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Dean's Corner

On a Journey...

By The Dean

As you know, by now in January this year I led a pilgrimage for 30 people to the Holy Land. We themed the trip: 'Walking in the footsteps of Jesus'. Over those two weeks in Israel and Palestine I felt the word 'journey' coming to me repeatedly. We had obviously been reflecting over and over again on the

Body, Mind & Spirit

By Canon Tony Hardy

The longer-than-usual weekend of 29th April – 2nd May, begins and ends with two rather special events.

The first, which you may have heard a little about, is the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on 29th April. The other is an event here at Manchester cathedral, called 'Spirit of Life'. At the Cathedral we will open the doors to people from across the North West of England who like and choose to go to Mind, Body & Spirit fairs.

It is often said that people today are less religious than they used to be. That may be so but is not the whole picture – it is also true that most people still have a sense of the 'spiritual' and many tell of 'spiritual experiences' that have affected their lives. People seem quite open to the divine and life beyond the the material world.

Nearly three quarters of us believe in a spiritual life, more than bodily living. I am sure that this is annoying to people like Richard Dawkins, who is an evangelist for total secularism and atheism. So, if three out of four people are still searching for meaning



to life, and many of them exploring widely, we felt that we should organize a Christian event, sharing Christian ideas, our personal stories and our faith in Jesus Christ, but do so using the cultural language and many of the practices so common in Mind, Body & Spirit fairs.

A person at the 'Spirit of Life' event on May 2nd will see things like 'A listening space', spiritual retreats, prayer for healing, dream

many trails and roads traversed by Jesus and his disciples over the rough and hot terrain in which they lived and moved. Often, they journeyed in the hot sun over many days to get to a single destination, unlike our quick transportation systems of today.

The simple truth is, that as disciples of Jesus we too are on an ongoing 'journey'. It is a journey with God, to God through this earthly life and onwards towards heaven. This is both a spiritual as well as a physical journey, it is both an inward as well as an outward journey. It is also a downward as well as an upward journey.

In this season of Lent I offer to you this Christian understanding of 'journey' – with Jesus. Despite our many temptations and disobedience in keeping God's commandments on the journey, let us seek the grace of God's Spirit to move forward in faith and hope.

Speaking of which, let me further add that I hope to lead another pilgrimage following the journey of St Paul in Greece sometime in October 2012. Watch this space.

God bless you.

Rogers



interpretation, spiritual meditations, readings for people using decks of cards, arts and crafts activities, personality profiling, choral and other styles of music, angelic encounters, gem-stones & symbolism, circle-dancing, yarn crafts, spiritual direction, Labyrinth, poetry, prophetic art, and finally, fire breathing (outside the building!) ... and all of these will aim to convey something of the Christ we follow as Christian people. There will be stalls, workshops, meditations and performances.

This is not a gimmick – but mission in the way Anglicans have long since been doing it – being where people are, and being available to them. We will all have noticed the signs outside pubs advertising psychic nights. Life is tough, people are often very needy and look for encouragement and support in the wrong places. We believe in peace through the love of Jesus Christ.

Hate mail at the Cathedral

By Canon Andrew Shanks



I've recently been in receipt of a torrent of hate mail. It's a disconcerting and rather depressing experience!

With just one exception, I'm glad to say, it has come from people who don't know me. But that hasn't hindered them from saying how 'ashamed' they are of me, and indeed of Manchester Cathedral in general, or how 'disgusted' they are.

There have been calls for me to resign; or to be locked up 'for my own good'; or, in one case, to be banished to the middle of the Sahara

desert, preferably (it was suggested) in an area heavily infested with scorpions. I've been called 'ridiculous'; I've been called a 'scab'; I've been called 'evil'.

I've been told that the Church of England is doomed very soon to disappear, and that when it does it'll all be the fault of people like me. One correspondent has written to me, by way of warning, with a nightmare fantasy picture of the

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future, in which – I'd better beware! – I'll turn up in the Cathedral one eerie silent Sunday morning and the place will be quite empty, for all will have abandoned me, alone, the leper.

