



**Experience**  
**Luke Jerram's Gaia**  
this Autumn

**What's on**  
at Blackburn Cathedral  
May-August 2025



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CATHEDRAL**

# Welcome to Blackburn Cathedral



Welcome is at the very heart  
of life at Blackburn Cathedral.

Blackburn Cathedral is a vibrant hub at the heart of our community, welcoming people from all walks of life.

We host a range of events, bringing people together through music, worship, culture and entertainment and we hope there is something for everyone.

Within this guide, you'll find there's lots going on, so whether you join us for a service, a concert or simply to find a moment of peace and reflection, this is your Cathedral and you are always welcome.

*Peter Howell-Jones*

The Very Revd. Peter Howell-Jones  
Dean of Blackburn

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Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults at Blackburn Cathedral is of singular importance.

The Chapter of Blackburn Cathedral adopts the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policies and Practice Guidance and is committed to providing a safe and caring environment for all and especially those who may be at risk of abuse or harm.

The welfare of everyone we welcome, including children, young people and vulnerable adults, is our overriding priority and safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to providing a safe environment for those who wish to worship, visit or contribute to any of the Cathedral's activities.

To view our policies and commitments and for details of how to report a concern, please visit:

[blackburncathedral.com/safeguarding](http://blackburncathedral.com/safeguarding)

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**a safer  
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# What's on this Season?

From daily worship and weekly organ concerts, to live music, fundraising events, theatrical productions and pop performances... we've got something for everyone at Blackburn Cathedral.

As we approach the Summer, we're excited about four Concerts by Candlelight, hosting the National Festival of Making, upcoming choral concerts, talks, fundraising events, the return of the Scriptor Players and a debut performance at Blackburn Cathedral of the world-famous Black Dyke Band, plus lots more!

Within this guide you'll find details of all that's happening and we hope that there is something that interests you from our diverse range of events.

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# Regular services at Blackburn Cathedral

Worship is at the centre of Cathedral life and services take place each day of the year

You are invited to join us - we're open to all - and you will receive a warm welcome at any of our regular services:

WORSHIP		
<b>Sunday</b>	9am	Parish Eucharist
	10:30am	Cathedral Eucharist
	4pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Monday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer <sup>+</sup>
	5pm	Evening Prayer <sup>+</sup>
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist
	5pm	Choral Evensong <sup>*</sup>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer
	11:30am	BCP Eucharist
	5pm	Choral Evensong <sup>*</sup>
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer and Eucharist
	5pm	Choral Evensong <sup>*</sup>
<b>Friday</b>	8:30am	Morning Prayer
	12:30pm	Common Worship Eucharist
	5pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
	4pm	Evening Prayer

<sup>+</sup> On Bank Holiday Mondays, Morning Prayer is at 9am and Evening Prayer is at 4pm.

<sup>\*</sup> Choral Evensong is term time only and is replaced by Evening Prayer during the holidays.

# Special services at Blackburn Cathedral

The Cathedral hosts a number of special services throughout the year and you are welcome to join us.

Highlights this season include:

WORSHIP		
<b>May</b>		
Sun 11th May	VE Day 80th Anniversary Evensong	4pm
Sun 18th May	Civic Service at the Start of Mayor's Year	11.15am
Thu 29th May	Ascension Day Service	7.30pm
<b>June</b>		
Sun 8th June	Cathedral Eucharist on Pentecost	10.30am
Sun 8th June	Pentecost Organ Meditation with Tom Bell	5pm
Sun 15th June	Cathedral Eucharist on Trinity Sunday	10.30am
Sun 15th June	Trinity Organ Meditation with Tom Bell	5pm
<b>August</b>		
Sun 17th Aug	VJ Day Anniversary Evensong	4pm

## Choral Evensong With Organ Meditations

The organ meditations listed above will follow Choral Evensong which starts at 4pm.

Featuring international concert organist Tom Bell, the organ reflection begins at around 5pm and then there is an opportunity to discuss the music with the organist.

Please feel free to come to all or part of each event.

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# Organ Appeal

**Our iconic Walker organ is famous across the world for its remarkable sound, innovative design and unique appearance.**

**Help us raise £250,000 to restore this unique musical treasure.**

Learn more and  
pledge your support:

**[organappeal.com](http://organappeal.com)**





# Concerts at Blackburn Cathedral

Our popular Wednesday lunchtime concerts are a wonderful opportunity to experience music at Blackburn Cathedral.

