailey-Rhodes!

To support this scale-up ambition, a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation is being formed with influential Trustees and an experienced team. More of that next time. But for now, look out for some new people and say hello.

#### **Tracy Fishwick**

Director of the new CIO and lead on Programmes and Development UK. Tracy has been part of the Volunteer Programme



since its inception, working closely with Anthony O'Connor and the Dean of Manchester to create the first model, secure funding and partners to get the programme off the ground, and most recently securing Nesta's support. Tracy will now be committing three days per week to the UK roll-out to replicate the programme in more cathedrals.

#### Lauren Bailey-Rhodes

You will all know Lauren already, but her role is changing. She will continue to support Manchester, but is also focussed on new cathedral programmes, sharing all the know-how and experience she has gained over three years to ensure new programmes are well established on the ground.

#### **Bev Taylor**

Associate Business Development for the UK and Manchester scale up. Bev has an impressive career in local



government, most notably heading up Manchester City Council's volunteer activity. Bev will be joining the team to support its growth and embed best practice for volunteers.

Andrea Swales and Helen Jones Volunteer and Employability Co-ordinators, Manchester Cathedral.



L-r: Helen Jones, Andrea Swales & Matt Leak

Andrea and Helen will be working closely with Manchester Cathedral volunteers now that the programme is set to grow in size. Taking up the mantle from Lauren, their roles are key to ensuring the volunteer experience is fantastic and that employers continue to get involved.

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# Family Carols

Saturday 20 December 2014 7.30pm

Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir with Northern Brass Quintet

Christopher Stokes and Aaron Shilson, Organ

Jeffrey Makinson, Director

Tickets £10 (£8) available from www.familycarols.eventbrite.co.uk includes a glass of wine & mince pie



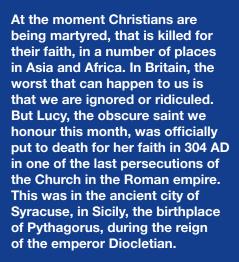
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## **Devotional**

# A Saint for the Month

13 December Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304 AD



As often happens with the early saints, little is known for certain about her life. In the stories written about her she was denounced to the authorities by a man she rejected, and she died by a sword thrust to her throat. There are many elaborations to that basic story, but little is historically certain other than that she died for her faith and was greatly honoured for this by her contemporaries.

In a way, then, she represents everyone who, in obscurity, is witness to Christ and dies for their faith, leaving behind them no certain history of their life or courage. National and international news is dominated by the famous, but history depends more than we think on those who, like Lucy, live out their faith without the presence of cameras or reporters' notebooks. When we remember them in prayer, their faith can also encourage and inspire us, and bring out our best in impossible circumstances.

Little is made of St Lucy's Day in England, but in Scandinavia it's a different matter. In the old Julian calendar her day fell on the winter solstice, the shortest and darkest day of the year. And as her name, Lucy, means 'light', her day was and still is celebrated as a feast of light, with girls in white robes and red martyrs' sashes bearing a crown or wreath of lighted candles on their heads. Remembering Lucy is an important part of the preparation for Christmas.

By Albert Radcliffe

## The Diary December

#### Monday 1 December

7.00 pm Augustines

#### Tuesday 2 December

6.15 pm Christmas Tree Lights Switch On 7.30 pm MedEquip4Kids Christmas Sing Along

#### Wednesday 3 December

7.30 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 6.00 pm Mandela Prayer Service

#### Sunday 7 December

12 noon Advent Conversations (Library) 1.00 pm, 2.30 pm & 4.00 pm Light up a Life (St Ann's Hospice)

#### Monday 8 December

11.00 am & 2.15 pm Manchester Evening News Concert

#### **Tuesday 9 December**

11.30 am Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce & Industry Carol Concert 7.30 pm NSPCC Carols by Candelight

#### Wednesday 10 December

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves 7.30 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

12 noon Advent Conversations (Library) 3.00 pm St John Ambulance County Carol Service

#### Monday 15 December

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

#### Wednesday 17 December

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

#### Thursday 18 December

7.00 pm Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity Carol Concert

#### Friday 19 December

6.00 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

#### Sunday 21 December

12 noon Advent Conversations (Library)

#### 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

#### **Christmas Concerts - Tickets**

Messiah tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/secretopera Family Carols tickets: familycarols.eventbrite.co.uk

For all charity concerts, please contact the charity directly for tickets. Details of the competition for Manchester Evening News tickets will appear in the paper.

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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 Evensong

9.00am 5.30pm\*

#### **Sunday Services**

Matins8.45amHoly Communion (1662)9.00amSung Eucharist10.30amEvensong5.30pm\*

#### \*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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### **Looking ahead** *January*

Sunday 4 January

4.00 pm Epiphany Service with procession from St Ann's

Wednesday 7 January

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 8 January

12 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer

Saturday 17 January

Thursday 22 January 11.00 am Coffee Concert 1.10 pm Chetham's School of

Tuesday 20 January

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 21 January

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Music Lunchtime Concert

Monday 26 January

2.00 pm Hate Crime Awareness Event

Friday 30 January

7.30 pm Manchester Camerata Concert

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### **Looking further ahead February**

Wednesday 4 February

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 7 February

11.00 am Coffee Concert

Sunday 8 February 2.00 pm Accession Service

Tuesday 10 February

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Thursday 12 February

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

Saturday 14 February

7.00 pm Valentine's Day Service

Wednesday 18 February-Ash Wednesday

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Sunday 22 February

7.30 pm European Premier of Professor Nancy Galbraith's Passion

Saturday 28 February

11.00 am Coffee Concert 7.30 pm In Vino Veritas: a winetasting and murder mystery event



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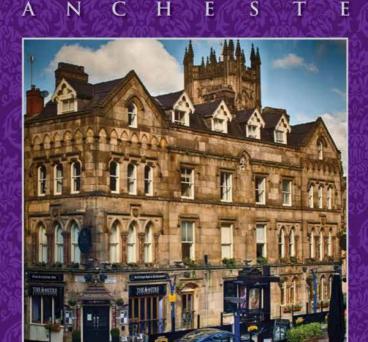
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