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BISHOP NIGEL'S THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



A call to Jubilee-ation!

THE Queen's Diamond Jubilee has special significance for the Church of England. Her Majesty is Supreme Governor.

The Lord Lieutenant and I will lead a celebration in each borough, or part of borough, covered by the Manchester Diocese.

With my fellow bishops, we ask clergy, congregations and communities to join us in worship, not only to give thanks for Her Majesty but also to celebrate local links between Church and Society.

We have consulted the Presidents of Greater Manchester Churches Together, who are with us in this and will encourage their members across the boroughs. And, as appropriate, we will include the presence of other faiths.

Each service will seek to affirm how Church and Society connect through voluntary organisations, charities, civic and political life, education at all levels, health, media, police, emergency services, business and professional life, local culture, sport, etc.

Please note these dates: **February 5th** County Service, Cathedral; **February 26th** Bolton Parish Church. **March 4th** St Michael and All Angels, Ashton; **March 18th** St Thomas, Pendleton; **March 25th** Rochdale Town Hall.

April 29th St Matthew, Stretford. **May 13th** Bury Parish Church; **May 27th** Rossendale. **June 3rd** Manchester; **June 10th** St Mary, Leigh; **June 17th** St Mary, Reddish; **June 24th** St Mary and St Peter, Oldham.

Women bishops votes carried

MANCHESTER Diocesan Synod held its debate on the women bishops legislation in September.

The main motion - "that this Synod approves the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and ordination of women) measure and in the draft Amending Canon No30", was carried in all three houses. The bishops voted for the motion, while the clergy voted 41 for, 13 against with two abstentions, and the laity voted 38 for, 26 against and four abstentions.

A further motion was also carried - "that this synod (the diocesan synod) request the general synod to debate a motion in the following form: That this synod (the general synod) call upon the House of Bishops, in exercise of its powers under standing order 60(b), to amend the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and ordination of women) measure in the manner proposed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York at the revision stage for the draft measure."

For this motion the clergy voted 31 for, 21 against with three abstentions, and the laity 47 for, 20 against with one abstention.

Prisons Week : November 20-26

YOU are urged to join Prison Fellowship in praying for and supporting all those currently in prison, their victims, families and all those working in the prison service. Prisoner numbers are currently high and the system is under pressure because of a reduction in central funding.

Prison Fellowship, through its much celebrated Sycamore Tree initiative, is committed to reducing the cycle of re-offending. Could your church, school, youth group or you personally support the Prison Fellowship through prayer and action?

Please visit the Prison Fellowship website for information about its work at www.prisonfellowship.org.uk



NEW DIOCESAN FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mr Richard O'Connell has joined the Diocese as Head of Finance and IT. We welcome him as he takes up his new post.



Booting out poverty!

THE vicar and parishioners at St Andrew's, Dearnley, Littleborough rammed home their 'Boot Out Poverty' message at the Harvest Festival. Everyone was asked to go to church in Wellington boots and donate non-perishable foodstuff for those who might otherwise go without. The Revd Sharon Jones conducted the Family Eucharist wearing wellies under her vestments and, instead of her customary sermon, involved the children in a talk about poverty and the part St Andrew's might play in attempting to combat it locally.

Harvest experience

BUILDING on its success with Experience Easter and Experience Christmas, St Lawrence, Denton is one of the first churches in diocese to run with Experience Harvest.

In the course of a week, 600 schoolchildren were welcomed and church members helped them discover more about how the natural world provides many rich harvests for everyone to enjoy.

The children handled fruit and vegetables from gardens; found out about those who risk danger to harvest fish from the oceans; felt the wool from newly sheared sheep; saw pottery made from the earth; and discovered how grain from ears of wheat is used to make our harvest loaf.

As well as experiencing the world's bounty the children learnt about producing spiritual fruit, like humility, generosity, patience, joy and peace. For more information about Experience Harvest and available resources, call churchwarden Sheila Cant on 0161 336 1566.



Samaritan's Purse sporty shoeboxes

With the 2012 London Olympics just round the corner, Samaritan's Purse is asking people to get into the Olympic spirit as part of this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign.

Sports-themed shoeboxes are the order of the day. You can give your shoebox an Olympic feel by decorating it the colours of a national flag, or filling it with gifts and toys of a sporting nature.

