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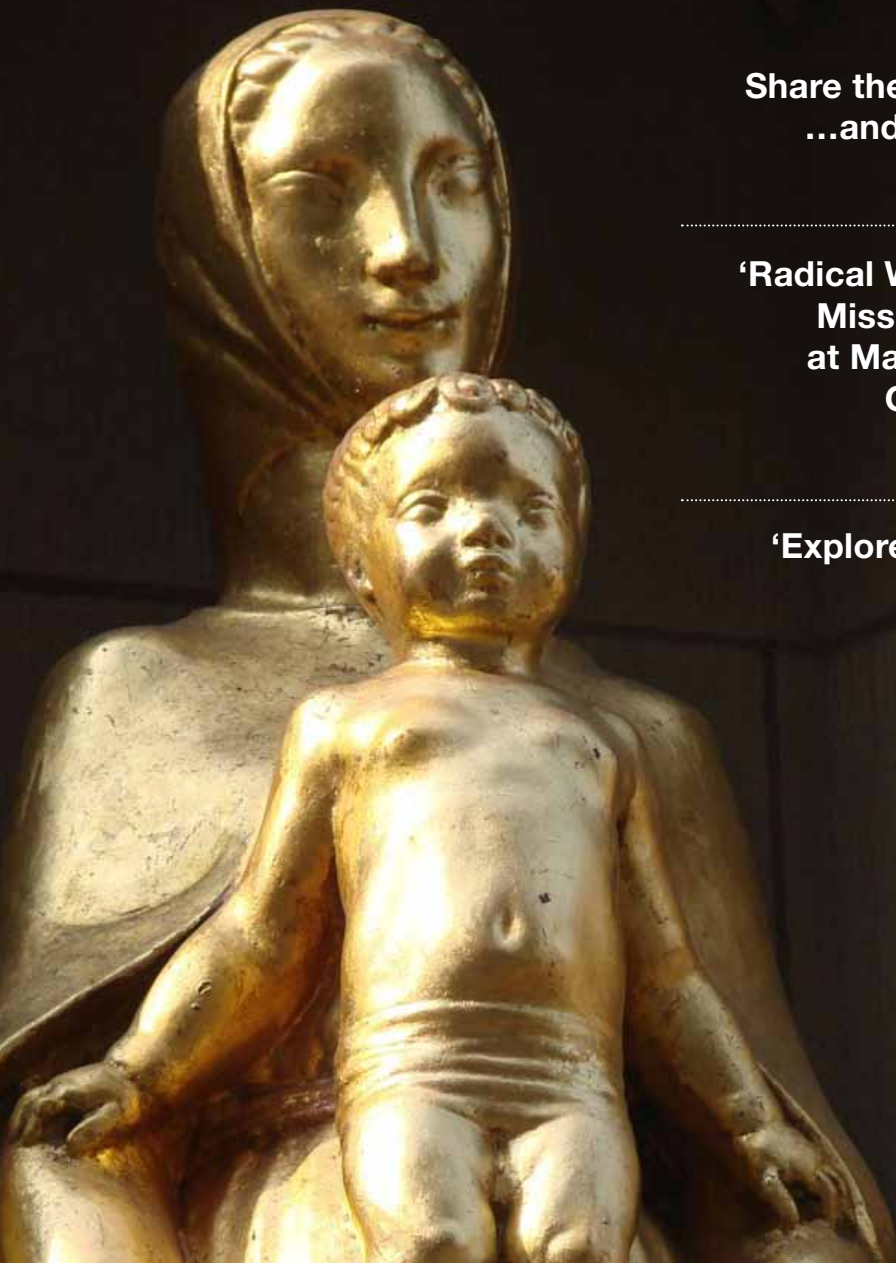


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In the season of Christmas

By The Dean

“ It was early October when the City Council began to rig up the Christmas decorations on the streets of our city. We had barely begun the autumn season! And here we are now.... in the season of Christmas! ”

Once again the Cathedral has joined others on the street with our annual Christmas market. This year the stall has been upgraded to a proper hut complete with proper heating and overnight storage facility. Our Volunteer Programme Manager, Lauren Bailey-Rhodes has also recruited numerous volunteers from the wider community to work at the stall as part of their training for retail employment. Thus our Christmas market has been about getting our message to the public that Christmas is about the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has also provided a training opportunity for those seeking gainful employment. This is very much a 'hope filled witness'. Thank you to all who have volunteered

and especially to Leonie Ward and Diane Johnston who have also recruited volunteers.