Starting at 12.15pm, there is no entry charge and no ticket is required. A donation of £5 per person is suggested and all are welcome to join us.

<b>May</b>	7th May	Maximillian Elliot
	14th May	Ben Chewter
	21st May	Ian Wells
	28th May	Simon Bertram
<b>June</b>	4th June	Ed Taylor
	11th June	Emmanuel Duperrey
	18th June	John Robinson
	25th June	Jonathan Clinch
<b>July</b>	2nd July	Chris Totney
	9th July	John Hosking
	16th July	Eira Lynn Jones (Harp)

Lunchtime concerts resume on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

## Bank Holiday Celebrity Concert Series 2025

Entry to Bank Holiday Concerts is £10 on the door and are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust which supports music at Blackburn Cathedral.



Mon 5th May, 11am  
**Professor Ian Tracey**  
*Liverpool Cathedral Organist*



Mon 26th May, 11am  
**John Hosking**  
*Organist in Residence, Blackburn Cathedral*



Mon 25th Aug, 11am  
**David Hill**  
*International Conductor and Organist*



## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

CONCERT

Mon 5th May 2025 | 11am | 🎫 | £10.00 on the door

Our popular Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert Series continues as we welcome Liverpool Cathedral organist, Professor Ian Tracey, to perform.

All Bank Holiday concerts are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust which supports music at Blackburn Cathedral.

[blackburncathedral.com/concerts](https://blackburncathedral.com/concerts)



## VE Day 80th Anniversary Evensong

WORSHIP

Sun 11th May 2025 | 4pm | 🙏 | All welcome

You are warmly invited to join us at this Civic Evensong service as we celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day which marked the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole on 8th May 1945.

This service will feature tributes, readings, prayers and music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

[blackburncathedral.com/ve80](https://blackburncathedral.com/ve80)



## Blackburn Chamber Choir 60th Anniversary Celebratory Concert

MUSIC

Sat 17th May 2025 | 3pm | 🎫 | Book online

Join us to celebrate Blackburn Chamber Choir's 60th Anniversary.

Former and current choir members, friends and supporters are welcome to join us for a short concert by the current choir plus an opportunity for past members to join them to sing some 'old favourites'.

The concert, which takes place in the Crypt at Blackburn Cathedral, will be followed by afternoon tea by Checks & Greys and all are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

[blackburncathedral.com/bcc60](https://blackburncathedral.com/bcc60)





## Civic Service at the Start of the Mayor's Year

WORSHIP

Sun 18th May 2025 | 11.15am | 🙏 | All welcome

The Cathedral will host a special civic service to officially welcome the new Mayor to the role as part of the Borough's Civic Sunday.

Those representing the life and work of the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen and dignitaries from across the area will join a procession to the Cathedral where the civic service will begin at 11.15am.

Following the service, a procession will make its way to Blackburn Town Hall, where the Mayor will give a traditional Civic Sunday speech to mark the start of the Mayoral year.

[blackburncathedral.com/mayor](https://blackburncathedral.com/mayor)



## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

CONCERT

Mon 26th May 2025 | 11am | 🎫 | £10.00 on the door

The Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert Series continues as Organist in Residence John Hosking joins us to perform.

All Bank Holiday concerts are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust which supports music at Blackburn Cathedral.

[blackburncathedral.com/concerts](https://blackburncathedral.com/concerts)



## Ascension Day Evening Service

WORSHIP

Thu 29th May 2025 | 7.30pm | 🙏 | All welcome

All are welcome to this service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day which will include sensing of the altar and seasonal choral music.

Blackburn Chamber Choir will join us as we celebrate Jesus ascending into the heavens, leaving the disciples to continue his work on earth.

[blackburncathedral.com/ascension](https://blackburncathedral.com/ascension)





# Man Alive 2025

WORSHIP

Thu 5th June 2025 | 7.30 pm | 🙏 | All welcome

Now in its third year, the popular 'Man Alive' event returns. It's a special evening where we encourage, celebrate and inspire men from across Lancashire.

Hosted by Peter Howell-Jones, Dean of Blackburn and featuring guest speakers: Mark Mitchell, Group MD at Mitchell Group - who will share his fascinating story and will help us think about 'Men and Faith in the Workplace' - and Bishop Tony Porter.

Along with live music, there's the opportunity to spend time with like-minded men from across the region at this fun, relaxed and inspiring event.