Along with gifts you would usually send, you might want to include a tennis ball, skipping rope, baseball hat, small football, inflatable beach ball, stop watch, sweat bands, toy medals or some other sports-related gift that would bring a smile to a child!

Last year more than a million shoeboxes were sent from the UK to children in 14 countries across the world to bring a smile to needy children.



Making family history easier

TO HELP families researching family history on the web, the Diocesan Records Office, based at Central Library in Manchester, is planning to digitise parish records, the most frequently accessed material in its possession.

One of the benefits is that clergy will receive fewer calls asking how to get hold of such information. The Records Office will also be able to access funding to offset the cost of maintaining

about a kilometre of shelving in its archives.

The popularity of such shows as *Who Do You Think You Are?* has seen an upsurge in people delving into their family tree, and this project will be done in partnership with Ancestry.co.uk.

Parishes will be contacted to ask if they have objections to their older records being digitised. There will be no changes to copyrights.

Healing Roadshow attracting much interest

MORE than 120 people have already been to the diocesan Healing Roadshows in the Salford and Bolton Archdeaconries. The final Roadshow is to be held in the Rochdale Archdeaconry at St. Martin, Droylsden on November 12, from 9am to 1pm.

Bishop Chris Edmondson is the keynote speaker and there will be seminars on care for the elderly, for victims of sexual trauma, and

for the mentally ill, as well as care for the dying, and the responsibilities of being a carer - plus an area of quiet reflection.

If you are involved in any form of caring, then there will be something for you, and if you just want some 'tlc' from God, there's that too. Contact Revd Rod Bevan (01706 221889) or find a booking form from the diocesan website and send it to him.

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Peter's double delivery

WHEN Roger Hill took at service at St Michael's Ashton in September he was greeted by a choir member who told him "Something unusual happened to me on Friday - I became a father and a grandfather on the same day!"

Peter Lee, 54, proudly announced the double delivery after his wife and daughter gave birth on the same day at the same hospital.

Peter's wife, Ann-Marie Mills, 32, went into labour with their third child on 8 September. They went to Tameside Hospital and baby Racheal was born at 04:29am the next day, weighing 7lb 10oz.

His daughter Sharon, 24, went into labour as he and his wife were leaving the hospital. Bradley was born at 6:10pm weighing 8lb 14oz.

Peter Lee, now a father-of-six, said: "I didn't think this would ever happen - it certainly wasn't planned like that. I just felt elated. I was so happy. It really was fantastic.

"It isn't every day that a dad becomes a dad



and a granddad in the same day!

"Everyone was pleased, I think it's much better having both born on the same day but I haven't stopped since!"

Ann Haggerty, matron of the maternity unit at Tameside Hospital said "I've worked here for 26 years and can't remember an occasion where something like this has happened before.

"The joy of being a midwife is the privilege of helping to bring new life into the world. It is unpredictable events such as this that make the job such a pleasure."

Betting firm Ladbrokes said the odds of both births happening on the same day in the same hospital were a million to one!

In tandem with the KJV

2011 marks the centenary of the parish of Holy Rood in Swinton, Salford - and in a year which has also seen the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, Priest-in-Charge Revd Chich Hewitt wanted to fund a programme that would make the Bible more accessible - and read - at Holy Rood with its centenary focus on Cross and Bible.

He hit on the idea of a sponsored tandem ride with his brother Dennis. The pair would pedal from Holy Rood Palace, Edinburgh, to Holy Rood Church, Swinton, a total of about 230 miles. The arrival of Hurricane Katia in mid-September, just as they were leaving Edinburgh, prevented the daring duo from completing the whole route, but they managed an impressive 150 miles in five days, raising over £1,000 so far. Chich said, "I would like the money raised to be used to buy Bible Reading Fellowship notes for each family in the congregation, and to replace the ageing batch of church Bibles with new, large-print editions."



Bearing Witness : One amazing day



ON THE eve of the Conservative Party conference, Tearfund, Christian Aid, and Cafod led an inspiring day of campaigning and worship in Manchester on the issues of climate change and global poverty.

Hundreds of supporters from across the country called on Prime Minister David Cameron to keep his promise that his would be the 'greenest government ever'.

The government was reminded that the world's poorest communities are depending on it. Poor communities need world leaders to take strong global action to tackle climate change. Those who have done the least to cause climate change are suffering most from its effects.

