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LETTER OF THE MONTH

September always takes me back to the start of a new school year, firstly as a child regretting the swift passing of the long school holiday then as a teacher wondering what the new school term would bring. How long would it take to put faces to the names on the register? How long before I had them working the way I wanted?

This September will bring with it different memories, those connected with my own call to ordained ministry. The Diocese of Liverpool hosted a free event called 'Life Call' on September 10th, organised to enable people to explore ways they can serve God.

On the diocesan website you will find the following, 'God calls us to work for him in a variety of vocations. Which one is yours?' This exhibition gave an insight into the variety of ways you can serve God. From overseas mission to community work, or from formal licensed or ordained ministry to informal work, this event covered the many opportunities available and we had a very encouraging response. It seems to me that if there had been a 'Life Call' event at the time that I was seeking God's will in my life I would have welcomed the opportunity to explore my vocation in this way. So often when people feel that God is calling them to some sort of recognised ministry they say, 'why me'? Or 'I couldn't do that'. It happens all the time, people just cannot believe that God wants them to do something special for him. Look at what happened to Jeremiah when God called him to be



a prophet to the nations. In Jeremiah 1:6 we read, 'I do not know how to speak, I am only a youth'. Jeremiah making an excuse, putting off God's call to serve. The same sort of thing happened to others - to Gideon, to Jonah, and even to Moses.

Thinking about my own call to ordained ministry I just did not believe that God could be calling me, a woman, to serve him. I did not feel 'good enough', I did not have the right words to say and why would people listen to me? What I had to learn, and I hope others who are in the process of seeking God's will in their life will realise, is we do not serve him in our own strength but in the power of the Holy Spirit. That is God's gift to each of us who are followers of Jesus Christ.

Cynthia Dowdle
Dean of Womens' Ministry and
Canon Chancellor of the Cathedral

Faithful Service Medals

Congratulations to Les McKenna, Roger French and Steve Pasztak who were presented Faithful Service medals by the Dean during Evensong in July. The medals are awarded by the Cathedral Constables Association to those who have given at least ten years faithful service.

Well done all three.



Mothers' Union at Liverpool Cathedral

Liverpool has become one of the first Cathedrals in the UK to establish a branch of the Mothers' Union. The branch is affiliated to the diocesan Mothers' Union and was rededicated in the main Eucharistic service on September 11th.

Mothers' Union branches are open to anyone who shares a vision of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. The Cathedral branch will meet monthly, mainly in the Radcliffe Learning Centre, and will have a busy Autumn as the programme shows.

Canon Cynthia Dowdle said "The Mothers' Union is for anyone – you don't need to be a mother, men and women can join us. We believe our congregations and the life of our Cathedral will strongly benefit from an



active branch. I look forward to seeing as many as possible joining us at our monthly meetings."

Meetings are at lunch time - please bring along your lunch, we will provide drinks. For more details contact Cynthia on cynthiadowdle@hotmail.com.

For information about the work and mission of the Mother's Union go to www.liverpoolmothersunion.org.uk

Mothers' Union at Liverpool Cathedral

10th October - 1pm

Speaker Revd Jean Flood talking about MiTE

21st November - 1pm

Speaker Mrs Val Jackson, Cathedral Archivist

5th December - 1pm

Christmas meeting

NEW DEACONS AND READERS

Bishop Richard Blackburn ordained 17 new Deacons at the Cathedral in July.

James Harding, Alison Shaw, Jayne Van Den Berg-Owens, Tim Stanford, Andy Brown, Julie Anderson, Philip Saltmarsh, Norma Arnold, Eileen Heaney, Michael Leyden, Ian Wynne, Harry Greenhalgh, Phil Turner, David Nyirongo, Alan Conant and Geoff Ardern were all ordained. Margaret Jennings was ordained in her own parish by Bishop Richard, and Tim Watson was ordained in France in August before taking up his post at Liverpool Cathedral. Find out more about Tim opsote.

This year's new Deacons include a former soldier, two businesswomen, a former Oxford tutor, a doctor and a police officer. All eighteen Deacons will serve in parishes throughout the Diocese.

Bishop Richard said, "It is extremely encouraging to see this many people, from so many different backgrounds, called to ordained ministry in the Diocese of Liverpool. It shows that people do find church extremely relevant in today's society. I wish them every blessing as they engage in sharing the Good News of His love and hope. God has clearly called a very talented group of Deacons who will make an immense contribution to the lives of their local communities."