There is no charge to attend but please register for free tickets via the links below:



[blackburncathedral.com/man](https://blackburncathedral.com/man)

# Country by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 6th June 2025 | 7.30pm | 🎫 | [Book online](#)

Calling country music fans... it's time to 'pour yourself a cup of ambition' and get ready to dance the night away!

Featuring a spectacular cast of world-class vocalists and an incredible live band, experience the biggest and best of country music like never before.

Featuring hits from Dolly Parton, Luke Combs, Kenny Rogers, Rascal Flatts, Shania Twain, John Denver, Darius Rucker, Chris Stapleton and many more - all performed live by candlelight!

Forget your '9 to 5', 'We've Got Tonight... Who Needs Tomorrow?' So grab your 'Country Girl' and a glass of 'Tennessee Whiskey', because it's time to book your tickets to the ultimate country music experience!



[blackburncathedral.com/country](https://blackburncathedral.com/country)



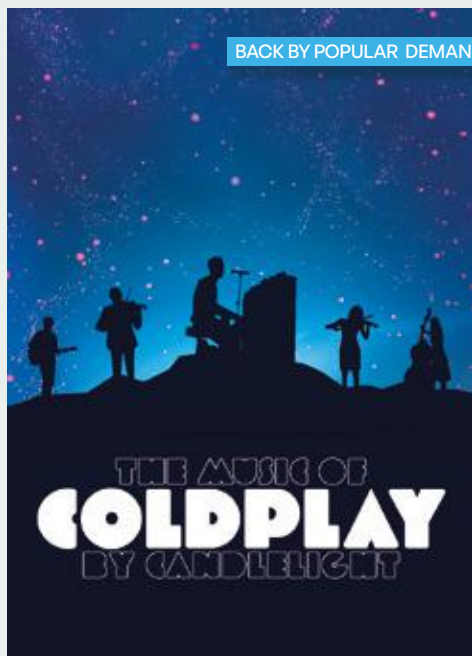
## Coldplay by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 13th & Sat 14th Jun 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

Following a sell-out concert in January, they're back for a two night special! Featuring a spectacular cast of leading vocalists and an epic live band, prepare for a journey to 'Paradise' and experience Coldplay's biggest hits by candlelight.

This incredible concert will take you on the 'Adventure Of A Lifetime', with not just a 'Sky Full Of Stars', but a room full of candlelight and spectacular live performances too! Get ready to hear all your favourites, from 'Viva La Vida' and 'Hymn For The Weekend', to 'Yellow', 'The Scientist' and many more all performed live. Make sure to book tickets faster than the 'Speed Of Sound' and join us for this phenomenal live show, guaranteed to 'Fix You'.


[blackburncathedral.com/coldplayjune](http://blackburncathedral.com/coldplayjune)


## The Cathedral Choristers Entertain

CONCERT

Fri 20th June 2025 | 6pm |  | All welcome

The Choristers Entertain features our young choristers performing in styles you wouldn't normally get to hear.

In contrast to leading worship, it's a chance for them to sing different styles of music or play their favourite instrument. It's a friendly evening where choristers are encouraged to take the plunge and perform.


[blackburncathedral.com/entertain](http://blackburncathedral.com/entertain)


## Youth Choir Summer Concert

CONCERT

Sat 21st June 2025 | 7pm |  | [Book online](#)

Following the success of last year's concert, the Youth Choir return for another evening of sumptuous music.

The concert will feature both secular and sacred music from Harris, Stanford, Chilcott, Bertalot and Gjeilo. It's an evening of choral favourites performed in the Cathedral, it's one concert not to be missed.


[blackburncathedral.com/youthsummer](http://blackburncathedral.com/youthsummer)



# What will you discover?

Everybody's welcome to join us  
for free fun activities for children  
throughout the Summer holidays.

[blackburncathedral.com/summer](http://blackburncathedral.com/summer)

Mon - Sat  
9am:4pm



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## The National Festival of Making

FESTIVAL

Sat 5th & Sun 6th July 2025 | FREE Festival Across Blackburn Town Centre |  | All welcome

The National Festival of Making returns to Blackburn this Summer! The festival is a unique celebration of UK making - from the kitchen table to the factory floor.

Presenting works that combine art, manufacturing and making from national and international artists. The festival delivers world class creations and free family entertainment for all to enjoy.

As host partner, Blackburn Cathedral will be home to a number of events - visitors can expect art installations, talks and workshops, live music and performances and the ever-popular Makers Market.