As you prepare your Christmas tree, organise your gifts and the gathering for your Christmas meal, may you know the joy of the Lord. Remember in your prayers those who live in places of conflict or famine. Celebrate Christmas in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving to God for his immeasurable gift of love, joy and peace in the Christ child. A very happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you much peace!

Rogers Govender

“ Share the Passion... and the Pain ”

When we reflect on the life of Jesus we find him to be someone who, to say the least, shared the gospel with conviction and passion. His life was filled with the energy of God. And he was also keen for his followers to share his passion for the good news. He especially hoped that his disciples would get 'fired up' by what they experienced and would share this with others.

I believe that God is calling us as a cathedral community, likewise, to become ever more passionate about our outreach and service. The bishop, clergy and laity of the diocese often congratulate us on how the cathedral is developing. And we hear similar comments from the political, civic and business community in the city. Much of this is about our attitudes and the quality of the relationships we have been developing as we seek to communicate our vision. We share our passion in our desire to be an inclusive community and to welcome all people, whilst at the same time sharing our love for the Lord in practical ways and declaring our commitment to prayer and worship. I sense a growing 'ownership' of our

vision. Let me encourage each of you to grow in your passion as ambassadors for Jesus in Greater Manchester.

There will of course be disappointments, doors shut in our faces, people letting us down and breaking their promises. The dire state of the economy has caused immense pain as we deal with its effects on our staffing, our programmes; with the changes at the Visitor Centre, etc. These are occasions that call for 'compassion'. The word 'compassion' comes from the Latin for 'suffering-with'. The pain is not just about our disappointments however. We share the pain that others feel and experience in their lives: the pain of so many who struggle with various types of illnesses, bereavement, unemployment; the pain of the city as we reflect on the summer riots; the pain of the wider world in which we live. We carry this pain in our prayers, our outreach and pastoral care. We do so because of the compassion of our Lord who suffers with all people. As we look to the New Year let us grow in our passion for what we believe God is calling us to as a Cathedral community. Let us also embrace one another with the compassion of Christ. So be encouraged by the good news and be passionate about sharing it in word and deed.

Christmas

at Manchester Cathedral

Saturday 10th December

Messiah (G F Handel), 7pm

(tickets £20, £15, £11 (concessions))

Saturday 17th December

Family Carols Concert, 7.30pm

(tickets £8/£6 - call 0161 833 2220)

Monday 19th December

Christmas Carol Sing-along, 12.15 to 1.45pm

(Informal - just turn up - stay as long as you like)

Thursday 22nd December

Service of Nine Lessons & Carols, 7.30pm

Christmas Eve

**Blessing of the Crib
with Children's Nativity, 12noon**

**First Communion of
Christmas, 11.30pm**

Christmas Day

Sung Eucharist, 10.30am

(Incense will be used)



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Prayer: An aspiration of the heart

Manchester Cathedral is a house of prayer. Its very walls declare it, penetrated by centuries of loving worship. It is a house of fine liturgy, glorious music, a hand graciously extended to all who come in through its doors. There is space here in its peace, and quietude, an opportunity for personal prayer - to light a candle if moved to do so - to sit silently, reverentially, and undisturbed, for one's private heart to heart with God.

Private prayer is simple, but not easy, in part because of the imaginary ideas which surround it, especially the idea that such prayer needs special sanctified words. Not so! Real prayer is as straightforward as the life we live every single day.

