



What's on

at Blackburn Cathedral

September-December 2025

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**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

Welcome to Blackburn Cathedral



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

Blackburn Cathedral is a place for everyone and we're proud to be the region's thriving centre of worship, community, culture, heritage and entertainment.

We host a wide range of events that bring people together and we strive to offer something for everyone.

You'll find there's so much happening here - so whether you join us for prayer or quiet reflection, to enjoy live music or theatre, visit an exhibition or come along to a carol service - please know that this is your Cathedral, and you are always welcome.

The Revd. Canon Andrew Horsfall
Interim Dean of Blackburn

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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

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**a safer
church**

What's on this Season?

From daily worship and special services, to concerts, theatre and live music as well as a number of unique Christmas performances... we've got something for everyone this season at Blackburn Cathedral.

A major highlight is Luke Jerram's Gaia (see p12-13) which will be here during October and November. It promises to be an incredible time for the region as we welcome one of the most famous art installations in the world to Blackburn Cathedral.

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		
Sunday	9am 10.30am 4pm	Parish Eucharist Cathedral Eucharist Choral Evensong
Monday	8.30am 5pm	Morning Prayer ⁺ Evening Prayer ⁺
Tuesday	8.30am 5pm	Morning Prayer and Eucharist Choral Evensong [*]
Wednesday	8.30am 11.30am 5pm	Morning Prayer BCP Eucharist Choral Evensong [*]
Thursday	8.30am 5pm	Morning Prayer and Eucharist Choral Evensong [*]
Friday	8.30am 12.30pm 5pm	Morning Prayer Common Worship Eucharist Evening Prayer
Saturday	9am 4pm	Morning Prayer and Eucharist Evening Prayer

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

^{*} 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

September

Sun 14th Sept	Ecumenical Eucharist	10.30am
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October

Sun 12th Oct	Creation Care Sunday	10.30am
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Sun 12th Oct	Special joint Evensong with Sedbergh School Chapel Choir	4pm
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November

Sun 2nd Nov	All Saints	10.30am
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Sun 2nd Nov	Requiem Mass for All Souls	4pm
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Sun 9th Nov	Civic Remembrance Service	9.30am
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Sun 9th Nov	Remembrance Day	10.50am
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Sun 16th Nov	Safeguarding Sunday	10.30am
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Sun 23rd Nov	Christ the King	10.30am
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Sun 30th Nov	Advent Service of Light	4pm
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December

Tue 23rd Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols	7.30pm
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Wed 24th Dec	Carols Around the Crib	4pm
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Wed 24th Dec	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
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Thu 25th Dec	Parish Eucharist on Christmas Day	9am
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Thu 25th Dec	Cathedral Eucharist on Christmas Day	10.30am
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A FILM BY CHRISTOPHER NOLAN

SOUNDTRACK COMPOSED BY HANS ZIMMER

INTERSTELLAR

PERFORMED BY ROGER SAYER



Hans Zimmer's Interstellar

Friday
24th October
7.30pm

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



Find out more and
book your tickets:

blackburncathedral.com/interstellar



**BLACKBURN
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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.

September	10th September	John Hosking
	17th September	Nigel Spooner
	24th September	John Robinson
October	1st October	Victoria Ulriksen
	8th October	Peter Harrison
	15th October	Keith Hearnshaw
	22nd October	Joe Scott (Piano)
	29th October	Martin Brown
November	5th November	Eleni Keventsidou
	12th November	Karen Au
	19th November	Ed Jones
	26th November	Arin Nira Maisky
December	3rd December	John Hosking

The latest concert schedule is at blackburncathedral.com/concerts
Lunchtime concerts resume on Wednesday 7th January 2026.



Appeal Trust: Charity Golf Day

FUNDRAISING

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

Join Blackburn Cathedral Appeal Trust at Clitheroe Golf Club and play on one of the North West's finest courses.

Teams of four are invited to enjoy an 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



Ecumenical Cathedral Eucharist

WORSHIP

Sun 14th Sept 2025 | 10.30am | | [All welcome](#)

This special Ecumenical Eucharist forms part of The Council of Nicaea: 1700th Anniversary Conference.

Featuring guest preacher Canon Dr Jeremy Morris, Adviser for Ecumenical Relations for the Church of England, this service includes readings, prayers and music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

blackburncathedral.com/nicaea



Script Players: 'Murder Most Fowl'

THEATRE

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

Following the success of *Who Killed The Vicar?* - nominated for Best Murder Mystery in 2024 by NODA - the Script Players return with *Murder Most Fowl*.

