

An Artspace Event

Messiaen's

La Nativité du Seigneur

Friday 3rd December, 7.00pm

The evening begins with a lecture by artist **Sophie Hacker**, from **Winchester Cathedral**, who will talk about the inspiration behind her series of contemporary abstract icons, based on this work, exploring the themes of incarnation and eternity.

This is followed by our **Assistant Organist, Paul Bowen**, playing this wonderful composition of nine musical meditations which explore the underlying themes on the birth of **Christ**.

Tickets £10 / £8 concessions available NOW from the Cathedral Office.

An Artspace Event

Mind the Gap - Images of the Annunciation

A Lecture by Viola Jones

Saturday 18th December at 2.30pm

Art historian **Viola Jones**, from **York Minster**, will explore the drama, symbolism and meaning of **St Luke's** account, as expressed by artists in the late **Gothic** and early **Renaissance** period ...
plentifully illustrated with slides.

Free entry - donations appreciated

EVENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL IN DECEMBER

Thursday 2nd at 7.30pm

THE DIGNITY OF DIFFERENCE

People today seem to be increasingly intolerant of those who are different from themselves. Join this discussion led by the Dean and Maroof Shaffi, ex President of the Muslim Society of Great Britain. This event is in the Parish Room and entry is free.

Friday 3rd at 7.00pm

Messiaen's LA NATIVITÉ DU SEIGNEUR with Paul Bowen (Organ)

See front page for more details

Saturday 4th at 2.30pm

THE CATHEDRAL FRIENDS ANNUAL WINTER WARMER with the Skipton Ladies Choir and pupils in the Sing Up! project

Free entry - donations appreciated

Wednesday 8th at 11.15am*

SACRED SPACE - WAITING WITH ADVENT

Using music and image we anticipate the birth of Jesus, Son of God.

* *Why not join the Cathedral congregation for their regular 10.15am service of Holy Communion followed by tea/coffee and biscuits? Free entry*

Monday 13th at 7.00pm

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

A celebration of music by the Bradford Youth Wind Orchestra and students from primary schools across the Bradford district.

Tickets £5 adults / £3 children available on the door

Saturday 18th December at 2.30pm

MIND THE GAP - IMAGES OF THE ANNUNCIATION - WITH VIOLA JONES

See front page for more details

24th at 1.00pm

THE ANNUAL CATHEDRAL CAROL RECITAL WITH THE CHOIR

We welcome everyone to this lunchtime recital of your favourite carols and wonderful choral music. *Free entry*

**PLEASE SEE OVER FOR A FULL LIST OF
THE CATHEDRAL'S ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL ... for mince pies!

We urgently need mince pies for our Advent and Christmas services and events. We have yet another busy few weeks and hope to offer our usual warm hospitality - which is greatly aided by a lot of mince pies! Donations to the Cathedral Office please.

THE INN CHURCHES PROJECT

The Dean has agreed that the Cathedral will open up Cathedral Halls as an emergency shelter for the homeless on **Tuesday evenings** between **7th December and 22nd February (ie 12 nights)**, thus making us the seventh participating Church and meaning the Project achieves the aim of a different hosting Church for every day of the week. It's a big commitment for us all, but with prayer and teamwork we can pull this off. The immediate need is for **volunteers to act as teamleaders/hosts**. If four people can do this, the commitment will be three evenings over the course of the Project, ie once a month. Ideally these people would be prepared to stay overnight in Cathedral Halls, overseeing what goes on, each evening they are on duty - a team of additional helpers from the Project, already recruited, will also be on duty. Even if you are unable to volunteer for the whole evening, it would be useful to have someone on site to "top & tail" - 7pm to midnight and 6am to 9am. Please let the Office know if you feel able to commit to this important act of witness to the city.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS

The current season of lunchtime organ recitals has finished but please note that the next series starts on **Wednesday 2nd February 2011**.

ARTSPACE PROGRAMME 2011

Illumination

Next year celebrates the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. There have been few more important single publications and its impact throughout history has been colossal. The Cathedral therefore takes this celebration as its theme for the Artspace programme this year and plans are almost completed for a varied and interesting range of events including the Cathedral having an original illuminated 1611 bible on loan from Lichfield Cathedral alongside a 1614 edition recently discovered in our Cathedral Library. There will also be a range of events including exhibitions, concerts and talks exploring the contribution the King James Bible has made, and continues to make, to our lives.

