

## The Revd Christine Bull Writes.....

### Pastoral Care in the Cathedral Community

In the two years I have been Priest Pastor at the Cathedral I have been very aware of the caring and loving support offered by members of the congregation to one another. But alongside this awareness there has been a level of anxiety that some people, for whatever reason, are not noticed or looked after in quite the same way. Some 'slip through the net', so to speak. The clergy as a whole are also very conscious of this. We realise we cannot cover all needs on our own; nor should we, as everyone in a Christian community which is growing in Christ should seek to minister to each other. It is as we sensitively care for each other, building friendships based on respect and trust, that we build a stronger and more loving community. So we want to encourage the one-to-one caring that is already taking place and also develop a way of ensuring that anyone who may be less involved or who is newer to the congregation is not missed.



### The Pastoral Team

With this in mind, I formed a small team (myself, John and Julia de Newtown, David Harris, Jan Makinson and Jackie Rainsforth) to consider how pastoral care might be developed within the worshipping community at the Cathedral. We have now met several times and feel that one of our main aims should be to ensure that pastoral care is available to all members of our congregations who wish to receive it. This should include caring for those in regular attendance as well as ensuring that new people are welcomed and enabled to feel part of the worshipping community at a level which feels comfortable for them.

### Caring for each other

We recognise that as we develop this ministry, we must be very conscious of two things: first, that people come to the Cathedral for a variety of reasons and some prefer to be anonymous, or at least in the background. There can never be any compulsion for people to receive pastoral care! And secondly, that there is already much good pastoral care going on, which needs to be encouraged and supported. So if you are already involved in supporting anyone in a pastoral sense, please don't stop! If you need any help, advice, or are interested in widening your involvement, please let me know.

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### Getting involved

In the coming weeks we will be trying to build up a picture of how we can ensure that, as far as possible, no-one needing pastoral care is inadvertently left out; so if you are aware of anyone in need, please let me know. And if you feel you might be able to give your time or help in a practical way and would be interested in becoming involved in this ministry within the Cathedral, please contact me to discuss it.

### The way forward

Pastoral care is a sensitive and important ministry, central to building up a strong Christian community. So, I and someone from outside our immediate community will meet with those expressing an interest, seeking to match gifting and abilities with the roles needed. Training and support will be available to help you develop the skills required. Our hope as a team is that everyone in the Cathedral community will give their prayerful support as we seek to develop this ministry. We look forward to hearing from you.

**DON'T FORGET: During the winter months, (October - March) Morning Prayer will be held at 8.30am, Monday to Friday, in St. Anselm's Chapel**

### CATHEDRAL ARCHAEOLOGY UPDATE

Archaeologists from Oxford Archaeology North have been working to investigate what lies beneath the ground around the Cathedral (as part of the consultation process of the Chester Cathedral Phase One project being undertaken by the partnership of Cheshire West and Chester Council, Chester Renaissance and Chester Cathedral).

The work so far has helped cast light on the way in which the area around the Cathedral has been landscaped and used over a long period of time. There has been a mixture of Roman and medieval finds, but no significant structures have yet been discovered, suggesting that some of the soil must have been brought from elsewhere in the city to make up the levels. Stage 2 of the investigation will involve a more detailed examination of levels, geotechnical investigations and an examination of the potential for further archaeological excavation.

The current trenches have already been backfilled, and further progress is expected in the near future.

### WHAT'S ON AT THE CATHEDRAL

(All tickets available from the Cathedral Box office on 01244 500959 or online 24/7 at [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com))

Saturday 16 October	7.30pm	Chester Bach Singers	(Britten - St Nicolas)
Thursday 28 October	7.30pm	Friends Lecture	(Stephen Broadbent)
Friday 29 October	7.30pm	Libera	(The distinctive sound of an extraordinary 'Boy Band')

## CURATE'S CORNER

*Each month, our new Curate, the Revd Dot Gosling will be writing a few words about her journey of faith at Chester Cathedral.*

So, to update you on what I have been doing this month! I have preached my first sermon (now on the website) and spoken to more people. I'm still not very good at remembering names due to not using them on a daily basis, but I will get there I hope! I have taken part in another BCP service, met the Choir, and most exciting of all was leading and being cantor for evensong. The Choir were very kind in their comments to me.