In a moving service in the cathedral, Canon Andrew Shanks and Dr Elaine Storkey, Tearfund President, welcomed a packed to overflowing congregation as they sang, prayed and listened to an address from a former president of the South African Council of Churches, Professor Tinyiko Maluleke.

Loretta Mingella, Director of Christian Aid, concluded the service with a Call to Action. The congregation formed a procession of witness that

wound its way - singing hymns to the accompaniment of a brass band - through Manchester to the Conservative Party conference centre. The procession ended with a candlelit vigil in Albert Square, where prayers were said for the poorest and most affected by climate change.

Global day of prayer

On November 6 you are invited to join with thousands across the world in a day of prayer and action on climate change. To find out more, visit www.hopeforcreation.org - and sign up.



Christmas is ... whatever?

***Bored of fairtrade?
Make it part of your
commitment to
counter a consumer
Christmas this year***

BEEN there, done that, got the T-shirt (fairtrade, of course)? Once we've made sure the church tea and coffee has that funny logo on the packet, have we 'done' fairtrade?

Or - perhaps more pertinently - in times of austerity when we have to look after every penny, isn't fairtrade, which is always that bit more expensive, part of those good times which are past?

I would argue that it is precisely the passing of 'the good times' which enables us to think again about what fairtrade means. We've been endlessly told the market is the best, the only, way of running the world. We know that the market connects us all in global networks.

My morning cup of tea comes from India, my mobile was made in China and includes metal from the Democratic Republic of Congo. We are all connected economically but what about other kinds of connection?

I am not just 'economic man', that useful invention of economists. Neither is the Chinese worker who made my phone. The workings of the market without regard to those other parts of our shared humanity have plunged the world into a crisis through which we and our leaders are now stumbling.

As we approach the start of Advent and prepare ourselves again for the coming of a baby born into poverty, we will also be caught up in the getting and spending which is Christmas in our market-driven world. Railing against that commercialisation, which I can do with the best, doesn't always help us know how to live the



contradictions between that birth and our society.

Buying fairtrade can be a small part of how we recognise the shared humanity of those who produce what we buy. When you buy a Christian Aid Christmas card, a scarf from Traidcraft, a chocolate decoration for your tree from the Meaningful Christmas Company, you are asserting that connection. It is a small thing, but so is a baby, so is a mustard seed.

Margaret Beetham

DREAM goods and designer clothes feature in the ChurchAds.net Christmas advert this year, (see above) - reminding Christians to tell the nativity story in ways that engage creatively and positively.

Heaton : The deanery that feels different

HEATON Deanery contains 11 churches, eight of which are in Stockport and three in Manchester. It has a very varied flavour, from the multiracial parishes of Levenshulme, to the council (now housing association) estates of Burnage, and from the more traditional communities of Reddish, to the more prosperous areas of the Heaton team.

Geographically the deanery covers three different communities - Reddish, the Heaton area and South-East Manchester - and the churches tend to work in clusters.

There is tremendous variety in terms of churchmanship, social make-up and style of worship. Sometimes it feels like there is so much variety, as well as geographical spread across communities and local authorities, that one might think :Why is this a deanery at all?

The truth is, the strength of the deanery doesn't rely on geography, churchmanship or social make-up.

Its strength lies in the willingness of churches and clergy to support each other, to learn from

each other and to pray for one another. As such Heaton deanery feels a good thing to be part of.

Les Ireland, Area Dean

St John the Baptist Heaton Mersey

FOR three years, St John's, Heaton Mersey has hosted services for a group of Farsi-speaking Christians, mostly Iranian exiles.

Vicar Marcus Maxwell explains: "The Iranians use the building in the afternoons, fitting in neatly between our morning and evening services. There's a certain amount of natural overlap, as hangers-on from the morning service meet the advance party for the afternoon, and occasionally an early Iranian arrival will join the Anglicans for morning worship.

"Getting together more formally tends to be difficult, but we have shared some Agape services, and exchanged prayers, recipes and testimonies (theirs generally more hair-raising than ours).

"The Iranian presence has been inspiring for our fairly comfortable congregation. Here are



The new youth club in action at Heaton Norris and (above) some of the young people's artwork

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people who have encountered real persecution for their faith, and been strengthened by it. For them, the urgency of preaching the gospel is a lived experience, and the excitement of discipleship a new one.

“Of course, they have their problems too. Numbers fluctuate, there are crises of faith, tragedies and fears for families left behind.