17 new Deacons ordained at the Cathedral in July.

On September 24th, 16 new Readers will also be licensed by Bishop Richard at the Cathedral. They are: Victoria Raby, Melvyn Finney, David Foxford, Craig Jevins, Gina Rouse, Ruth Simpson, John Crawford, Rodney Hulks, Patricia Monaghan, Elizabeth Mooney, Christopher Stead, Pauline Tregilgas, Andrew Wain, Philip Parr, Julia Pratt and Charles Walker. Please pray for them in new roles.

WELCOME TO TIM



Tim's Ordination at Sablonceaux Abbey in France.

We are delighted to welcome Tim Watson as our new Deacon. Tim, who is originally from Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, will be based at the Cathedral, but will also be working at the parishes of St Anne, Stanley with St Paul, Stoneycroft to gain a parish perspective as part of his curacy.

Tim was ordained as a Deacon at Sablonceaux Abbey in France on August 24th by Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese in Europe, whilst Dean Justin and Canon Myles Davies represented the Diocese of Liverpool and the Cathedral.

Before feeling called to ordained ministry, Tim completed a DPhil in French history at the University of Oxford and worked as a university tutor for three years. In 2002 he moved to France and began working full time for an international religious community called Chemin Neuf. Chemin Neuf is a Roman Catholic community with an ecumenical vocation, and has more than 1500 members in more than 20 countries,

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including members of Lutheran, Anglican, Reformed, Evangelical, Baptist, Mennonite and Orthodox churches. It works for the renewal of the Church, for reconciliation and for the unity of Christians.

Tim and his wife Kate (who met at Chemin Neuf) said they were attracted to the Diocese of Liverpool because of its strong ecumenical tradition. Tim said, "As Kate is a Roman Catholic and we belong to a Roman Catholic-based religious community, we're really delighted to be coming to a city which has got a recent history of good relations between our two churches, and not least between the two cathedrals. We're also delighted to be coming to a diocese that is so enthusiastic about mission and evangelism. I am also really looking forward to having the dual experience of working at the Cathedral and at St Anne's and St Paul's. Both have fantastic communities and I am looking forward to serving and being a part of them both."

Greatest story ever told

Preparations are well under way for the latest ambitious artistic concept from In Another Place.

After an imaginative retelling of CS Lewis' Narnia story at St George's Hall earlier this year, the Crosby-based theatre group will present *The Greatest Story Ever Told* at the Cathedral in October.

Administrator Joe Magill pointed out: "It's a complete summary of the Bible, although obviously not every single story. It's not chronological; it works like a jigsaw.

"It's told through the experience of four teenagers whose homework task is discovering the Bible. All the scenes are acted out live backed up with videos on a big screen with lighting and sound effects."

Auditions and rehearsals were held over the summer at Waterloo United Free Church and St Mary's Church, Wavertree with further rehearsals planned for September.

Joe added: "Most of the cast are pretty much set in place now but we probably still need extra crowd members. "We've just had two 'creative weeks' where we've been making props, such as an almost life-size whale and we sized up the walls of Jericho in the well at the Cathedral!"

For more information and tickets
Contact In Another Place on
0151 924 4468

Life Call

As Cathedral Life went to print, the Cathedral was looking forward to welcoming hundreds of people to a special vocations event.

Life Call featured information on a range of vocations from formal ordained to overseas and charity work. Exhibitors included the Diocesan Director of Ordinands and his team, Mission in the Economy and Christian Aid. Chick Yuill from the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity spoke about his own experiences and following your vocation and there were workshops and information sessions for young people between 11-18 as well as for adults.

Steve Pierce, Director of Learning and Stewardship for the Diocese of Liverpool said, "This vocations fair was a first for the diocese of Liverpool and something we hope to repeat each year. We are passionate about encouraging, nurturing and supporting vocations. That is certainly about ordained and Reader ministry but it is also about Christians of all ages and experiences serving faithfully and well in the place that God has called them and being open to new things God may be wanting them to do. It was designed for those who have a strong feeling that they want to see their faith make a difference to the world around them, but aren't sure where to take it or what the next step for them might be. We hope that Life Call acted as a signpost, helping people turn that feeling into practical action."

AWESOME AND INTIMATE

Visitors are being encouraged to take time out at the Cathedral with a new mini-retreat booklet.