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





The Council of Nicaea: 1700th Anniversary Conference

CONFERENCE

Fri 12th, Sat 13th & Sun 14th Sept 2025 | Various | | £0-£30 Book online

Blackburn Cathedral, in partnership with Churches Together in Lancashire, is hosting a three-day ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, exploring how the Church can address division through dialogue, compassion and shared faith.

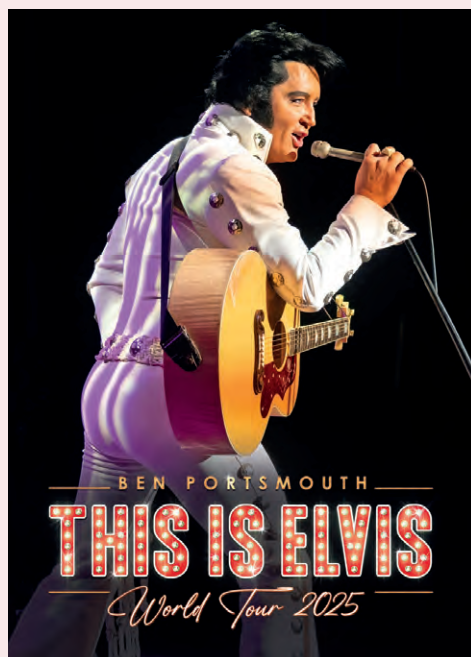
Bringing together theologians, ecumenical leaders and local participants to engage in meaningful conversations about unity, respectful disagreement and how faith communities can respond to conflict in today's world.

The conference opens with an in-depth exploration of the Nicene Creed, featuring responses from leading theologians and ecumenists. Participants can then take part in seminars, workshops and enjoy opportunities for open dialogue and networking, concluding with an ecumenical service in the Cathedral. On Sunday morning, Canon Dr Jeremy Morris, National Adviser for Ecumenical Relations for the Church of England, will preach at the Cathedral Eucharist.

This event is a space for thoughtful reflection, respectful exchange and a renewed commitment to Christian unity. It encourages not just theological agreement, but the practice of love across difference - showing how disagreement handled in grace can become a path to deeper understanding.

blackburncathedral.com/nicaea





Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis

LIVE MUSIC

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

With global success 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.

Ben broke records becoming the first European to be crowned by Elvis Presley Enterprises as the 'Worldwide Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist' in Memphis, followed by headlining a special Elvis week on the Late Show with David Letterman.

With his looks, charm and charisma, Ben is recognised as the world's leading Elvis performer – fans globally claim "This is the closest you will ever get to the King!" Tickets selling fast!

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 immersive video.

Experience the full *Wish You Were Here* album plus the whole of *Dark Side of the Moon* and more Pink Floyd classics.

Everything Under The Sun isn't a tribute band but combines the grandeur of our world-famous Walker organ with the raw energy of a rock band, creating a one-of-a-kind live experience.

blackburncathedral.com/everything




British Textile Biennial 2025

EXHIBITION

Thu 2nd Oct - Sun 2nd Nov 2025 | Blackburn Cathedral Crypt | Check website for times |  | All welcome

The British Textile Biennial (BTB) commissions and presents work inspired by the context and legacy of the textile industry in East Lancashire and its global impact.

This Autumn, BTB25 explores invention and innovation in textile production; through indigenous knowledge to space-age technology. Blackburn Cathedral is delighted to be hosting: **Lucy & Jorge Orta - Homo Mondialis**.

This survey exhibition of the work of Lucy and Jorge Orta, across continents over thirty years from the Antarctic to the Amazon, reflects on humanity's impact and relationship with the planet.

This striking installation will occupy the Crypt, inviting us to travel from the South Pole through jungles, deserts and forests to reflect with them. At its centre, is a major new commission, House of Hair, which reimagines and reconstructs the traditional Bedouin tent as a speculative response to nomadic living in the extreme scenario of mass desertification.

For full details and opening times please see the British Textile Biennial website.

britishtextilebiennial.co.uk



Experience earth like never before

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

blackburncathedral.com/gaia



LIFE ON EARTH

PHOTOGRAPHY
EXHIBITION

See the winners and shortlisted entries from
the Earth Photography Competition and vote
for your favourite in the 'People's Choice Award'.