“Perhaps the biggest problem for these exiles is that of identity. They can feel alienated from the mainly Muslim-majority of Iranian exiles in Britain by virtue of having a different faith, and some find it hard to fit in with English-speaking Christians who inhabit a different culture”.

That’s one reason why the Iranian Church pastor would like his congregation formally to join the Church of England.

Christ with All Saints, Heaton Norris

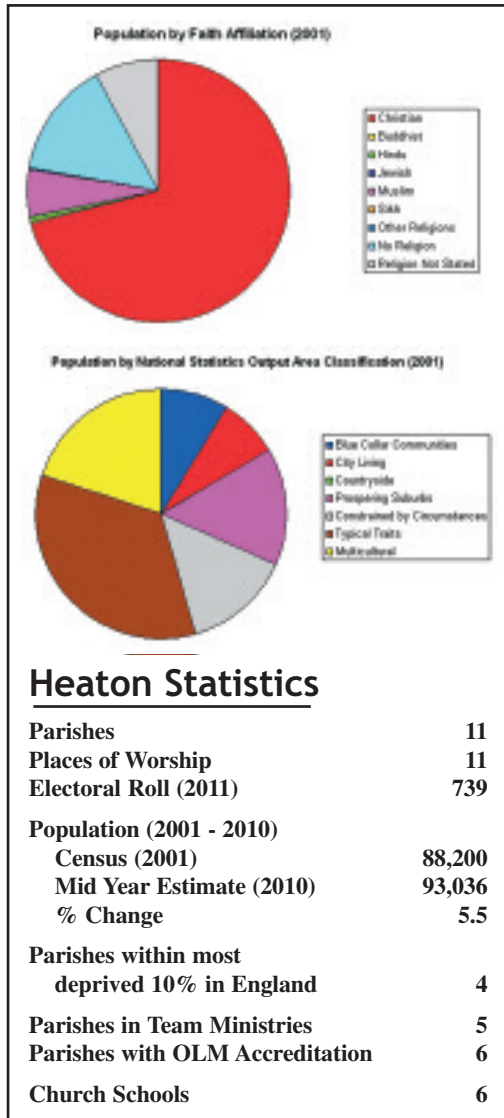
REVD Glenys Richards, OLM at the Heaton Team, reports: “After a long wait trying to establish our new youth club, we finally opened the doors three weeks ago to young people living in and around the parish of Christ with All Saints.

“Numbers are good, and both young people and parents have been positive about the new experience so far”.

The youth clubs are a way for the Church to meet the needs of families by reaching out to its community. A Wednesday group is for years 4 to 6 and a Friday group for years 7 to 8.

Glynys adds: “We aim to provide a safe and interactive space for young people, offering sports, computer games, crafts and other activities. It’s also an opportunity for young people just to hang out with their friends.

“We have a well re-ordered church building already well used by the community, and a large



hall that makes an ideal youth club space.”

The project is looking for more volunteers to work alongside three part-time sessional youth workers. Glenys adds: “We are grateful to the diocese for a Parish Mission Fund grant to support this project, and for guidance during the planning stage, especially from youth officer, Susie Mapledoram”.

'Impressive' Trinity unveiled

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, opened the new Trinity CE High School building in September.

Trinity now has a striking new building on the familiar site, following a £21.5m investment into the school and campus.

The Archbishop said: "Trinity has an impressive history, a successful present and an exciting future.

"It gives me great pleasure to join pupils, parents and staff to formally open the school."



TOP: The new Trinity building. ABOVE: Archbishop Sentamu with head David Ainsworth after the unveiling and meeting the pupils

COMINGS AND GOINGS

APPOINTMENTS

The Bishop of Manchester has appointed the Rt **Revd Geoffrey Graham Dow** as Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese.

The Revd Christopher Jonathan Richard Howitz, Priest in Charge of St Clement, Higher Openshaw is to become Anglican co-chaplain of the Protestant Church of Oman.

The Revd Canon Philip John Rawlings (Phil) to be Oldham Anglican Inter-faith Officer (this is

a part-time post).

The Revd Irene Lillian Smith, Assistant Curate OLM of St Chad New Moston, is to be, in addition, Assistant Curate OLM of Newton Heath and Assistant Curate OLM of St John Moston.

RETIREMENT

The Revd Irene Victoria Watkins, Assistant Curate OLM at St Michael and All Angels, Lawton Moor, retires with effect from November 1, 2011.