Please look out for further details.

PARISH WEEKEND 2011

Next year's Parish Weekend is again at the beautiful **Wydale Hall in North Yorkshire**. We have also booked an inspiring speaker, the **Revd David Runcorn**, who led our 2009 Good Friday 3 hours devotion. Places will be limited - last time we were at Wydale, in 2008, we filled all the rooms available! The dates are **Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th September 2011**. More details will follow but you may like to put it in your diary now.

Canon Andy

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Are you spending Christmas at home this year? Would you consider including an international student from a university in the UK in your plans? There are so many students here from China, India, and many other countries, who are unable to go back at Christmas. They would love to spend two or three days in a real home, rather than an empty hall of residence.

For many, Christmas will be an entirely new experience. Staying with you, they could find out what it is all about, as well as enjoying home-cooked food, joining in with your activities, and seeing a little of the country away from the campus. You do not need to live near a university, as many students are happy to travel to have this opportunity.

Your link with a student will be arranged by one of HOST's voluntary regional organisers, who do their best to match hosts and guests who will enjoy one another's company. HOST is a long-established national charity, founded by the British Council. Every HOST visit, whether for Christmas or for a weekend during the year, is a one-off, although sometimes lasting friendships are formed. The cultural exchange, and the contribution to international goodwill, are what make it all worthwhile. For more details please speak to Sandra in the Cathedral Office ... who has HOST'd in the past.

McKENZIE FRIENDS

McKenzie Friends are volunteers, with no legal experience, who assist asylum seekers when they have no legal representation. A McKenzie Friend is independent of the court system and Home Office.

What does a McKenzie Friend do? They provide moral support through the appeal procedure; they offer informed (non-legal) help; they work with asylum seekers in preparing their cases; they assist in research; and they accompany asylum seekers to court and take notes, etc.

For more information please contact Laura O'Connor on 01274 727527 between 9am and 2pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

LISTENING COURSE

As part of our vision to make the Cathedral a centre for listening we are running a four-session course on Saturday mornings. This has been postponed from October to next year (dates below). The course is aimed at those who would like to develop their listening skills more deeply following the introductory sessions which Alex McLelland led in September. We are running this in partnership with Barbara Glasson and it will be hosted by Touchstone at 32, Merton Road, BD7. **Sessions run from 10.00am to 12noon on 29th January, and 5th, 12th and 19th February 2011.** Numbers are limited to just 12 so please speak as soon as possible to Alex McLelland or Canon Andy if you are interested.

DECEMBER SERVICES

1st - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Holy Communion

5th - Second Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Choral Eucharist
4.00pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm Heart to Heart

6th - Monday

7.00pm A special Christmas service
for BBC Radio Leeds

7th - Tuesday

7.00pm Service for the Bereaved

8th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Holy Communion
7.30pm The Rotary Carol Service

12th - Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Choral Eucharist
4.30pm Choral Evensong
6.30pm *Prayer for Bradford* CANCELLED

15th - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Holy Communion
7.30pm The Magistrates Carol Service

19th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Choral Eucharist with Healing
and Blessing of the Crib
4.00pm Said Evening Prayer
6.30pm Festival of Lessons & Carols
by Candlelight

20th - Monday

5.30pm The City Carol Service

22nd - Wednesday

7.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Holy Communion

24th - Christmas Eve

1.00pm Lunchtime Carol Recital
11.30pm Midnight Mass

25th - Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Choral Eucharist
4.00pm No service today
6.30pm No service today

26th - First Sunday of Christmas

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Holy Eucharist with Carols
4.00pm Said Evening Prayer
6.30pm No service this evening

27th - St John's Day

12.30pm Holy Communion

28th - Holy Innocents' Day

12.30pm Holy Communion

29th - St Stephen's Day

7.30am Holy Communion
10.15am Holy Communion

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8th - Saturday

11.00am The Bereaved Parents Service

9th - First Sunday after Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion
10.15am Choral Eucharist
4.00pm Said Evening Prayer
6.30pm Epiphany Procession with Carols

Monday to Saturday
Morning Prayer at 8am
Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
(Choral Evensong Monday and Tuesday's in Term Time)

THE ABIGAIL HOUSING DESTITUTION PROJECT

The Abigail Project has been offered a new house in Thorpe Edge. It is unfurnished and needs to be set up for women asylum seekers. Items needed include single beds, chests of drawers, electric heaters (upstairs is unheated), a fridge freezer and pots and pans. Small items can be left at the Cathedral marked 'Abigail Project' and Chris Aldred will transport them to St Augustine's where the Project has its office. If you have any of the larger items available, please could you let Sandra Howard or me know and we will arrange transport?