With so much going on, there will be something for everyone and we look forward to welcoming you as you explore the activities throughout the weekend. For full details please see the National Festival of Making website.

[festivalofmaking.co.uk](https://festivalofmaking.co.uk)





# Experience earth like never before

Explore Luke Jerram's Gaia  
at Blackburn Cathedral from  
6th October - 16th November.

[blackburncathedral.com/gaia](http://blackburncathedral.com/gaia)





## View Gaia in the Daytime

HERE FOR 6 WEEKS

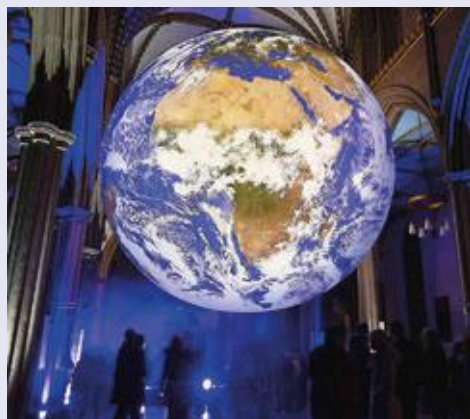
6th Oct - 16th Nov 2025 | Various |  | All welcome

The Cathedral will be open most days.

There is no charge during the day, although a donation of £5 is encouraged which helps us stage more events like this in the future - and keeps our doors open to all.

Closures and some visitor restrictions apply on certain days. Please check the website for full details and daily schedule updates.

[blackburncathedral.com/gaia-day](https://blackburncathedral.com/gaia-day)



## Experience Gaia in the Evening

OPEN 12 EVENINGS

6th Oct - 16th Nov 2025 | Various |  | Book online

For a truly special experience, book to view Gaia in the evening.

The Cathedral will remain open late on selected evenings to experience it as it is intended to be seen.

Entry is via pre-paid ticket only and you can choose your pre-booked time slots online.

[blackburncathedral.com/gaia-evening](https://blackburncathedral.com/gaia-evening)



## Events Taking Place Under Gaia

EVENTS IN OCT &amp; NOV

6th Oct - 16th Nov 2025 | Various |  | Book online


As well as daytime and evening viewing, there are a number of special events taking place throughout the installation.

There's something for everyone - see the calendar and book tickets for the many events taking place under Gaia and make sure to join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of something unique.

[blackburncathedral.com/gaia-events](https://blackburncathedral.com/gaia-events)



## Queen by Candlelight


Sat 11th Oct 2025 | 7.30pm |  | Book online

Join us under Gaia for a night of Queen anthems - featuring some of the most iconic songs of all time, including 'Bohemian Rhapsody', 'It's a Kind of Magic', 'We Are The Champions', 'Who Wants to Live Forever' and many more. With an epic live rock band, this will be an unforgettable live music experience.

[blackburncathedral.com/queen](https://blackburncathedral.com/queen)



## Yoga Under Gaia


Wed 15th Oct & Tue 4th Nov 2025 | 7.15pm |  | Book online

This is a rare chance to enjoy yoga in a space filled with peace, beauty, and inspiration as you step into serenity under Gaia. Open to all abilities, these sessions blend mindful movement with the inspiring presence of Earth as seen from space.

[blackburncathedral.com/yoga](https://blackburncathedral.com/yoga)



## Gin & Rum Festival


Sat 18th Oct 2025 | 12.15-4.30pm & 6-10.30pm |  | Book online

The highly anticipated Gin & Rum Festival offers a day of tasting, and entertainment. The festival promises to be the party of the year with 120+ premium gins and rums to try, cocktails, street food, live music and DJs creating the ultimate party atmosphere.

[blackburncathedral.com/ginrum](https://blackburncathedral.com/ginrum)



## Hans Zimmer's Interstellar: Roger Sayer in Concert


Fri 24th Oct 2025 | 7.30pm |  | Book online

Celebrating Christopher Nolan's epic film Interstellar. Roger Sayer, organist on the original film, will perform a suite of music from the iconic soundtrack along with intergalactic favourites.

[blackburncathedral.com/interstellar](https://blackburncathedral.com/interstellar)



## Soundbath Under Gaia

Mon 27th Oct & Tue 11th Nov 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)


Immerse yourself in an evening of relaxation, meditation and peaceful vibrations in a truly extraordinary setting. These sessions provide a peaceful meditation experience, inspired by the harmony of nature using instruments from around the world.