Awesome and Intimate is a new spiritual journey around the Cathedral. The design and print costs have been very generously funded by the Friends of Liverpool Cathedral enabling us to make it available to ten thousand visitors for free. Those following the trail make their way around the Cathedral, stopping at ten different points and reading a short reflection to accompany each space.

Richard White, Canon for Mission and Evangelism said, “We’re hoping this beautifully designed new resource will help people to reflect in different ways around the building, and through that to encounter God in a very personal way. From the opening page of the booklet, the focus is very much on the participant giving themselves their own time and space within the physical space of the Cathedral and that’s already proving to be very popular.”

Richard adds, “Awesome and Intimate encourages people to take time out, and just be - away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. It is important that we let people know the Cathedral is theirs to use, especially in difficult times. This mini-retreat is for anyone, those who come to the Cathedral every week and those who have never been. We hope that everybody can take something from it.”



The booklet is already available for use, but there will be an inaugural retreat in the Autumn, where people can try it out in a group. Each reflection will be read out by Radio Merseyside’s Roger Philips. Keep an eye on the Cathedral website, Facebook and Twitter pages for more information.

To try out the spiritual journey for yourself, simply take a free copy of the *Awesome and Intimate* booklet from near the baptistry.

Debt Advice Service in Toxteth and Wavertree Deanery

A new Debt Advice service based in the Toxteth and Wavertree Deanery is looking for volunteers.

Supported by an existing service at St Andrew's Clubmoor, the aim is to extend free, face to face money advice across the whole deanery, providing information and support with anything from form filling to personal insolvency. The service will begin by offering appointments at St Mary's, Wavertree, and expanding into Toxteth as the number of volunteers grows.

Volunteers are needed to train as advisors, but also to offer hospitality to clients as they arrive for appointments. Those who choose to volunteer as advisors will receive full training in using a web-hosted case management system and they will also shadow current advisors.

"A caring, approachable person who can act confidentially and without judgement or prejudice is more important than a financial or computer expert," says Jo Chamberlain, who will be co-ordinating the service.

Jo continues, "Helping those in need is part of our service of Christ, as Jesus explains in Matthew 25 v 40: 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

"We hear a lot these days about cutting the deficit, and the Government acknowledges difficult times ahead as it takes action to reduce the national debt. The impacts of the cuts on



personal finances can cause further debt for families and individuals. With more job cuts and benefit changes ahead, Toxteth and Wavertree Deanery is keen to step up and help those bound by indebtedness."

Community Money Advice, a national charity which helped to start the service at St Andrew's, has many testimonials about the positive effects of such services. One person wrote, "I cannot put into words just how much we appreciated your help. We felt totally out of our depth in dealing with the creditors... [the debt advice service] is a wonderful, practical way of showing how Christians can help those in trouble."

The service is applying for grants to meet setting-up costs, but financial contributions are also welcomed to help meet ongoing running expenses.

For more information or to volunteer
Please contact Jo Chamberlain on 0151 735 1615, or jo.chamberlain@virgin.net.

EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR COMMUNITY FETE

Excitement is building as the Cathedral prepares for a traditional three-day community fête from 16th-18th September. More than 30 art and craft stalls and displays, face painting, donkey rides, a raffle and tombola are just a few of the attractions on offer, alongside a few surprises on the day.

Craft exhibitors include puppet makers, lace makers, textile artists, an architectural sculptor, ceramics, calligrapher and jewellery makers. There will also be a full music programme across the weekend. Friday sees performances from The Liverpool Shanty Kings throughout the day, and Saturday will feature music from The Mersey Riggers, Liverpool Signing Choir and Suzuki Violinists.

The fête will take place on the same weekend as the Hope Street feast. It will also feature the return of the Hornby Railway and Model exhibition (small entrance charge applies to exhibition).

On the Friday and Saturday visitors can watch daredevils take part in an abseil over the front entrance of the Cathedral. There is still time to sign up for the 150 foot drop – contact Rebecca Bentham on 0151 702 7226. We are also still looking for people to volunteer on the day and to donate items for the nearly new and craft stalls.

There will be a range of special services and worship opportunities for those who attend over the three days,

including a special Zone 2 set up on the Sunday.

All proceeds from the fête and abseil will go to the Cathedral Foundation, which helps keep the Cathedral free to visitors. Projects for the future include an expansion of the Education department, the growing of a £2million Endowment Fund for the Girl's Voices, addressing carbon footprint and energy efficiency and developing the Welsford Porch into a space that will help the Cathedral achieve self-sufficiency.