It would also be nice to give the asylum seekers Christmas presents, festively wrapped. We suggest seasonal food items, hot water bottles, hats, gloves, scarves, thick socks, and slippers for either men or women.

Happy Christmas to you and to them! *Maggie Peel*

HELP STAMP OUT LEPROSY ... and other ways to help

The Leprosy Mission's new slogan is aimed to encourage people to trim commemorative and foreign stamps from letters and recycle them to raise funds - to help eradicate leprosy and care for sufferers. The Leprosy Mission raised £72,373 in 2009 through its philatelic wing. **We have a little box (decorated with stamps) on the shelves at the back of the South Aisle as our receptacle.** Please save only the less common stamps and trim them with about 5mm around, or soak them off, or rescue collections which the owner no longer wants! (Please note we have now LOST our outlet for everyday 1st and 2nd class stamps).

Also, **ALL POSTCARDS**, used or unused, are sold in aid of our link diocese in Khartoum to buy basics for their work in the church and community. Over £7000 was sent last year. Please leave postcards in the letter rack or Cathedral Office.

NEW! There is now a box for your old **SPECTACLES** alongside the stamps box. Glasses, with or without cases, are needed in the Third World countries where little healthcare provision is available. Thank you. *Jane Tarver*

EXTENDED MEMBERSHIP: Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Cathedral fellowship who, through illness or incapacity, cannot attend in person:

Norman Addy

Judith Booth

Dorothy Dean

Michael Horsfall

Joan Simpson

Heather Wright

If anyone you know would appreciate being added to this list, please let one of the clergy or church wardens know.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

There is more to being a member of a choir than singing. The social and educational benefits of choral singing is now widely documented. Did you know that when you sing every part of your brain is stimulated!

The boys and girls of the Choir are from all areas of Bradford and beyond, and are drawn from over twenty local schools. Participation in services and concert performances is a culmination of many hours of dedicated preparation and hard work by the Choir who, along with the adult members, provide an enriching musical contribution to worship every week at the Cathedral. The Choir also take choral music out to churches and venues in the Bradford area and beyond.

Choir practice take place (during term time) on different days during the week for the various sections of the Choir. The main time for new members is Tuesday evening at 4pm (boys) and Saturday morning at 9.30am (girls). Full Choir practice is at 6.45pm on Thursday evenings.

New members of the Choir are always welcome and enquiries, from individuals or schools, should be made to the Cathedral Office or Mr Andrew Teague to arrange an initial visit.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE CATHEDRAL

BOYS BRIGADE

Meetings every Monday during term time in the Parish Room

Anchor Boys (5-7): 6.00 - 7.30pm

Junior Section (8-11): 6.00 - 7.30pm

Further details from Alan Briggs, Ruth Carr or the Cathedral Office

NGage YOUTH GROUP

Meetings every Monday in the Cathedral following Choral Evensong for
12 - 18 year olds during term time

CRÈCHE

Sunday morning crèche

THIRD SPACE

Every third Sunday at 10.15am in the Deanery
for pre-school children with their parents

GODLY PLAY

Every fourth Sunday in the Listening Room
Story time for 5 - 11yr olds during the morning service

Further details from Canon Andrew Williams

CATHEDRAL STAFF

Dean: The Very Revd Dr David Ison

Residentiary Canon: Canon Andrew Williams

Residentiary Canon (Diocesan - part time): Canon Sam Randall

Chaplains: Revds Paul Booth, Barbara Glasson, Chris Howson

Head Verger & Reader: Jon Howard

Cathedral Administrator: Chris Aldred

PA to the Dean & Administrator: Sandra Howard

Treasurer: Chris Wontner-Smith

Lay Chaplain (Education): Caroline Moore

Interfaith Development Officer: Nuzhat Ali

Organist & Master of Choristers: Andrew Teague

Assistant Organist: Paul Bowen

Assistant Director of Music: David Condry

Music Administrator: Ann Foster

SingUp Co-ordinator: Phil Wilcox

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