'A complete parish priest'

A NEW book published this month by our Assistant Bishop, Frank Sargeant, commemorates the life and writings of Canon Peter Green, one of Manchester's great parish priests of the last century.

Peter Green was a Prayer Book Catholic who ministered at Sacred Trinity and then for many years at St Philip, Salford, while serving for 50 years as a residentiary canon of Manchester Cathedral.

Greatest

The book, *A Complete Parish Priest*, is an investigation and commemoration of the life and writings of Canon Peter Green, once described as 'the greatest parish priest of the Twentieth Century', who died



50 years ago, on 17 November 1961.

The social conditions have changed considerably in those parishes in Trinity Ward where poverty, drinking and gambling were then rife.

However, as Green asserted, the Christian faith is a constant to be applied to everyday life. So the book endeavours to trace what Green said in his 38 books about Catholic doctrine, the devotional life, and Christian living, in the hope that readers will find a source to deepen their own spirituality.

Prophetic

Green's integrated philosophy of faith and life extended to aesthetics and ethics and led to prophecies which are relevant today, especially the effects of secularisation of society.

He challenged the Church to endorse evangelistic missions for conversions and to encourage confession for restitution.

Author Frank Sargeant, former Bishop of Stockport, draws on Green's *Artifex* articles published in the Manchester Guardian for over 40 years and his deposited papers in Manchester Cathedral archives.

A Complete Parish Priest is available at £15 (+ £3 p&p) from G. B. Skelly, The Anglo-Catholic History Society, 24 Cloudesley Square, London N1 0HN (skelly785@btinternet.com)

● **Also available from St Denys' Bookshop, Manchester in its new home (see page 12)**

Bishops join Mothers' Union



BISHOPS Chris and Mark were admitted as members of Mothers' Union by Bishop Nigel at the annual Festival. Along with members from across the diocese who were reaffirming their commitment, the bishops promised to support the aims and objectives of the society, whose mission is "to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of the family in its many forms".

In welcoming the new members, Diocesan President, Barbara Taylor (accompanied by York Provincial President, Lynne Tembey) announced that Bishops Chris and Mark had accepted an invitation to be patrons of the society in Manchester, joining Bishop Nigel who has held this office since coming to the diocese.

For more about Mothers' Union, its work and witness, visit www.mothersunionmanchester.org or ring Judith on 0161 828 1427.

Giving up 'treasured items'

"HE IS no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

THIS memorable quote was recorded in the diary of American missionary Jim Elliot a few years before he and four colleagues were killed by natives during a trip to Ecuador in 1956, and it provides a challenge to us and our value systems.

The biblical accounts of the poor widow in Mark 12 and the rich man in Luke 12 give startling insights into what heaven values.

If we had met the poor widow and learned that she intended to put all she had into the offering bowl, how would we have reacted? Most of us would have advised her not to - "Dear lady, you need to eat, feed yourself and your family". Similarly, if the rich man had unfolded his plans for future expansion and later retirement, most likely we would have responded - "That's a solid plan, it sounds good, I hope it goes well."

But what is the response of Jesus? Quite the opposite! He commends the sacrificial generosity of the widow, but rebukes the rich man - not because of his lifestyle or lack of synagogue attendance, but rather because he failed to take

into account things that had eternal value.

Jesus then added "This is how it will be for anyone who stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God."

So what can make us rich towards God? As good stewards, it's vital to give this matter serious reflection.

Of course, possessions are not wrong in themselves. Many of us own property, for example. But are we using that home as God would want us to, being hospitable and welcoming when opportunities arise?

Most of us earn money - but do we treat it like it's actually God's or like it's all ours? Do we give people priority - for example, in taking the time to encourage and value others, to help those less fortunate, etc? These things have a heavenly value far in excess of what we imagine.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."

Powerful words with eternal relevance.

James Emmerson, Stewardship Officer

St Denys' new chapter

St DENYS' bookshop is now sited within the cathedral visitor centre. The store is open every day for church supplies, theological books and the Diocesan Directory.

Penny Glover explains: "The move has been long planned and we are excited at the prospect of returning to the area of Manchester where we started - and to be working so close to the Cathedral.

"The premises are really interesting with the mediaeval bridge incorporated into the modern building.