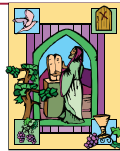


I have taken my working agreement (a work in progress) for my 1<sup>st</sup> year of Curacy to the Diocese, and whilst I was there, I saw Christopher Burkett in his new role, and he started singing as soon as he saw me. Nothing has changed there then!

I am looking forward to doing more with Twitter and Facebook, especially what we have called 'Spiritual Saturday' or 'Spiritual Sunday', when there will always be something from myself/the other clergy, encouraging folk to pray or reflect on something to do with God. I will also be attending a conference on using social media to better advantage in October, and will report back on that next month.

## CHESTER CATHEDRAL BIBLE STUDIES

*Wednesdays 1.10pm in The Cloister Room \**



### AUTUMN SERIES: PROPHETS

**October 6th \* - AMOS - The Very Revd Prof. Gordon McPhate**

**October 13th - DANIEL - The Revd Canon Prof. Loveday Alexander**

**October 20th - MICAH - The Revd Dot Gosling**

**October 27th - HOSEA - The Revd Canon Chris Humphries**

**November 10th - ISAIAH - The Very Revd Prof. Gordon McPhate**

**November 17th - JEREMIAH - The Revd Canon Jane Brooke**

**(\* This session will be held in St. Anselm's Chapel)**

## CANON BURKETT BIDS FAREWELL

A number of members of the Cathedral team gathered together in the Cloister Room on 13th September to say goodbye to Canon Dr Christopher Burkett at his farewell tea party.

A speech was made by the Dean, paying tribute to Christopher for his 10 years of service at Chester Cathedral, and this was followed by a few words from the man himself - saying thank you all for the good times he had had here at the Cathedral.

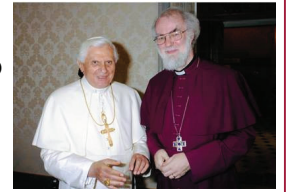
Life certainly won't be the same without Christopher, and he will be missed.



*Canon Dr Christopher Burkett with the Dean at his farewell tea party on 13 September.*

## PAPAL VISIT

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI visited His Grace Archbishop Rowan Williams at the Archbishop's London home, Lambeth Palace, in



September. Together they addressed a meeting of Anglican and Roman Catholic Diocesan Bishops from England, Scotland and Wales in the Great Hall of the Archbishop's library.

Recalling fifty years of significant meetings between successive popes and archbishops of Canterbury, Archbishop Williams welcomed Pope Benedict to Lambeth Palace before leading the bishops in an opening prayer.

In his address to the bishops Dr Williams stressed the wider spiritual and missionary context in which ecumenical dialogue and growth in unity must take place. He spoke of the historic visit as "a special time of grace and of growth in our shared calling", and expressed the hope that the occasion would be recognised as having "significance both to the Church of Christ and to British society".

## WELLIES TO WORK DAY

Friday 17th September was national 'Wear your Wellies to Work' Day, in aid of Action Medical Research, a leading UK wide charity dedicated to helping babies and children facing challenges caused by disabilities. Paying £2 meant workplaces nationwide were allowed to wear their wellies to show their support to the charity, and Chester Cathedral was no exception. A number of staff members joined in the fun, and we are hoping to have raised a final amount of over £100.



*Jo, Dani & Carmella wearing their wellies to work in aid of Action Medical Research*

## HR NEWS

Chester Cathedral has been awarded a certificate of commitment by Philip Williamson CBE, chairman of Investors in People (IIP).

This is an important step in the full accreditation process which demonstrates the Cathedral's commitment to training and developing our staff to ensure that we provide consistent and professional customer service to all our visitors, but also to train and develop our staff to their full potential.