Well, in a way it's flattering, that people should care so much! What caused all this concern? It's because of our plans for the celebration of St. George. He's one of our patron saints, and this year we're doing something special.

On the evening of Sunday May 8th: a service full of poetry freshly written, including work by some of the very best poets around today, Jo Shapcott, Michael Symmons Roberts, Andrew Motion; plus a freshly composed jazz accompaniment by Tim Garland. And we'll also be commissioning two new Spanish-style processional giants, representing George and the Dragon, made by a team from the Booth Centre for the Homeless.

The thing is, these 'giants' are based on the Mark Cazalet painting in the Fraser Chapel here. And if you go and look, you'll see that in this modern version George appears as a young

black lad wearing an England football shirt. Symbolically, he represents true English patriotism.

But the artist has painted him ethnically African or Afro-Caribbean, basically, to make it clear that what's intended isn't the sort of patriotism the Nazis believed in. On the contrary, it's the sort of patriotism that the church can bless, just because it's so very clearly distinguished from any sort of racial hatred.

The Manchester Evening News reported the story, in a friendly way. The Daily Star, however, picked it up, and declared that Manchester Cathedral was being run (I quote) by 'PC fanatics' and 'do-gooders'. I was named. And the British National Party then splashed the story on their website. For some time now the BNP have been eager to try and convert St. George's Day into a festival of white British racism. The messages I was receiving came from BNP supporters.

Clergy are people onto whom other people project things; that's normal. There's always a certain amount of anti-clericalism in the world. And not everyone likes intellectuals. I recognize that there are reasons for, in general, disliking people like me. Nevertheless, I must confess I'm not used to receiving this sort of attention.

When the Archbishop of Canterbury was here I asked him what he did about hate mail. He, of course, receives (as he put it) 'industrial quantities' of it on a regular basis. It's part of the job. All Archbishops suffer the same. He doesn't answer the most extreme stuff, but conscientiously does try to respond whenever there's any suggestion that a response might be genuinely welcome. And I've tried to follow the same policy.

Several historic figures have contributed to the legendary persona of St. George. The BNP wants to turn him into a symbol of 'Christian' hostility to Muslims.

One of my offences was to have referred, in some publicity, to the fact that in the area of Palestine, Lebanon and Syria, St. George is the

Christian name for a figure also traditionally honoured by Muslims, as 'Al Khidr', and by Jews, as 'Eliyahu ha Navi'. Indeed, it's worth remembering that there have been times and places when Christians, Muslims and Jews managed to live together in the most peaceful fashion.

Fundamentally, however, I see St. George as a figure of true Christian freedom, embattled against the false dragon-spirit of hate-filled prejudice. Or, one might say: embattled against the spirit of manipulative propaganda in general. That's why we want to celebrate him with serious poetry. It's because of the way in which such poetry serves, ideally, as medicine against mindless clichés.

Inasmuch as the BNP is a group to all appearances absolutely addicted to propaganda-clichés, I wouldn't expect its activists to get the point.

**Holy Week
and
Easter**

Worship with us

Palm Sunday 17 April
10.30 am Palm Sunday Eucharist
6.30 pm Music and Readings
with the Cathedral
Voluntary Choir

Maundy Thursday 21 April
5.30 pm Sung Eucharist &
Stripping of the
Sanctuary followed by
The Watch until 9.00 pm

Good Friday 22 April
12 noon The Way of the Cross
7.30 pm Music and Readings
with the Cathedral Choir

Holy Saturday 23 April
7.30 pm Easter Liturgy with
Baptism and
Confirmation

Easter Day 24 April
10.30 am Festal Eucharist
5.30 pm Festal Evensong
and Procession

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Be a Part of It

Amongst other things the Cathedral Development Group is concerned with pushing forward the planning for the new tourist attraction, to be focused on the Cathedral and Chethams Library. Eventually we will no doubt need to hire a specialist company to run this.

A group of us have recently made exploratory visits to two very different, already existing such projects, with a view to thinking through what it might involve: Mary Kings Close in Edinburgh and the Spinnaker Tower, Portsmouth.