Think of the brilliance of the Psalms in their direct address to God 'in times of sorrow and in times of joy...' The depths of human pain in the Psalmist's cry, for example: 'Cast me not away...' (Psalm 51) Or Abraham's bargaining with God to spare the destruction of Sodom (Genesis 18: 26-33). Or Moses, fed up with the grumbling of the people, confronting God directly, 'What shall I do with this people?' (Exodus 17:4) Or the exquisite expression of delight, and adoration, of Mary Blessed Mother of Jesus (Luke: 46-55): 'My soul doth magnify the Lord...' And what can we say of the deeply moving prayer of Jesus to God the Father, in the Garden

of Gethsemane - 'My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from me; but not what I want, but what you want...' (Matt: 26:39)

In the end, prayer is greater than words. It just is not possible to pray 'in the wrong way', as long as we pray in our own way, as unique individuals. God has no need of words. His Spirit within us is the gentle director of prayer, a God of unconditional Love for His creation, His humanity, a God who knows our every thought, our every need even before we ask.

Can't find the words? None are needed. Angry with Him? Tell Him. Don't know what to do? Ask Him. In need of God's forgiveness? As Chief Rabbi Jonathan Sacks says: forgiveness is what He does for a living.

Such intimate, such 'heart to heart' moments with God are not limited to time, or place, of course; but in the business and clamour of daily life it's good to know where to come.

Raylia Chadwick



Seasonal Poems

Rachel Mann

It is winter

*It is winter cracking under ice
It is snow sashaying between air to earth
It is sky blue light through leafless trees
It is oak raised bare fingers veins and arms
It is sun low burning candle white*

*It is a gap a space a breaking
It is a giggle a gurgle a cry*

Come then

*Speak, if you dare, for the silenced,
rage, if you will, for the wasted and abused,
soothe, if you can, the wounds which hide deeper than bone.
Be born and wail for your milk while your people weep.
Be born for the roughshod,
among cheap labourers, grass chewers
and the slack jawed.*

*Breath and wait, breath and speak,
utter your Word, your tattered, wondrous Word.*

Feast

*Not for me claggy meat anaemic and dry,
cindered stuffing and parsnip à la mort.
Not for me sludged sprouts and peas,
oil slick spuds and last year's cranberry sauce.*

*This Christmas will be
Diwali Hanukkah Eid Christ-child feast all in one:
to zalabia's oozing crunch my diet shall be undone;
rugelach rugelach let me bathe in your melt,
soufganiot tickle my lips with your doughnutty dough,
oh aloo gobi gulab jamun muttar paneer come
be my delight, make my waistband tight,
hear my longing sigh...*

*And if I must, for the sake of good form,
I might, as it's Christmas, eat a mince pie.*

'Radical Welcome'

Mission Week at Manchester Cathedral

We have invited the community of Scargill House along with our very own Bishop of Bolton, Rt Revd Chris Edmondson, jointly to lead a mission week at Manchester Cathedral. The mission will have the theme 'Radical Welcome': reflecting a welcoming God, and a welcoming church.



'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



So said Jesus in response to a question about inheriting eternal life. This was his summary of all God's commandments to his people - these are important words!

We have many opportunities to worship and pray and so express our love for God. But Jesus was clear to say that we should also love our neighbours.

Christian 'mission' is living out this second commandment in practice – to show that we love our neighbours in what we do and say. We aim to do this all the time but it is sometimes a valuable thing to focus mission within a few days.

The dates of the mission are 8th – 13th May 2012 and throughout the mission there will be many activities and events to reflect on the theme of 'loving our neighbour'.

**What will the mission look like?
What will be happening?**

Meals, breakfast, comedy, football, work with schools, worship, prayer, anointing, talks, training, random acts of kindness in the city centre Anything in fact which helps us relate well to people who come regularly to the Cathedral or who may never have been before! To all we would say with God, "welcome!"

On 20th November some members of the Scargill team joined us at the Cathedral for the morning Eucharist. And the same will happen on February 26th. One member of the team will preach and we will hold a free meal after the service. This will give people an opportunity to meet them and find out more about the mission.

You can find out more about the Scargill community, in the Yorkshire Dales, at www.scargillmovement.org

Contact Canon Tony Hardy for more information.
Tel 0161 438 2834 or canon.evangelist@manchestercathedral.org



Will Planning and Investing for your future

Ashcourt Rowan Financial Planning and Maddocks Clarke Solicitors welcome you to join us at our forthcoming seminar which is to be run in conjunction with the Manchester Cathedral Development Project. This will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Friday 17th February. During the morning, we shall be discussing aspects relating to :-

- Ethical investing, Long Term Care, Inheritance Tax Planning and Wealth Preservation – Ashcourt Rowan
- Wills, Probate, Lasting Powers of Attorney and Succession Planning – Maddocks Clarke Solicitors
- Securing 'our' future – Manchester Cathedral Development Project

Registration will commence at 10.30am and the seminar will conclude at 12.30pm. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and an opportunity to ask questions.