## We are seeking Volunteer Assistant Vergers

### The Assistant Verger's role will include:

Assisting the vergers in preparing for evensong and other services  
Welcoming the congregation as they arrive  
Managing the flow of people when a service is taking place  
The opportunity to verge for some services  
Assisting visitors with their questions and requests  
Assisting with setting up for events and rearrangement of seating  
General tidiness and presentation of the Cathedral  
Accompanying the verger when locking the Cathedral at the end of the day

A typical shift would be in the afternoon, 1pm to 6.45pm, or 4pm to 6.45pm, minimum one day a week.

For further details please contact the Head Verger on 01244 500951 or alternatively, email [martin.fleet@chestercathedral.com](mailto:martin.fleet@chestercathedral.com)

## Music News

The new term has started off extremely well. Enquiries from parents of prospective chorister parents are almost daily and there are currently six probationer boy and five probationer girl choristers. This term we welcome both Laurence Lyndon-Jones, a former St Alban's Abbey chorister and mathematics graduate of Pembroke College, Oxford as Organ Scholar and Sebastian Fayle, a former Chester chorister and our new Alto Choral Scholar. Choristers Robert Anderson, Matthew Carty, John Muir, Felix Gideonse, Olivia Hunt and Rebecca Bowler have all been promoted within the Choir - congratulations to them.

The first of the Sunday evening Compline services was held on 12 September and was well attended. The Nave Choir sing at this service and with music played on the organ it is a very special way to end a busy Sunday.

**Philip Rushforth**  
Director of Music



## SUNG COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT

Since the beginning of September there has been a weekly Sunday 6:30pm service at Chester Cathedral. The Cathedral Clergy have re-introduced these evening services for a trial period of ten months.

Services of Wholeness and Healing, Worship in the Taizé Style and various special services will continue throughout the year in their present form. There will also be a new regular service of **Sung Compline** with the chanting of the office undertaken by the Cathedral Nave Choir.

## Seeking Volunteers for Front of House Management at Cathedral Events

Each year about 100,000 people attend special services and events at the Cathedral. They are managed by a small but dedicated team of volunteers who have a similar role to the Sidespeople who care for the needs of those attending services.

If you are linked with an organisation which uses the Cathedral, or would like to assist with managing the audiences and participants of events at the Cathedral, please consider being trained as a front of house manager. There is no charge for this two hour training session, but it will give you the skills and confidence to support the work of the Cathedral in this important area.

**The next training will take place in the Cloister Room on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00 pm.**

Please contact Ian Atkinson the Events Manager (01244 500978 or [events@chestercathedral.com](mailto:events@chestercathedral.com)) if you wish to attend.

## Worship in the Cathedral:

### Weekdays:

0830 Morning Prayer  
(St Anselm's Chapel)  
1230 Eucharist  
(1130 on Thursdays)  
1730 Choral Evensong (said service on Wednesdays)

### Saturdays:

0900 Morning Prayer  
(St Anselm's Chapel)  
0930 Eucharist  
1615 Choral Evensong

### Sundays:

0800 Prayer Book Communion Service (said)  
1000 Cathedral Eucharist  
1130 Sung Mattins (or Prayer Book Eucharist 1st & 3rd Sundays)  
1530 Choral Evensong  
1830 Evening Service

*All subject to occasional variations.*

## Hospice of the Good Shepherd 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Service ~ 11.30 am 10/10/10

The Hospice continues to serve the communities of Chester, Western Cheshire and Deeside through the provision of the highest quality specialist palliative care by a skilled and dedicated multi-professional team. The vision of Viv Smith and others who founded the Hospice is celebrated through the excellent care provided to patients and their families.

We take this opportunity to invite our many friends and supporters to join with us in thanksgiving and further dedication for the ongoing work of the Hospice. It would not be possible to continue the specialist care provided at the Hospice without a committed staff group and a loyal and hardworking number of volunteers many of whom join with us on this special anniversary.

## In Residence - Day by Day

<b>Sunday</b>	All Clergy
<b>Monday</b>	Rev. Christine Bull
<b>Tuesday</b>	Canon Jane Brooke
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Dean
<b>Thursday</b>	Canon Chris Humphries
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<b>Saturday</b>	Rev. Christine Bull

## Cathedral Camps

During August, the Chester Cathedral Estates Team hosted a Volunteer summer camp at the Cathedral, which was organised in collaboration with 'Cathedral Camps'. The enthusiastic group of young people were more than willing to roll up their sleeves and do some hard work for the Estates Team, and work they did, taking part in gardening, painting and cleaning in and around the Cathedral.