The fête is being organised by Rebecca Bentham, Fundraising Manager, and Fundraising Volunteer Catherine Bell. Rebecca said, "The emphasis really is on community when it comes to the Cathedral Fête. It is the first time we have run something so big over three days and we are sure that the community will come along and support us. We are still looking for volunteers and people to donate items to the craft and nearly new stall, and we would love as many people as possible from the Cathedral family to be involved." See the website for an up to date programme of events.

If you would like to volunteer on the day, exhibit a craft or donate something to the nearly new or craft stalls, please contact Catherine Bell on 0151 702 7226 catherine.bell@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

LOOKING FORWARD

Ahead of his final service on October 2nd, Dean Justin took some time out to look back on his time in Liverpool – and encourage us, as a Cathedral community, to continue to look forward.

“If you don’t risk failure you will never have any success.” It’s an unsurprising view from a Dean who saw the phrase “a safe place to do risky things in Christ’s service” become established as the Cathedral’s philosophy and approach to ministry.

Reflecting on his time with us, Justin feels this move to a default attitude of saying yes, trying to find a way to make things happen rather than being cautious, has been most important. It’s about having that exciting journey with God, and being willing to listen and take risks.

This ‘can do’ approach helped the Cathedral establish itself in the life of the wider city and community over the generations. He gets a sense of people coming because this is their Cathedral. “I remember one of the first services I participated in was the Hillsborough anniversary with a moving liturgy from Canon Myles. But above all there was the sense that we had done the right thing by being open.” Since then, by continuing with ground-breaking services, events, dinners, exhibitions, and so on, the Cathedral has become a significant place in the spiritual,



Justin Welby meets Bishop Mark Bryant, the Bishop of Jarrow.

political and cultural life of this great city. As Justin says, leaders answer his letter because of the Cathedral’s reputation, not his own.

Justin will take many memories to Durham. “People are fabulous, it is a great place to be.” He will miss the regularity of Cathedral life, the spiritual rhythm of prayer and worship, and “the grandeur of the place. The sense of standing behind the high altar, looking down to the west end in the far far distance whilst hearing the choir sing the introit to a great service.”

Justin believes that Liverpool, like all cathedrals in this country, faces many challenges. The size and scale of our building means we can be in danger of serving the building rather than God. Bishop Chavasse envisaged an icon above the city calling people to Christ. But icons can become idols. Justin



wants us to remember that we need to make our great building work. To do this we need money. Justin feels the financial challenge is to avoid focussing solely on the bottom line. Focus instead on people and spirituality and the money will follow. Justin is not being naïve, he is more than aware of our current tough economic climate.

However, he does not see the solution being to cut our way out of deficit. Supported by Chapter he believes the only way forward is growth. So he urges the Cathedral to continue efforts to grow our congregations. “Jesus says pray for more harvesters – we need more harvesters”.

Justin is incredibly positive, “all we do rests on the grace of God and therefore we can all be highly confident of the future,” but does he have advice for his

successor? “My first piece of advice is ignore my advice!” Justin clearly wants the Cathedral to look forward not back. But he does urge us to pray more, “if I were to list my failures one would be not having led and encouraged more people on the way to prayer”.

So as we say goodbye to Justin we will not look back but forward, praying for his future ministry in Durham and the increasing prosperity for the Cathedral as we continue to build on what has gone before.

Dean Justin’s last service at the Cathedral will take place at 10.30am on October 2nd. His Consecration Service at York Minster is at 11.00am on Friday 28th October 2011 and his Enthronement Service at Durham Cathedral is at 11.00am on Saturday 26th November.

Breakfast with the Bible Returns

The successful Breakfast with the Bible returns on Sunday 11th September and will run until 27th November. Before the main service each week (9.30am-10.15am), Canon Dr Jules Gomes will lead an in-depth bible study that includes cutting edge biblical scholarship and its practical application to daily discipleship. The sessions also aim to bring new and challenging insights into today's culture, with some of the discussion based on the Hebrew and Greek texts. Even if you did not attend the first block of sessions you are welcome to drop in to any of the free sessions on an ad-hoc basis. After Christmas, sessions will begin again on 8th January 2012 and run until 25th March.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BIBLE



More Information

See the website or email
jules.gomes@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

Zone 2 returns

Zone 2 is now back up and running after the summer break. Zone 2 is an alternative to the current choral service in the main space. Based in the Concert room, worshippers in Zone 2 sit café style and begin with refreshments, with all ages worshiping together. Zone 2 has many of the same ingredients as the choral service: bible reading, teaching, confession and prayer - but they are delivered in an informal and interactive style. The two zones come together for the last part of the service to celebrate communion. Parents attending the Choral Service can also leave their children at Zone 2 where there are recognised adult hosts to supervise.