Places will be limited, so please register your interest as soon as possible. Should you wish to attend please contact Charlotte Valeck on 0161 834 9440 or by email on seminars@ashcourtrowan.com or alternatively Anthony O'Connor on beapartofit@manchestercathedral.org no later than February 1st.

To reserve your place please call

0161 834 9440

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We celebrate
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Pledges and
Declared Legacies
£1,816,187

UNRESTRICTED INCOME		£684,526
RESTRICTED INCOME	COST	RAISED
Diamond Jubilee Organ (Music)	2,000,000	£744,045
Roof	£600,000	£524
Visitor Centre	£227,656	£65,991
Lighting	£	£4,991
Choir Stalls	£	£14,110
Chorister Funding	£400,000	£255,000
Music Endowment	£5,000,000	£45,000
Heating	£1,500,000	£0

Deans Pilgrimages, a reminder: The Dean will be leading two pilgrimages, the first 'In the Footsteps of St Paul' around Greece from **16 to 23 November 2012**; and the second, to the Holy Land, from **30 January to 10 February 2014**.

If you would like to find our more please email beapartofit@manchestercathedral.org.

'Explore'

If you were to pass by the Cathedral Visitors' Centre on a Monday evening, you would see a group of people sitting around tables having enjoyed some excellent Cathedral Café food in deep, animated discussion about the stuff of life and faith... Welcome to 'Explore'!

This ten-week course run jointly by the Cathedral and Sacred Trinity / St. Philip's, Salford, is designed for people who want to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith through exploring some of its most pertinent themes: Who is Jesus? Why do followers of Christ meet together? Where does God stand on environmental issues? What about all the

evil and suffering in the world? To name but a few. Through discussion, music, film, Bible study and creative exercises, "Explore" has provided a safe space for people to critique and consider, to question and to contemplate all aspects of the Christian faith and to evaluate its significance in relation to their own lives. This has proved to be a challenge for some and a confirmation for others – but for everyone, it has been an opportunity to build community.

Has that given you a taste to start "explore"-ing with us? You may even be thinking about confirmation. The good news is, it's not too late! The course will run again in 2012 – dates and times to be confirmed in the New Year. For more information about "Explore", please contact either Tony Hardy, Andy Salmon or Rhiannon Jones, or call **0161 438 2834**.



Saint of the Month

December 1st. Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara.

In his all or nothing approach to the Christian life, Charles de Foucauld [1858-1916], also known as Brother Charles of Jesus, was something of a modern Desert Father. 'As soon as I believed in God,' he said, 'I understood that I could not do otherwise than live for him alone'.

Charles was a Roman Catholic, born in Strassbourg, and orphaned at six. He and his sister were raised by their grandfather whom he later followed into a military career, serving as an officer in the French army in Algeria. It was there that he developed his love of the desert.

In his teens, de Foucauld had lost his faith and entered the army an atheist, but seeing how the Muslims expressed their faith he began praying, 'My God, if you exist, let me come to know you.' He found his faith again, aged 28, in 1886.

He discovered his vocation to the religious life while on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and became a Trappist monk, first in France and then in Syria. His life of prayer as a hermit began at Nazareth.

In 1901, aged 43, de Foucauld was ordained a priest and returned to the Sahara, to live among the desert tribes, 'the furthest removed and the most abandoned.' His prayer

was that he might become 'a universal brother' to everyone who knew him, especially the Muslim tribesmen whose culture and faith he greatly admired.

In 1905, Charles built a hermitage at the remote oasis of Tamanrasset. He wore a simple white robe and began compiling a Tuareg dictionary. 'Your vocation', he said to himself, 'is to shout the gospel from the rooftops, not in words but with your life.' He lived and ate very simply.