[blackburncathedral.com/soundbath](https://blackburncathedral.com/soundbath)



## Creation Care Conference

Sat 31st Oct & Sat 1st Nov 2024 |  | All welcome


The green agenda is a controversial political issue: for some people climate change and environmental disaster is an existential crisis and for others it is a hoax. This conference will offer a space to people of all faiths and none to discuss the issues together.



[blackburncathedral.com/creation](https://blackburncathedral.com/creation)



## Coldplay by Candlelight

Fri 7th Nov 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)


Following a sell-out concert in January, they're back! With a live band and world-class vocalists, experience Coldplay's hits like never before! Let us take you on the 'Adventure Of A Lifetime', with not just a 'Sky Full Of Stars', but under the glow of Gaia.



[blackburncathedral.com/coldplay](https://blackburncathedral.com/coldplay)



## Silent Discos Under Gaia

Sat 15th Nov 2025 | Families: 4pm & Adults: 8pm |  | [Book online](#)

The famous Blackburn Cathedral Silent Discos return - there's one for families and one for adults-only - and they're both under Gaia! Dance the night away and join us for a truly unforgettable experience under the glow of our illuminated planet.



[blackburncathedral.com/discos](https://blackburncathedral.com/discos)







## Kenneth Wilson: Pilgrim Cello Tour 2025

MUSIC

Thu 3rd July 2025 | 1pm |  | All welcome

All 42 English cathedrals.  
On a bike. With a cello.

In 2022 poet and cellist Kenneth Wilson set off from Hadrian's Wall, cycling the length of England, through France and over the Alps to Italy and finally on to Rome. He played the cello each day in scheduled and pop-up concerts, busking and just responding to the moment.

Three years later and he is back on his bike as he undertakes a mammoth 2,000 mile bicycle pilgrimage around all 42 English Anglican cathedrals, performing a special meditation as he visits each one.

The meditation consists of JS Bach's beautiful 'Suites for Solo Cello', interspersed with poems of reflection on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the cross. The performance lasts around 50 minutes, there is no entry charge and donations will be gratefully received.


All are encouraged to come and give Kenneth a warm Lancashire welcome and listen to his performance, hear about this extraordinary pilgrimage and how he manages it all with his cello strapped to his bike.



[blackburncathedral.com/pilgrimcello](https://blackburncathedral.com/pilgrimcello)

## Appeal Trust: 'Champagne & Jewellery'

FUNDRAISING

Thu 10th July 2025 | 6pm |  | Book online

Join Blackburn Cathedral Appeal Trust for a special Champagne and canapé reception in the stunning Temple Gallery.

In addition to sampling Champagne and enjoying delicious canapés created by Checks & Greys, our guest speaker - award-winning gemologist Helen Dimmick of Ainsworth's Jewellers - will take us on a journey of the secret language and symbolism of jewellery through the ages: "If These Jewels Could Talk".



[blackburncathedral.com/champagne](https://blackburncathedral.com/champagne)



## Blackburn Chamber Choir 'Blossoms in Song'

MUSIC

Sat 12th July 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)


The choir's final concert of the season celebrates the beauty of Spring with a delightful nature-inspired programme.

This concert will feature Britten's 'Flower Songs' and Moeran's 'Songs of Springtime' set to words by William Shakespeare.


[blackburncathedral.com/blossoms](http://blackburncathedral.com/blossoms)


## Black Dyke Band Live in Concert

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 19th July 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

Join us for what will be a truly unforgettable evening as we proudly welcome the world-famous Black Dyke Band to perform at Blackburn Cathedral.

Formed in West Yorkshire in 1855, they are one of the most famous brass bands in the world. With a rich history and unparalleled musical legacy, they are the most recorded band ever with more than 350 recordings. Delivering a sound described as "powerful, majestic and full of emotion", they perform a diverse repertoire, from classical masterpieces to contemporary compositions and their concerts have a reputation for being highly entertaining, featuring world class soloists and special guests.

In demand around the world, we're delighted to welcome them to Blackburn Cathedral for what will be a very special concert. Brass bands don't get any better than this!


[blackburncathedral.com/blackdyke](http://blackburncathedral.com/blackdyke)

## The Music of Fleetwood Mac

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 1st Aug 2025 | 7.30pm |  | Book online


Featuring a cast of West End Singers and a live band, join us for a 'landslide' concert, packed with Fleetwood Mac hits as you have never heard them before!