In partnership with the City Council, we are also in the early stages of considering a long-term project for a major new work of public art, to be located on the corner of the Cathedral's grounds, commemorating that great event: the first ever significant public meeting, anywhere, in the campaign for the abolition of slavery: when on the 28th October 1787 Thomas Clarkson came to speak in our church.

Meanwhile the Design Group is now very close to submitting a formal proposal for the new organ. And we will be visiting Ripon Cathedral to learn the lessons of their exemplary new lighting and sound system.

As announced last month, David Marshall is now stepping down from his role as Communications Director for the Development Project – we are really most grateful for his pioneering contribution in transforming our communications over the past few years. And Canon Gilly Myers will be taking over from him.



An art project

Art in Sacred Places is an excellent charity. A little while ago they approached us with an offer. If they found the funding, and the artists, would we like to consider providing a place for a new work of art? We said yes.

The idea was to do this jointly with a Muslim 'sacred place' in the Manchester area. Eventually, it was established that this would be the East Didsbury Mosque. The artists were found: a young couple, Heather and Ivan Lawrence. And they were set the problem: to come up with a proposal that would link these two very different places, the cathedral and the mosque.

Their proposed solution: to plant a tree at both places, a mulberry, and under the tree to install an ornamental bench and stool. These would be fashioned, first, out of wood, burnt and treated according to a special Japanese technique; and then cast in bronze.

This idea has been set out in a display at the east end of the cathedral, and will be discussed after the Sunday service on April 3rd. The charity still needs to raise a little more money to complete the project. But I'm hopeful it can indeed be done; and that it will also encourage a new friendly relationship with the Muslim community in Didsbury.



The choir signing for Red nose day

Saint of the month

By Canon Albert Radcliffe

Pandita is a Sanskrit word meaning 'learned' and is a title, one justly deserved by the saint we commemorate this month.

Mary Ramabai was a remarkable Indian woman appropriately remembered as we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

Mary had a command of seven languages and not long before she died translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Marathi, her mother tongue.

Mary's father, Anant Shastri Dongre, was a progressive, high caste travelling Brahmin scholar who broke with tradition by educating his wife and daughters. When her mother, father and sister died in the famine of 1874-6, she and her brother continued to teach and she became the first woman to be given the title Pandita.

In 1880, after her brother's death, Ramabai broke the rules of her religion and married a Bengali lawyer, a man of a lower caste. She became a widow shortly after the birth of their daughter Manoramabai.

Her travels in India had made her aware of the appalling plight of women, especially child brides who were widowed young and left without support. She took up their cause and campaigned for their rights and welfare. This brought her into contact with Christian women engaged in similar work, in particular the Sisters of Wantage who in 1883 brought her to England. She

Devotional

April 30th
Pandita Mary Ramabai 1858-1922,
Translator of the Scriptures.

was astounded by the Christian compassion of the sisters in their work with 'fallen women', as this was totally unlike the hostility towards them of traditional Hindu culture. Her conversion began with reading the gospel account of Jesus' conversation with the woman of Samaria.

On her return to India she set up Sharada Sadan, a school for child widows. Always a practical Christian, Mary [her baptismal name] rescued 300 girls from yet another famine, a recurring curse in Indian life. In a later famine, she toured the villages with a caravan of bullock carts and rescued 2,000 outcast children, child widows, orphans and others who were destitute.

Mary Ramabai was such an inspiring, practical Christian that in 1989 the Indian government issued a postage stamp commemorating her remarkable life and work. The Mukti Mission, which she founded, still provides housing, education, vocational training and medical services for the needy. In Marathi, Mukti means 'liberation', one of the core meanings of the gospel.



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Feature

The Archbishops in Mission in Manchester coincided with the special service arranged to mark the completion of Bishop Nigel's five-year "Run the Race" parish pilgrimage.

It was a wonderful occasion at which each Archbishop preached powerfully. During the worship the Archbishops joined the Bishop of Manchester and admitted Canon Alan Cooper OBE as the first member of the Order of William Temple.