De Foucauld was not a missionary in the traditional sense. Instead, he was one of the first to live 'a Christian presence' among those he witnessed to. He was known to the Arabs as a Christian marabout, or Holy Man.

From time to time, French military patrols would call at the hermitage, so that local Senoussi tribesman, who were seeking independence from France, came to see him as a French agent. On December 1st, 1916, they shot him.

Only later did anyone find the significance of his lone and austere witness among the Tuaregs at all spiritually interesting. Today, the Association he inspired of The Little Brothers of Jesus, and the Little Sisters, is found across the world.

Albert Radcliffe

Protestants in Communist East Germany:

In the Storm of the World

Wendy Tyndale



**Tuesday, 24 January 2012
7pm**

**Manchester Cathedral
Refreshments and Bookstall**

contact Canon Andrew Shanks
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0161 833 2220 for more details



A truly traditional Christmas treat

Manchester
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Messiah

G F Handel

Saturday 10 December 2011
7.00 pm

performed by
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Cathedral Choir and the
University of Manchester
Baroque Orchestra

directed by
Christopher Stokes

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atmospheric setting of
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The Diary - December

Thursday 1st December

7.30pm Children's Society Service

Friday 2nd December

7.30pm North West Air Ambulance Carol Concert.
Tickets Child £3, Adult £5, Family £12, available from
www.nwaa.net or call 0800 587 4570.

Saturday 3rd December

7.30pm Manchester University Choir & Orchestra
Society Concert

Sunday 4th December

1.00pm / 2.30pm / 4.00pm
St Ann's Hospice 'Tree of Lights' Service
19.30pm RBS Chorus Tour Concert

Tuesday 6th December

6.15pm The Lord Mayor of Manchester will switch on
the Cathedral Christmas Tree Lights
7.30pm MedEquip4Kids Concert. Tickets are available
by calling 0161 798 1600 or info@medequip4kids.org.uk

Wednesday 7th December

10.00am Manchester Music Service Christmas Sing
12.45pm Turning of the Leaves
7.30pm Action for Children Concert. Tickets £7, £5
(Con) available from 01925 715385 or email diane.goodier@actionforchildren.org.uk

Thursday 8th December

12noon Mother's Union Thursday Prayer
7.30pm Greater Manchester Police Concert Friday 9th
December
7.00pm The NSPCC 's Carols by Candlelight. Tickets
£8, £5 (con), children under 16 free. Available from
0161 628 1209 or northwestappeals@nspcc.org.uk

Saturday 10th December

7.00pm Handel's Messiah with the Manchester Baroque
and Manchester Cathedral Choir. Tickets £20, £15, £11
available from 0161 833 2220 and 0844 871 8819

Sunday 11th December

3.00pm St John Ambulance Carol Service

Monday 12th December

11.00am / 3.00pm Manchester Evening News Carol
Concert. Details on how to apply for tickets will appear
in the Manchester Evening News paper, in mid November.

Tuesday 13th December

12.30pm Julian Prayer Group
1.10pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert
7.00pm Addiction Dependency Solutions Concert

Wednesday 14th December

7.00pm Henshaw's Society for the Blind Carols by
Candlelight. Tickets £10, £7 (con) available from 0161
872 1234

Friday 16th December

7.00pm Chetham's Christmas Music Concert; Due to
the large number of people expected to attend from
Chetham's School of Music, there will not be places
available for members of the general public.

Saturday 17th December

7.30pm Family Carols Concert with Manchester
Cathedral Voluntary Choir. Tickets £8, £6 (con)
available from 0161 833 2220

Sunday 18th December

7.30pm Manchester Show Choir Carol Concert.
Tickets available from www.manchestershowchoir.com

Monday 19th December

12.15pm Cathedral Christmas Carol Sing-along. For
shoppers and workers in the city-centre. Come and go
at any point during the carols.
7.00pm Ian Anderson plays festive Jethro Tull.
Tickets now sold out.