ZONE

ALL AGE CAFÉ STYLE WORSHIP



More Information

See the website or email richard.white@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

Embracing Hope

The next Embracing Hope service takes place on 19th September (7.30pm). It is a service of peaceful prayer and remembrance for bereaved families and those with seriously ill children. Set in the beautiful, tranquil surroundings of the Lady Chapel, the service will help to bring peace and comfort to all who attend. Access to the service and car parking is free.

More Information

Contact Dianne Rothwell on 0151 702 7201 or dianne.rothwell@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk or Sarah O'Donohue in the Education Department on 0151 702 7210 or education@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk



Take a twilight trip up the tower

October 26th is the last date in this year's programme of regular Thursday night evening openings.

The tower will still open during the day but this will be the last time until March 2012 that you can experience the lights on around the city from the top of the tower. This year has seen a huge rise in the number of visitors taking night time tours. Thanks to the new lifts and the dedication of staff in promoting and delivering a fantastic all-round visitor experience.





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AWESOME AND INTIMATE

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FOR YOU

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REFLECT AND BE REFRESHED
ENCOUNTER GOD
ASK FOR THE 'AWESOME AND INTIMATE' BOOKLET

Inspiring Places - judging now underway

This year's Cathedral photography competition has been another great success as photographers of all ages and abilities have shared their Inspiring Places in Liverpool with us. From the city's iconic buildings and waterfront, to theatres, galleries, bars and city centre streets, our entries have captured it all.

Eryl Parry, Director of Enterprise said, "It has been another fantastic year for the Cathedral Photography Competition which just seems to get bigger and bigger. This year we were also delighted to have the Liverpool Everyman and Playhouse involved. It has been a real privilege to see the places that mean so much to the people of Liverpool - and to see some places that you wouldn't necessarily expect. The quality of entries, the creativity and imagination and diversity of subject has been especially impressive."



All entries will be judged by a team of experts led by Mike McCartney, and winners will be announced on Thursday 22nd September.

You can view an exhibition of all the entries from 15-18th September (during the Cathedral fête), and help choose the People's Winner alongside the judges selection. Look out in the next issue of Cathedral Life for the winning photographs.

The Requiem – music by Maurice Duruflé

Join us on Sunday 6th November at 4pm for A Requiem Mass for All Souls, sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Chamber Choir to the music of Maurice Duruflé. Admission to the Cathedral, service, and car park are free.

More Information

David Poulter 0151 702 7291 david.poulter@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

Windows to the Past

As part of the Liverpool Heritage Open Days on September 12th, we will be offering free tours of the Cathedral at 3.30pm and 6.30pm. Our guides will bring the windows to life as they talk about who, what and why is contained within the exquisite and expansive stained glass windows. All welcome, simply turn up on the day.

GETTING TO KNOW JENNY MORAN

'Home,' is the word Jenny Moran uses to describe the Cathedral.

Since joining in 1984 aged 17 as Secretary to Canon Nick Frayling (her first job), the Cathedral has been the location of some of Jenny's most important milestones. Her wedding in 1990 was conducted by Canon Ken Riley at the High Altar and her two children were christened in the Lady Chapel. Kathryn, Jenny's daughter, was also a flower girl for the Queen when she visited in 2004 to distribute Royal Maundy money.

It makes perfect sense, then, that Jenny should have the role of Visitor Manager, welcoming people from across the road - or across the world - to her 'home'; and ensuring they know it is also theirs.

Jenny works alongside Kevin Stott, Eryl Parry and Lucy Rafferty as part of the Enterprise Team. Jenny's is a job of two halves. First, she looks after all the groups who visit, working with staff across the Cathedral to ensure visitors get the best welcome possible. Jenny is also currently working with Couture to offer catering packages to add to the visitor experience.