To their credit, the Camp Volunteers completed a good majority of the tasks within their time here at the Cathedral, and judging from the lovely smells that came out from their house most evenings, it seems like they were improving their culinary skills too!

The assistance of volunteers is paramount to the continuing maintenance of the Cathedral and its Estate. The Estate Team are hoping to build on the success of this year's Camp by hosting another one in the summer of 2011.

The Dean said: "These young people worked their socks off, did a great deal of worthwhile but often tedious work, and were a delight to have around the Cathedral precinct."

## JANE BROOKE

We were pleased to see Jane Brooke installed as Canon Residentiary and Canon Chancellor of Chester Cathedral last month.

Jane's role will be primarily based within the Education Department, but she will also closely oversee the work of the Cathedral Library. Jane has been involved in education and working with young people for over 30 years, and has taught in schools with children from 3-18 and has worked in advisory roles both nationally and internationally.

After being ordained Deacon in 1989, then as a priest in 1994, Jane was Adviser for Women's Ministry in the Macclesfield Archdeaconry. She comes to the Cathedral after being Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's Compstall in Chadkirk Deanery. Jane remains an independent education consultant for Chester Diocese and says she has always felt a calling to work in secular employment.

Jane is married to George and has three adult children. She says of her new post at Chester Cathedral: "I am looking forward to working in the Cathedral with particular responsibility for educational activity and getting to know everyone involved in the life of the cathedral."



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Estates Team member James Griffiths who raised over £500 for Cancer Research after taking part in the BUPA 30th Great North Run 2010. James managed a very impressive time of 1 hour, 55 minutes and 57 seconds. We are all very proud of him!



## Fundraising Update

A successful musical evening was held at the home of Geoff and Jane Jones on 11 September, which raised £426 for the Cathedral's Education Department and our link parish in Russia.

Pianist John Gough played solos and accompanied the rest of the music, which included singing by Rachel Barlow, who directed the music, violin playing by Annemauraide Hamilton and duets by Linda Curran and Jane Jones.

Future events include a Grand Booksale in the Cathedral Cloisters on 22 and 23 October, 10am to 4pm and a concert by Chester's famous choir 'A Handbag of Harmonies' at Eaton Park, 7.30pm, Tuesday 9 November. Tickets available from Jane Jones on 01244 312188.



Jane Jones

## 2010 Cathedral Christmas Card



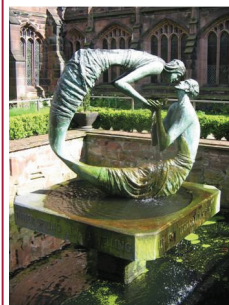
*The design of the official 2010 Cathedral Christmas Card*

It's that time of year again! It may seem a bit early to be starting your Christmas shopping, but the Cathedral Christmas cards are already in hot demand by visitors to the Shop.

Our Cathedral looked beautiful in the heavy snowfall earlier this year, so Nick Fry jumped at the opportunity to capture the moment for the Christmas card – and the result is stunning.

Buy your official Cathedral card, available to buy in the Cathedral Shop now, costing £3.99 for 10 cards.

## The Friends of Chester Cathedral Annual Lecture 2010



This year's lecture will be held on Thursday 28 October 2010 at 7.30 pm.

This year, the Lecture will be given by Stephen Broadbent,

the sculptor of the widely admired 'Water of Life' which stands in the Cathedral Garth.

Stephen has worked as an artist for the past 26 years, following an initial period of study under the sculptor Arthur Dooley. He has created several significant works of public art in and around the North West and Chester. In this lecture, he will talk about his work and the inspiration which lies behind the creative process.

Everyone is invited to attend this fascinating evening.

Tickets; £5.00 pp, including light refreshments in the Refectory after the lecture, will be available from the Cathedral Box Office in the Undercroft, 01244 500959, or online at [www.chestercathedral.com](http://www.chestercathedral.com)