Featuring 'Little Lies', 'The Chain', 'Rhiannon', 'Don't Stop', 'Go Your Own Way', 'Gypsy' and many more, all performed by candlelight.

[blackburncathedral.com/fleetwood](https://blackburncathedral.com/fleetwood)


## Princess Proms

LIVE MUSIC

Fri 8th Aug 2025 | 1.30pm & 3.30pm |  | Book online

Calling all Princesses and Princes, we invite you to an enchanting concert singing the magical themes from all your favourite Princess movies.

This incredible live concert includes the magical music of Frozen, Cinderella, Moana, Beauty & The Beast, Little Mermaid, Aladdin, Swan Princess, Wicked, The Greatest Showman and more.

[blackburncathedral.com/princess](https://blackburncathedral.com/princess)


## Bank Holiday Celebrity Organ Concert

CONCERT

Mon 25th Aug 2025 | 11am |  | £10.00 on the door

Our Celebrity Bank Holiday Concert Series comes to a close as we welcome David Hill, International Conductor and Organist to perform.

All Bank Holiday concerts are held in aid of The Lantern Music Trust which supports music at Blackburn Cathedral.

[blackburncathedral.com/concerts](https://blackburncathedral.com/concerts)






## Authors in the Crypt with Zoë Richards

TALK

Thu 14th Aug 2025 | 12pm | | Book online

All are warmly invited to join us for the latest in our 'Authors in the Crypt' series as we welcome popular north west author Zoë Richards to the Cathedral.

Her debut novel, 'Garden of her Heart', is about recovery, community and purpose and has been described as a "hug in a book" and "a perfect holiday read". Her second novel, 'Tell It to the Bees' - a standalone sequel - is out in August 2025.

Zoë, who lives in Southport, is a suicide survivor, the host of the 'Write Damn It!' podcast and is an experienced coach with more than 35 years working on mindset and teaching others to be expert coaches. With a Masters in learning, she even finds time to run fun workshops too.



[blackburncathedral.com/zoë](https://blackburncathedral.com/zoë)

## Angela Hicks: 'Echoes of Time'

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 23rd Aug 2025 | 7.30pm | | Book online

'Echoes of Time' promises to be an unforgettable concert featuring early music specialist and soprano Angela Hicks, whose captivating voice will take you back in time.

Immerse yourself in the warmth of a summer's evening with ancient music and folk traditions, brought to life with historical instruments. Let the sounds of the past transport you to sunlit days with timeless melodies.

Angela will be joined by musicians Kristiina Watt (guitar and theorbo), Harry Buckoke (viola da gamba) and John Robinson (keyboards) for what promises to be an extraordinary musical journey.



[blackburncathedral.com/echoes](https://blackburncathedral.com/echoes)



# Coming soon to Blackburn Cathedral

## Appeal Trust: Charity Golf Day

FUNDRAISING

Wed 10th Sep 2025 | 11.30am |  | [Book online](#)

Join Blackburn Cathedral Appeal Trust for their annual Golf Day at Clitheroe Golf Club, one of the North West's finest courses. Teams of four are invited to enjoy a wonderful afternoon golfing in the scenic Ribble Valley. There'll be great hospitality and a friendly atmosphere as you support the important work of the Trust.




[blackburncathedral.com/golf](https://blackburncathedral.com/golf)



## The Council of Nicaea: 1700th Anniversary Conference

COMMUNITY

12th - 14th Sept | Various times |  | All welcome

Blackburn Cathedral is honoured to host an Ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. The theme of the conference will be 'Honest Disagreement in Love'.



[blackburncathedral.com/nicaea](https://blackburncathedral.com/nicaea)



## Script Players: 'Murder Most Fowl'

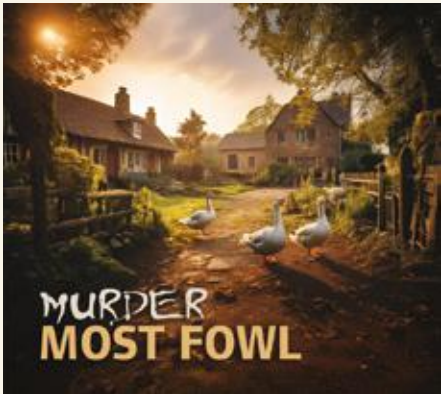
THEATRE

Fri 19th & Sat 20th Sept 2025 | 8pm |  | [Book online](#)

A terrible tale of murder in the unlikely setting of a farmyard. Feelings run high as a new road is planned - with surprises, twists and turns - this mystery will have you on the edge of your seat. Play by yourself, come as a team or join in with others to work out the culprits and their accomplices. Prizes awarded to the top detectives!