The archbishops also added their signatures to the King James Bible presented by the Bishop to the Cathedral to commemorate the 400th anniversary year of that literary and spiritual masterpiece of translation.

Bishop Nigel said, "I count it as a great privilege to have shared in what for me has been an uplifting and encouraging five years, as together we have shared in the God-given task of passing on the Gospel values of faith, hope and love."

Mr Warren Smith, the Lord Lieutenant, paid warm public tribute to Bishop Nigel's determination as bishop to "re-fire the work of the gospel" across the diocese: "His leadership, enthusiasm, and indeed his stamina, have been remarkable. What he has achieved is simply extraordinary and we are lucky to have him".



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Creative Easter event for all ages

Everyone is invited to a morning of Easter arts and crafts in Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday 20th April 2011 from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. The Cathedral has always been delighted to welcome families and children, and the wonderful Christmas nativity is very popular with adults and children alike. This Easter event is an additional opportunity for families to gather together at a festival time.

The event will begin with arts and crafts activities on Easter themes, and finish with a short, informal service (beginning at 11.45am). All children from the ages 0 - 16 are welcome! (Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult at all times).

Ethical Reflection

Who has the right to life?

Recently, during a conversation with a student of human rights from the University of Lund, I sought his view of the most important human rights issue at present. After some thought he answered, 'I think it's probably discrimination based on ethnicity.' This is a reasonable response, encompassing as it does, a range of issues, from impoliteness to people of other racial groups, to the ill treatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay and genocide in Darfur.

So what is today's most important human rights issue? Rather than discussing Josef's opinion when he shared it, I was surprised to find myself asking whether he thought it might be the fact that we live in a world in which around 25,000 children die every day as the result of 'poverty, hunger, easily preventable diseases and illnesses, and other related causes.'

Afterwards, I wondered why we tend not to view this holocaust of preventable childhood deaths as a human rights issue, despite the prominence often given to the 'right to life'. I decided that self-deceit might play a part as we try to avoid the awful conclusion that as citizens of the world we share responsibility, because we offer less help than we could.

Gavin Fairbairn, Running Stream Professor of Ethics and Language, School of Applied Global Ethics, Leeds Metropolitan University, which first published this reflection.

Vannie Atherton

By Pauline Dimond

Vannie, who died on 25th January this year, is remembered with great affection by the Cathedral family who worshipped and worked with her during the years John was Canon Theologian. Anne Harris (wife of the then Archdeacon Brian Harris) remembers their arrival in 1984 and she and Vannie organised musical evenings with the Lay Clerks in aid of various charities.

On becoming Secretary of the Cathedral Friends, Vannie arranged their autumn fairs, coffee morning and outings. After retiring, she was delighted to join in the Friends' 70th Birthday celebrations in December, 2007, reading a lesson at the Eucharist and meeting up with two former secretaries at the celebration dinner. Anne also remembers Vannie's care for the elderly as Canon Roger Cooper emphasised in his wonderful appreciation of her life at the service in St. Katharine's.

With her teaching skills, Vannie enjoyed setting up history trails in the Cathedral during school holidays; she initiated the Sunday morning creche which led to the beginning of the Cathedral Sunday School. At our Bury Deanery clergy wives' meetings we loved to hear about the new projects she was involved in at the primary schools in which she taught.

The above can only be a small appreciation of a wonderful Christian lady who put great enthusiasm, Scottish humour, care and energy into everything she did.

Adrian Rhodes elected President

This year the European Association for Psychotherapy celebrates the 20th anniversary of its founding. And Adrian Rhodes, Canon and Chaplain at Manchester Cathedral, has been elected as its President for the next two years.

The EAP includes under its umbrella some 128 organisations from 41 European countries, representing more than 120,000 psychotherapists, of all different orientations. It's responsible for identifying, certifying, and so maintaining the highest possible professional standards of practice.

We congratulate Adrian on his elevation!

Handwashing

Sometimes just a finger
stroked absently across
the surface, breaking it
with a nail, will do.
As long as it is there
six or seven times a day,
the bowl kept cool,
the rose petals
not allowed to sink.