"We hope all CRUX readers will visit the new shop in the build-up to Christmas, if only to see what the new place looks like. We look forward to greeting you in our new location."

St Denys' Bookshop, 10 Cateaton Street, Manchester, M3 1SQ. Tel : 0161 835 1069

Eucharistic Assistants' Evenings

Service as usual?

- hosted by the Archdeacons
- reinforcing local ministry
- teaching and encouragement in the context of Holy Communion

Coffee from 7pm
for 7.30pm start

Four dates throughout November 2011:

Saline	Tuesday 15 Nov	All Saints, Ellen
Saline	Tuesday 22 Nov	St Thomas, Pendleton
Rochdale	Thursday 24 Nov	St Mary, Higher Croxson
[rearranged date]		
Manchester	Wednesday 30 Nov	St Margaret, Burnage



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To book, contact Helen Fallone

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St Aidan's honours founding father

AFTER their participation in the Rochdale Open Days, a group of parishioners at St Aidan's spent another weekend delving into the history of the church.

They welcomed David Harrison from Vancouver, a descendant of Revd Hartley Harrison, founding vicar of St Aidan's Church and previously curate of St John's Facit and St Alban's Church Rochdale.

Contact with David Harrison was made by researchers at St Aidan's who were keen to find out about the history of the church, especially its consecration in 1915, in preparation for centennial celebrations in 2015.

David was joined at Heywood Cemetery by the present vicar Revd Mike Read (*left*) and the previous vicar Revd George Dobbs (*right*) at the unveiling of a new memorial to Revd Hartley Harrison and his family. It was crafted by Alistair Pearson of Charles Chadwick Monumental Masons to replace the previously damaged headstone.

If anyone has any historical photographs or old parish magazines relating to the church they



would be welcome, and can be e-mailed to archives@staidan.org.uk.

Eric's 50 years of ministry

ERIC Ruehorn celebrated 50 years of ordained ministry with a special service at Christ Church, Walshaw in Bury.

Churchwarden John Pass reveals that he and his fellow wardens presented Eric with a gift on behalf of the fellowship which he has been part of since his retirement 12 years ago, and all shared in a celebratory cake.

Archdeacon David Bailey congratulated Eric on his achievement and thanked him for his dedicated and faithful service for the Lord throughout his ministry.



Eric was vicar of Hawkshaw for 25 years and has spent his entire ministry in Manchester Diocese.

ERIC is seen (above) with Archdeacon David and his wife, Katherine.

CATHEDRAL DIARY

If you have queries regarding events at the Cathedral, ring 0161 833 2220.

TIMES OF SERVICES - SUNDAY : Matins 8.45am (said); Holy Communion 9am (said); Sung Eucharist (Common Worship - sung - Cathedral Choir) 10.30am; Evensong (sung - Cathedral Voluntary Choir) 5.30pm. **WEEKDAYS** : Morning Prayer 9am (Mon-Sat); Holy Communion 1.10pm (Mon-Fri), Evensong 5.30pm (said Mon & Fri, sung Tues, Wed & Thurs), Evensong 3.30pm (sung, Sat only).



EVENTS during NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

EXHIBITIONS

Until Nov 21 Celebrating 400th anniversary of the KJV

Until Nov 27 Asia Triennial Art Exhibition

NOVEMBER 2011

Wed Nov 2 5.30pm All Souls Day Requiem Eucharist

Fri Nov 4 12noon Memorial Service for Jimmy Gregor, former chairman Central Manchester Development Corporation

Sun Nov 6 2.30pm 120th Anniversary of the Church Lads' Brigade & Parade

Tue Nov 8 12.30pm Julian Prayer Group

Wed Nov 9 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Thu Nov 10 12noon Mothers Union Prayers
7pm Manchester Theological Society
Lecture: John Parry, 'A modern Sikh interpretation of Jesus'

Fri Nov 11 10.45am Duke of Lancaster's Regimetal Remembrance Service

Sat Nov 12 12noon 'Be a Chorister for a Day'. For boys and girls aged 7+. Places limited. Contact 0161 833 2220 ext. 238 or katy.leese@manchestercathedral.org

Mon Nov 14 7pm Anna Calvi concert. Tickets from www.artistticket.com

Tue Nov 15 1.10pm Chetham's Lunchtime Concert
1.130pm Retired Clergy Assn meeting
7.30pm Diocesan celebration of the National Society bi-centenary

Wed Nov 16, Thu Nov 17 7pm Wild Beasts concert. (Please note: Nov 16th sold out).