[blackburncathedral.com/fowl](https://blackburncathedral.com/fowl)



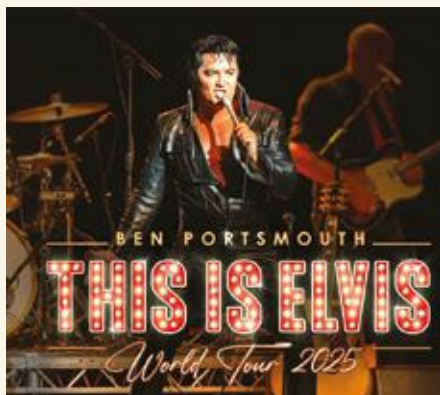
## Coming soon to Blackburn Cathedral

### Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis

LIVE MUSIC


Fri 26th Sept 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

With global success in 20+ countries including sell-out shows on the same Vegas stage as Elvis and London's West End, you won't want to miss Ben Portsmouth's jaw-dropping tribute to the King of Rock 'n' Roll as part of his 2025 World Tour. Fans globally claim "This is the closest you will ever get to the King!" Tickets selling fast!

[blackburncathedral.com/elvis](http://blackburncathedral.com/elvis)

### Pink Floyd: Everything Under The Sun

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 27th Sept 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Pink Floyd's album Wish You Were Here, featuring the Cathedral's iconic organ, live rock band and synchronised lasers and video. Experience the full Wish You Were Here album, the whole of Dark Side of the Moon and Pink Floyd classics all performed live in a one-of-a-kind experience.

[blackburncathedral.com/everything](http://blackburncathedral.com/everything)

### British Textile Biennial 2025

EXHIBITION


October - November | Various |  | [All welcome](#)

The British Textile Biennial returns, looking at how textile pioneers of 20th century Lancashire were inspired by a bold vision of the future that revolutionised our lives. There will be exhibitions, installations and performances and major artists will be given the opportunity to display their new works on a grand scale.















[britishtextilebiennial.co.uk](http://britishtextilebiennial.co.uk)

# What's on at a glance

## May

Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday Concert: Ian Tracey		p8
Wed 7th May	Organ Concert: Maximillian Elliot		p7
Sun 11th May	VE Day 80th Anniversary Evensong		p8
Wed 14th May	Organ Concert: Ben Chewter		p7
Sat 17th May	Chamber Choir 60th Annivesary		p8
Sun 18th May	Civic Service: Start of the Mayor's Year		p9
Wed 21st May	Organ Concert: Ian Wells		p7
Mon 26th May	Bank Holiday Concert: John Hosking		p9
Wed 28th May	Organ Concert: Simon Bertram		p7
Thu 29th May	Ascension Day		p9

## June

Wed 4th June	Organ Concert: Ed Taylor		p7
Thu 5th June	Man Alive 2025		p10
Fri 6th June	Country by Candlelight		p10
Sun 8th June	Cathedral Eucharist on Pentecost		p5
Sun 8th June	Pentecost Organ Mediation: Tom Bell		p11
Wed 11th June	Organ Concert: Emmanuel Duperrey		p7
Fri 13th June	Coldplay by Candlelight		p11
Sat 14th June	Coldplay by Candlelight		p11
Sun 15th June	Cathedral Eucharist on Trinity Sunday		p5
Sun 15th June	Trinity Organ Mediation: Tom Bell		p11
Wed 18th June	Organ Concert: John Robinson		p7
Fri 20th June	The Choristers Entertain		p11
Sat 21st June	Youth Choir Summer Concert		p11
Wed 25th June	Organ Concert: Jonathan Clinch		p7

### EVENT LISTING KEY:



Special worship event,  
free entry, all welcome













Ticketed event, available via  
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Lunchtime concert, no  
ticket required, all welcome



Community event,  
free entry, all welcome

July	July	Children's Summer Fun Activities		p12
	Wed 2th July	Organ Concert: Chris Totney		p7
	Thu 3rd July	Kenneth Wilson Pilgrim Cello Tour		p18
	Sat 5th July	National Festival of Making		p13
	Sun 6th July	National Festival of Making		p13
	Wed 9th July	Organ Concert: John Hosking		p7
	Thu 10th July	Appeal Trust: Champagne & Jewellery		p18
	Sat 12th July	Chamber Choir: Blossoms in Song		p19
	Wed 16th July	Harp Concert: Eira Lynn Jones		p7
	Sat 19th July	Black Dyke Band in Concert		p19