Jenny has recently worked on the Coach Welcome Scheme, which, thanks to its pilot at the Cathedral, is now being rolled out across the city. Supported by tourism partners and Liverpool City Council, coach parties



are encouraged to make their first stop at the Cathedral where they receive an official welcome. "One of our team boards the coach and gives the visitors an official welcome to the city and suggests events, exhibitions which they may like to visit. We provide them with maps, invite them in, and the driver gets a free cup of tea and cake. People from all over the world have commented on how nice it is to have such a personal welcome in a local accent." So far, the Cathedral has welcomed 4000 passengers this way.

Secondly, but just as important, is Jenny's role as volunteer co-ordinator. Jenny recruits the 200 plus volunteers and supports them pastorally. Jenny said, "There are lots of reasons why people volunteer. Our volunteers come from all walks of life, although it is very popular for those who have retired.

From manning the welcome desk, to sorting out the choir music sheets, or providing Sunday tea and coffee, they do it all. Often the first face a person sees when they enter the building is a volunteer. They really are the life of the Cathedral and there is not one aspect where their impact isn't felt."

And what an impact it is. Jenny is quick to point out that the Dean reckons the hours put in by Cathedral volunteers in one year is the equivalent to around three million pounds. "We would be lost without them and I can't thank them enough." Jenny adds.

Jenny has recently set up The Guild of Volunteers, so that even when people can't continue to volunteer, they are involved in social events and are visited by others. She has also begun a Book of Remembrance, "so that those who gave their time freely to the Cathedral will be remembered for years to come."

Before her role as Visitor Manager, Jenny was Secretary to Nick Frayling (now Dean of Chichester), Ken Riley (later Dean of Manchester) and Mark Boyling (now Dean of Carlisle). She also worked alongside the late Dean Walters and his wife Joan. Jenny says, "Dean Walters and Joan played a big part in me being where I am today. They were fantastic mentors and I am very happy that Joan still volunteers with us now."

In her 27 years at the Cathedral, Jenny has had too many highlights to mention but she chooses the Hillsborough memorial service as one of the most moving. "Martin Polglase sang the first verse of You'll Never Walk Alone



Liverpool Coach Welcome Scheme piloted at the Cathedral.

and you could hear a pin drop. As the Mother Church of the Diocese, the people of Liverpool naturally looked to us for support, and we were there for them."

Even Jenny's brush with fame was connected to the Cathedral. Sir Jimmy Saville fixed it for the 13-year-old Jenny to be a toastmaster for the day at the Guild Hall in London, and, when he visited the Cathedral for a reception to mark the QE2's visit to the city in 2007, he re-presented the Jim'll Fix it badge to Jenny in front of all the guests in the Well; Jenny says it was certainly much more embarrassing the second time around!

Jenny says she wouldn't swap her current job. "I am passionate about the Cathedral and my role. I love meeting people and I am so proud of our volunteers. I believe that the happiness and devotion we all give is felt by the visitors and that they leave the Cathedral with an air of contentment and delight."

Share your Cathedral with us

We are always looking for new and exciting pictures that capture the building, the life and community of the Cathedral, for use on our website and in various publications.

If you would like your Cathedral photographs to be considered, please submit them to the Liverpool Cathedral Flickr site:

www.flickr.com/groups/yourliverpoolcathedral/

If selected, we will contact you with regards to permissions and provide information on where we would like to use your photograph. Photographers are not obliged to say yes.

If you have any questions or would like to submit your photographs by email, please contact phil.kiel@liverpool.anglican.org



Cover Photograph

This issues cover photograph is by Ken Travis, he writes "Liverpool Anglican cathedral is such a wonderful interior space. All cathedrals have their own atmosphere and although Liverpool does not have a link to the middle ages it represents a perfect blend of craftsmanship and stunning architecture married to a spirituality which fill a visitor with awe and wonder. As a photographer you can only try to translate that into a two dimensional image to convey some of that atmosphere."

Policy Provocations

The Cathedral is set to host a political debate on 27th October. *Policy Provocations* are four informed debates being held at venues throughout the city until October, confronting issues that affect us all. The issue under debate at the Cathedral is "Can finance ever be fair and does it even matter?" Lord Whitty, outgoing Chair of Consumer Credit, will talk about the state of financial exclusion today and why it matters. Frank Field MP, Labour MP for Birkenhead, Chair of the Independent Review on Poverty and Life Changes,

published 2010 and Minister for Welfare Reform 1997-8, will discuss the impact of financial exclusion in Liverpool and the Merseyside area and will consider measures taken by organisations such as RBS and the Charity Bank to improve financial inclusion. He will chair a round table discussion with representatives from these organisations. An informal reception will follow the event from 7.45pm.