Now he pushes his hands beneath
enjoying the feel of mild resistance;
wanting to touch the curve of the clay.
Half expecting to come up against nothing
imagining going deeper and deeper
into it. Frightened by the thought.

He rubs his palms together, allowing
his fingers to mesh, wishing it was
so easy to make ideas meld.
Pulls them apart
studies the lines curving down
towards his wrists, understanding
nothing they have to say.

I could walk away.
I could be mercy.
There is nothing I could not do.

Rachel Mann



Dine in style

Readers of these pages will know that the fundraising is well underway in the Development Project and that, to meet the challenge of providing for ministry now and in the future a whole range of different approaches are being made.

One of the new ventures has been to forge a partnership with bespoke catering company Pickled Walnut, and to make the Cathedral available for corporate or charitable Gala Dinners. What more stunning surroundings could there be – a beautiful 15th century building; grand, high oak ceilings; sweeping stone arches – subtly illuminated in pastel colours. Beautifully presented tables, adorned with candelabra and attractive decorations, all add to the unique sense of occasion. Several members of the Cathedral Community, having seen the Cathedral set up in this way, have commented on how much they would like to join in such an event.

On the practical front, it is quite remarkable what caterers can do within a building that is

not a purpose-built restaurant. Behind cleverly constructed screens along the side of the nave, and right out of sight of the diners, a huge temporary kitchen area is constructed – sometimes including a range of ovens and work surfaces. As the work begins on the meal, the view from the vantage point of the Jesus Chapel is just as one would expect in any busy commercial kitchen.

Two exciting developments

Most of these Gala Dinners are private events, not easily accessible to members of the Cathedral Community. There are a couple of plans afoot, however, which will enable others to enjoy such an occasion.

Cathedral Dinner

The first initiative is for the Cathedral clergy to host a series of dinners for the Cathedral community. These will, necessarily, be slightly less extravagant events, for we want people to be able to afford to come - but they will be fun and friendly community events, in our beautiful setting, with an excellent opportunity to get to know each other better, too. The events also promise the possibility of some clergy entertainment – watch this space!

These dinners are unashamedly part of the Development Project, and we shall also be asking everyone who comes to consider the financial challenges of the present and of the future, and to assess their own contribution to the project.

We hope to hold the first of these dinners in the Spring of this year, as a pilot event, and members of the community will be invited to buy a ticket for the event. Anyone who would like to ensure that they receive information about future evenings such as this, is welcome to register their interest with Canon Andrew Shanks, via the Cathedral office.

Cathedral Gala Dinner

The second initiative is still at the investigative stage at present, but we hope to host a full-scale Gala Dinner in the Spring of next year, with celebrity entertainment and all the stops out, in support of the Development Project. We would hope that such an event would draw interest from the business sector and other patrons, but there will almost certainly be the opportunity for members of the Cathedral community to participate, too.

April

Saturday 2nd April

4.30 pm Organ Recital - Christopher Stokes

Sunday 3rd April

12 noon Lent Conversations (Library)

12 noon Bring and Share Lunch

Tuesday 5th April

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

7.00 pm MedEquip4kids Spring Concert

Saturday 9th April

12 noon - 'Be a Chorister for a Day'. see pg 10

Sunday 10th April

12 noon Lent Conversations (Library)

Tuesday 12th April

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Concert

Wednesday 13th April

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 14th April

12 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer

Saturday 16th April

11.00 am Chetham's School Founders Service

Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday

10.30 am Sung Eucharist, beginning with a procession (weather permitting) from Cathedral Gardens.

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

5.30 pm Service of Readings and Music-Voluntary Choir.