August	August	Children's Summer Fun Activities		p12
	Fri 1st Aug	Fleetwood Mac by Candlelight		p20
	Fri 8th Aug	Princess Proms Concerts		p20
	Thu 14th Aug	Authors in the Crypt: Zoë Richards		p21
	Sun 17th Aug	VJ Day 80th Anniversary Evensong		p5
	Sat 23rd Aug	Angela Hicks: 'Echoes of Time'		p21
	Mon 25th Aug	Bank Holiday Concert: David Hill		p20

Coming this Autumn	Wed 10th Sept	Appeal Trust: Golf Day		p22
	12th -14th Sept	Council of Nicaea Conference		p22
	19th & 20th Sept	Script Players: Murder Most Fowl		p22
	Fri 26th Sept	Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis		p23
	Sat 27th Sept	Everything Under the Sun Pink Floyd		p23
	Oct & Nov	British Textile Biennial 2025		p23
	6th Oct -16th Nov	Luke Jerram's Gaia		p14-17

The events calendar, which is updated daily, can be found at [blackburncathedral.com/events](http://blackburncathedral.com/events) or by scanning the code:





# Plan your visit to Blackburn Cathedral

You are warmly invited to visit us - we're open to all.

Whatever the reason for your visit - be it worship or a special event, sightseeing, a concert or theatre production, there is much to see and we hope that you enjoy your time with us.

Here's some useful information to help you plan and make the most of your next visit to Blackburn Cathedral:



## Checks & Greys Café

The popular Cathedral café is open seven days week. It's a modern and relaxing space, ideal when meeting for business or pleasure.

Situated in the peaceful setting of Blackburn Cathedral's modern cloisters - and whether you're on a visit to the Cathedral, a shopping trip or out for lunch - it's ideal for a quick bite or long relaxing afternoon.

It's the perfect place to catch up with friends and enjoy delicious hot and cold food and refreshing drinks. To find out more, view menus and to book a table, please visit:

[checksandgreys.co.uk](http://checksandgreys.co.uk)



## School visits

Our Education Team offer a wide variety of workshops, tours and experiences, all of which link to the National Curriculum.

Learning is brought to life, providing fun and informative experiences for all learners who come through our doors.

Pupils are offered an experience of a sacred and awe inspiring space which speaks of the journey of Christian faith in our region. Our exciting programmes are designed to inform, educate and enrich pupils' learning.

[blackburncathedral.com/school-visits](http://blackburncathedral.com/school-visits)





## Opening times

Blackburn Cathedral is open every day of the year, there is no charge for entry and opening times are:

Mon - Fri: 8.15am - 5.30pm

Sat & Sun: 8.30am - 4.30pm

Please check our website for the latest information, as opening times may vary due to special services or events taking place.

[blackburncathedral.com/events](http://blackburncathedral.com/events)



## Find us

Finding us is easy - we're in the heart of Blackburn town centre.

The Cathedral is located within a stone's throw of the bus interchange and railway station and it is less than a minute's walk from The Mall shopping centre and Blackburn Market. There are a number of public car parks close by.

[blackburncathedral.com/plan](http://blackburncathedral.com/plan)



## Toilets

Toilets are located next to Checks & Greys Café.

We have standard and disabled access toilets as well as a registered Changing Places toilet. Please ask a member of staff for access. We also offer baby-changing facilities.



## Accessibility

We aim to ensure everyone gets the most out of their visit.

Although there are some old, uneven surfaces and care should be taken, the Cathedral is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly.

There is level access into and around the building and there is a lift available to all floors. We also have a Changing Places toilet.

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## Pre-booked tours

Our guided tours take you on a journey through our rich history.

Led by our knowledgeable and friendly guides, tours highlight the fascinating tales, hidden gems and impressive architecture within the Cathedral. Our tours will help you navigate over 1,500 years of Christian worship on the site and provides a unique insight into our fascinating past.

[blackburncathedral.com/tours](http://blackburncathedral.com/tours)



## Photography

We actively encourage photography in our beautiful building.

Photography is allowed within our buildings and at events for personal use, however we do not allow commercial photography or the use of tripods or flash without prior agreement.

Please note that the only time we request that you don't take photographs or film is during a service or activities involving children.

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