More Information

All are welcome to this free event but please book your place via www.liv.ac.uk or 0151 794 2650.

The Great American Songbook

Dan and Laura Curtis will perform songs from some of the best loved American films and musicals at a free concert on October 29th (12.45-1.45pm). Their repertoire includes the works of composers such as Irving Berlin, George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern and Cole Porter.

Dan and Laura Curtis are considered as one of the foremost ambassadors for the conservation of the music of

the Great American Songbook in the United Kingdom and in June they represented the music at Trafalgar Square as part of West End Live 2011. Previous performances have included the Whitehall Palace, Banqueting House, Royal Albert Hall, Althorp House, Millennium Stadium and the Algonquin Hotel in New York City.

They opened the 2010 Welsh Prom Series at St David's Hall and have performed twice at the BAFTA Awards and Hay Festival. No pre-booking is required.

Alpha Returns

The Alpha Course returns to the Cathedral this Autumn. Alpha is a practical introduction to the Christian faith for everyone, especially those wanting to investigate Christianity or wanting to brush up on the basics.

Participants are encouraged to ask questions, delve into issues and look for answers together. The course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as "Who is Jesus?" and "Why and how do I pray?" After each talk participants divide into small groups for a time of discussion. A simple meal is provided each evening. There is no charge for the course or for parking although participants are free to make a contribution towards the food.

The course starts with an Alpha Supper and talk introducing the course on 21st September at 7pm. The remainder of the course will run on Wednesday evenings until 30th November, with an



Alpha

optional 'away-day' on 12th November during the time of the course. (There will be no session held on Wednesday 26th October due to half-term holidays).

More Information

For more information or to sign up please contact Clare Kerrigan on 0151 702 7220 or email clare.kerrigan@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk.

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

July - September 2011

We thank God for all our visitors and tour groups this month.

We pray for

The re-commencement of Zone 2 Services and Breakfast with The Bible after the summer break

The arrival of Tim, Kate and Daniel Watson on 11th September and Tim's Licensing as Curate to the Cathedral on 18th September

The Installation of Canon Gary Rennison on 11th September

The Commemoration Event for 10th Anniversary of 9/11
Back to Church Sunday and Racial Justice Sunday initiatives

All activities for Liverpool Cathedral Fete and Hope Street Feast weekend

Admission of Readers Day, where Andy Wain will be Licensed as a Pioneer Reader

Justin's Farewell Service and Consecration on 2nd October and 28th October respectively

Mothers Union Cathedral Day

The Civic Service

Liverpool College Founders Day Service

80th birthday of the Cross Guild

St James in the City temporary use of Cathedral for Services

Educational visits from various schools and the week long Walk Through The Bible initiative and family half term activities

The Compass Rose Society visit

Couture's launch event

Visits/Events for Edge Hill University, Liverpool University, Huyton College, Liverpool College, Queen Mary Cruise, Ace Cultural Tours, British Association of Play Therapists, Pool of Life, Arts Excursion Group, Dutch Organists group, MIAA Conference

Whitby High School visit and Glan Conwy Church visit

Concerts including Mahler 8 and Laura Marling

Those being baptised: Lydia Jean McKenna and Jack Bentley

Those who are ill or in need: Eve Rowbottom, Alan Terry, Michael Davies, Vera Roberts, Collette Thornborough, George Quarless, Elizabeth Langdon Griffiths, Doreen Davies, James Hunter, Eric Roper, Victoria Fasawe, Clare Roberts, Margaret Suismith, Thomas Adams, Bert & Hilda Poole, Pat Lumb, John Toulmin, Tom Donegan, Julia Carter-Preston, Sheila Bentham, Lena Prince, Bishop James, Megan Squire, Liz Lawson, Valarie Burgess, Jonathan Roberts, Gwen Rawlinson, Simon Keyes

DIARY DATES

11th September - 5.30pm Think, Unite, Act (multifaith service to remember the tenth anniversary of 9/11)

18th September - PM Zone 2 Worship Taster Options
(part of Hope Street festival and Fete)

19th September - 7.30pm Embracing Hope

24th September - 3pm Readers ordination service

2nd October - 10.30am Dean Justin's last service

15th October - 3pm Festival Choral Evensong

16th October - Judges Service

6th November - 3pm A Requiem Mass for All Souls, sung by the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Chamber Choir to the music of Maurice Duruflé.