Monday 18th April

10.30 am Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils

Tuesday 19th April

12 noon Chrism Mass led by the Bishop of Beverley

1.30 pm Retired Clergy Association (Library)

Wednesday 20th April

10.30 am Family-friendly Easter Event ends 12.30

Thursday 21st April - Maundy Thursday

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

5.30 pm Sung Eucharist & Stripping of the Sanctuary

Friday 22nd April - Good Friday

12 noon The Way of the Cross

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm Music & Readings for Good Friday

Saturday 23rd April - Easter Eve

9.45 am Cathedral Cleaning Day

7.30 pm Easter Liturgy with Baptism and Confirmation

Sunday 24th April - Easter Day

10.30 am Easter Day Eucharist (Incense)

5.30 pm Festal Evensong & procession (Incense)

Monday 25th April

9.00 am Morning prayer

9.15 am Holy Communion (no 1.10pm service)

Tuesday 26th April

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group (Quire)

Wednesday 27th April

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

The Diary

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday 17th April - Palm Sunday

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4.30 pm Evening Prayer

5.30 pm Sequence of Readings and Music sung by the Voluntary Choir.

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10.30 am Easter Day Sung Eucharist (with Incense)

5.30 pm Festal Evensong & procession (with Incense)

April midweek services*

Midweek services

Morning Prayer 9.00am Monday-Saturday

Holy Communion 1.10pm Monday - Friday

Holy Communion 9.15am Saturday

Evening Prayer 5.30pm Monday & Friday

Evensong 5.30pm Tues/ Wed/ Thurs

3.30pm Saturday

Sunday Service

Matins 8.45am

Holy Communion (1662) 9.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong 5.30pm

* Friday 22nd, Monday 28th & Friday 29th April,

Looking ahead-May

Sunday 1st May

Services sung by The Bradford Choristers

Monday 2nd May

9.30 am - Mind Body Spirit Fair

6.30 pm

Thursday 5th May

7.00 pm Lamb Concert. www.seetickets.com

Sunday 8th May

5.30 pm Redcrosse: A Poetic Celebration of St George

7.00 pm Book Launch followed by refreshments

Tuesday 10th May

12.30 pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 11th May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 12th May

12 noon Mothers' Union Thursday Prayer

Monday 16th May

7.30 pm Archdeacon of Manchester's Visitation Service

Tuesday 17th May

1.10 pm Chetham's School of Music Concert

Thursday 19th May

2.30 pm College of Evangelists: Commissioning of new members

Sunday 22nd May

3.30 pm Civic Service

Wednesday 25th May

12.45 pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 26th May

10am - 2pm Mothers' Union Quiet Day

7.00 pm Manchester Theological Society Lecture:

'The Ecumenical Significance of Pentecostalism' by

Bishop Joe Aldred

Saturday 28th May

4.30 pm Concert performed by the Lay Clerks'

Sunday 29th May

2.00 pm St Ann's Hospice 40th Anniversary
Thanksgiving Service

Exhibitions

7th – 21st May Manchester Photographic Society

14th – 22nd May Christian Aid Display located at the bottom of Regiment Chapel stairs.



Other events

Sat 18th June

6.30 pm Ordination of Priests

Sunday 19th June

10.30 am Cathedral Baptism & Confirmation Service

Sunday 26th June

10.30 am Ordination of Deacons

Sunday 3rd June

3.30 pm Celebration of Reader Ministry

Fri 8th July

3.30 pm Christian Leadership Post Graduate Programme' Reflecting, Sharing and Celebrating Ceremony

Sat 9th July

12.00 noon L'Arche Service

Sunday 17th July

2.00 pm The Royal British Legion

Greater Manchester County Annual Service

May midweek services*

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Holy Communion 9.15am Saturday

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3.30pm Saturday

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Holy Communion (1662) 9.00am

Sung Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong 5.30pm

*Monday 2nd & Monday 30th May Holy Communion will be at 9.15am and not 1.10 pm, Evensong will be at 4.30 pm.

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Calls can be made to the Cathedral Office 0161 833 2220, or a personal visit can be arranged. Details of the Community Committee members and minutes from Community Committee meetings are displayed on the notice board in the welcome area.

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Restaurant: 9.30am to 4pm. (Mon-Sat)
Conference facilities available.

The Booth Centre

The Booth Centre is a drop-in and activity centre for homeless people which is based in Manchester Cathedral. The Booth Centre Coordinator is Amanda Croome: amanda.croome@ntlworld.com
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