Fri Nov 18 7pm Turin Brakes - Perform The Optimist With Jersey Budd. Tickets from seetickets.com

Sat Nov 19 11am Coffee Concert Torelli String Quartet
12noon 'Be a Chorister for a Day'. For boys and girls aged 7+. Places limited. Contact 0161 833 2220 ext. 238 or katy.leese@manchestercathedral.org

Wed Nov 23 12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Thu Nov 24 10am Mothers Union Quiet Day

Fri Nov 25 10.30am & 1.30pm St James CE High School Anniversary services
8pm Booth Centre sleep-out

Sat Nov 26 10.30am & 4.30pm 'Come and Sing' Haydn's Maria Theresa Mass. Contact Katy Leese on Tel: 0161 833 2220 or katy.leese@manchestercathedral.org

Sun Nov 27 5.30pm Candlelit Advent Porcession

Tue Nov 29 12.30pm Julian Prayer Group
1.10pm Chetham's Lunchtime Concert

DECEMBER 2011

During the holiday period (December 26 to January 9) times of services change and services are said. Tickets may be required for concerts during December. Please visit www.manchestercathedral.org for more information.

Thu Dec 1 7.30pm Children's Society Service

Fri Dec 2 7.30pm NW Air Ambulance Concert

Sat Dec 3 7.30pm Manchester University Choir & Orchestra Society Concert

Sun Dec 4 1pm, 2.30pm, 4pm St Ann's Hospice 'Tree of Lights' Service
7.30pm RBS Chorus Tour Concert

Tue Dec 6 6.15pm Manchester's Lord Mayor will switch on Cathedral Christmas Tree lights
7.30pm MedEquip4Kids Concert. For tickets ring 0161 798 1600 or info@medequip4kids.org.uk

Wed Dec 7 10am Manchester Music Service Christmas Sing

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves
7.30pm Action for Children Concert

Thu Dec 8 12noon Mother's Union Prayers
7.30pm Greater Manchester Police Concert

Fri Dec 9 7.30pm NSPCC Concert

Sat Dec 10 7pm Handel's Messiah with the Manchester Baroque and Cathedral Choir
Tickets £20, £15, £11: ring 0161 833 2220

Sun Dec 11 3pm St John Ambulance Carol Service

Mon Dec 12 11am & 3pm MEN Carol Concert.

Tue Dec 13 12.30pm Julian Prayer Group
1.10pm Chethams Lunchtime Concert
7pm Addiction Dependency Solutions Concert

Wed Dec 14 7pm Henshaw's Society for Blind Concert

Fri Dec 16 7pm Chetham's Christmas Music Concert

Sat Dec 17 7.30pm Family Carols Concert with Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir.

Small Ads

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CLASSICALLY TRAINED SINGER available for weddings or other special occasions - soprano, trained at RNCM. Tel: Julie - 0161 865 5969.

SPIC N SPAN carpet and upholstery cleaning, Leather cleaning and restoration, Oven & hob cleaning, UPVC fascia, soffit and conservatory cleaning, Outdoor pressure washing, Pest control. Call Tony for free no-obligation quotation 0161 633 4554.

HOLOCAUST STUDY EVENT at Menorah Synagogue, 198 Altrincham Road, Sharston, Manchester M22 4RZ. For Christian clergy, educators, students and others interested. Thursday 24 November, 9.30am-1.30pm. Free programme of lectures by distinguished speakers at Menorah Synagogue and CCJ. For details call 0161 428 7746, email office@menorah.org.uk

HOMEOPATHY: Eczema, asthma, hayfever, allergies, candida, thrush, migraine, rheumatism, bowel/bladder problems, ME, ear infections, menstrual problems, eating disorders, sleep problems, childhood illnesses, etc. Registered homeopath. New clinic at New Dawn Centre, Button Lane, Northern Moor. First session free. 07914 260714.

GRAVE TENDING SERVICE (Greater Manchester). Memorial washed, removal of debris, flowers placed. Contact Lorna on 07989 453613 or 0161 775 2917; lornani06@aol.com

SOUTH CUMBRIA: Detached bungalow, quiet village mid-way Lancaster/Kendal. S/c; sleeps 5; linen supplied; pets welcome. Tel: 0161 442 0901 (answerphone).

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