Tuesday 20th December

12.30pm Julian Prayer Group

Wednesday 21st December

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 22nd December

7.30pm A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols with
Manchester Cathedral Choir

Saturday 24th December

12noon Carols with Blessing of the Crib and
Children's Nativity
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Sunday 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist

Monday 26th December

11.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion

Midweek services

Morning Prayer	9.00am	Mon-Sat
Holy Communion*	1.10pm	Mon-Fri
Holy Communion	9.15am	Sat
Evening Prayer	5.30pm	Mon & Fri
Evensong	5.30pm	Tue/Wed/Thu
	3.30pm	Saturday

Sunday Services

Matins	8.45am
Holy Communion (1662)	9.00am
Sung Eucharist	10.30am
Evensong	5.30pm

* Tuesday 27th December to Monday
2nd January Matins & Holy Communion
will be said at 8.45am & 9.00am. Tuesday
27th December to Friday 6th January
Evening Prayer will be said at 4.30pm.

Looking ahead - January 2012

Sunday 1st January

11.00am Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4th January

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Sunday 8th January

4.00pm Epiphany Procession, starting at St Ann's Church at 4pm

Tuesday 10th January

12.30pm Julian Prayer Group
1.10pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Sunday 15th January

10.30am Christingle Service
12noon Bring and Share Lunch

Wednesday 18th January

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Saturday 21st January

11.00am Coffee Concert;
Details of the programme will be available nearer the time.

Sunday 22nd January

Services as usual

Tuesday 24th January

1.10pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert
1.30pm Retired Clergy Association Meeting
7.00pm 'Protestants in Communist East Germany: In the Storm of the World' by Wendy Tyndale. A Manchester Theological Society Lecture

Sunday 29th January

Services as usual

Tuesday 31st January

12.30pm Julian Prayer Group

Looking ahead - February 2012

Wednesday 1st February

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 2nd February

12noon 'Forward in Faith, Reform and Women's Chapter Vigil'
7.45pm Organ recital: La Nativité du Seigneur

Sunday 5th February

3.30pm Greater Manchester Lieutenancy Service in the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Monday 6th February

1.10pm A service to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne

Tuesday 7th February

1.10pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime

Wednesday 8th February

3.30pm Evensong broadcast live by BBC

Saturday 11th February

12noon 'Be a Chorister for a Day'. For boys and girls aged 7+ Places are limited and need to be booked in advance. Contact Katy Leese on Tel: 0161 833 2220 ext. 238 or email katy.leese@manchestercathedral.org

Sunday 12th February

to Sunday 19th February
24/7 Prayer week

Sunday 12th February

2.00pm Air Training Corps Service
7.30pm Start the Week Service

Wednesday 15th February

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

Thursday 16th February

7.00pm Theological Society event; 'Do We Need Creeds?'
Jane Barraclough and Andrew Shanks

Saturday 18th February

11.00am Coffee Concert;
Details of the programme will be available nearer the time.

Sunday 19th February

7.30pm End of the Week Service

Tuesday 21st February

12.30pm Julian Prayer Group
1.10pm Chetham's School of Music Lunchtime Concert

Sunday 26th February

Service as usual

Monday 27th February

7.00pm Chetham's School of Music Ensembles Concert. Tickets £8/Children £3, available from 0161 838 7244.

Wednesday 29th February

12.45pm Turning of the Leaves

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Looking further ahead - March 2012

Tuesday 1st March

7.00pm Quiz Night and Pie & Peas Supper. Tickets £8.50 available from Edwyn Pym: 07867 595 285, Revd Robert Whybourn: revrob8@aol.com or by emailing beingpartofit@manchestercathedral.org

Sunday 25th March

7.30pm St John Passion
Ticket information will be available nearer the time.

Saturday 31st March

11.00am Chetham's School of Music Founder's Day Service

Sunday 1st April

10.30am Palm Sunday Eucharist
5.30am The Cathedral Voluntary Choir will sing 'The Crucifixion' (John Stainer)

Monday 2nd April

10.30am Service of Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils

Thursday 5th April

7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Stripping of the Sanctuary

Friday 6th April

12noon Way of the Cross
7.30pm Sequence of Music & Readings for Good Friday

Saturday 7th April

7.30pm Easter Liturgy with Baptism and Confirmation

Sunday 8th April

10.30am Easter Day Eucharist

Sunday 15th April

1.30pm The Gift of Life - 25th Anniversary of Organ Transplantation

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