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



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



Events Taking Place Under Gaia

EVENTS IN OCT & NOV

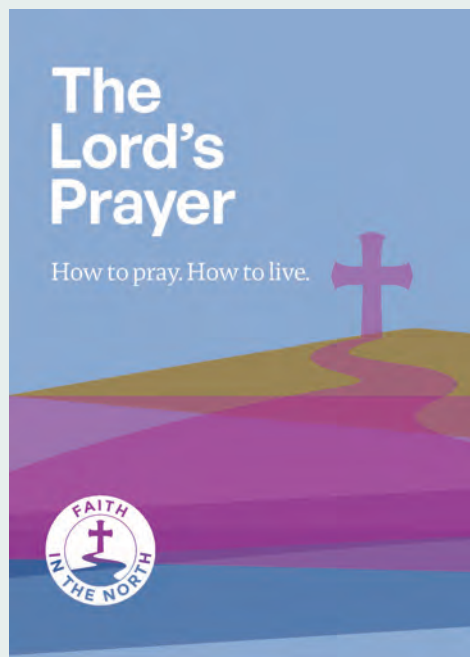
6th Oct - 16th Nov 2025 | Various |  | Book online

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





The Lord's Prayer Tour

WORSHIP

Fri 10th Oct 2025 | 7pm | 🙏 | All welcome

The Lord's Prayer not only guides our prayers but also influences how we live our daily lives.

Led by the Archbishop of York, this Faith in the North event will include a compelling teaching session, music and thought-provoking film, a Q&A session and the opportunity for reflection and discussion.

It doesn't matter if you know the prayer well or are exploring its significance for the first time, this event is open to everyone. Whether you are part of a church community or simply curious about faith and prayer, you are warmly invited to join us at this special event which is part of a wider series of events taking place across the North of England.


blackburncathedral.com/lords-prayer


The Music of Queen by Candlelight

LIVE MUSIC

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

Join us for a very special night of Queen anthems under the glow of Gaia.

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


Yoga With Tessa Clemson Under Gaia

YOGA

Wed 15th Oct 2025 | 7.15pm | 🧘 | Book online

Enjoy yoga in a space filled with peace, beauty and inspiration as you step into serenity under Gaia.

Open to all abilities, this is a rare chance to experience a yoga session that blends mindful movement with the inspiring presence of Earth as seen from space.


blackburncathedral.com/yoga

Gin & Rum Festival

FESTIVAL

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

Offering an exciting weekend of tasting, entertainment and discovery – this festival promises to be the party of the year whilst celebrating everything Gin and Rum all taking place under Gaia!

You'll be able to explore more than 120 premium gins and rums from around the globe and there'll be guest distillers and drinks brands showcasing their products. Whether you're a classic Gin lover or a Rum connoisseur, there's something for everyone.

A selection of street food vendors will be serving a range of culinary delights from around the world.

In addition to the wide selection of food and drinks, enjoy live music performances and DJs, creating the ultimate party atmosphere.

blackburncathedral.com/ginrum



The Complete Organ Works of Duruflé

CONCERT

Sun 19th Oct 2025 | 5pm |  | All welcome

The organ works of Maurice Duruflé are a musical 'mountain top' of 20th Century organ music.

Arguably the most glorious and challenging modern French music for the organ, Blackburn Cathedral's iconic Walker instrument is the perfect way to explore this ground-breaking, spiritually charged music.

The Complete Organ Works - which last around 80 minutes - will be performed by Blackburn Cathedral Director of Music, John Robinson.

There is no charge for admission however donations are encouraged as this concert is being held in aid of the Blackburn Cathedral Organ Appeal - about which you can learn more at organappeal.com

blackburncathedral.com/duruflé





CONCERT

Hans Zimmer's Interstellar: Roger Sayer in Concert

Fri 24th Oct 2025 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Celebrating Christopher Nolan's epic film *Interstellar*, its soundtrack composed by Hans Zimmer and performed live by the original recording artist, Roger Sayer.

The first half of the concert will include a selection of intergalactic favourites including *Thunderbirds*, *Star Wars* and *ET*. Roger will then discuss working with both Nolan and Zimmer, which will be followed by an audience Q&A.

The second half will feature music from Zimmer's acclaimed soundtrack - as the *Interstellar* score mirrors the film's drama and emotion. You'll hear standout pieces like: *Cornfield Chase*, *Stay* and *No Time for Caution* and immerse yourself as you are brought back to your personal experience of the blockbuster film.

The *Interstellar*10 concert with Roger Sayer here at Blackburn Cathedral in 2024 was a complete sell-out so secure your tickets early to avoid missing out.



blackburncathedral.com/interstellar

Kathleen Ferrier Bursary Competition

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 25th Oct 2025 | Various | | [Book online](#)

Blackburn contralto Kathleen Ferrier was and still is one of the world's great singers.

Her appeal transcends all ages and generations, more so perhaps than any other singer and her voice is still heard and loved by millions around the world.

This one day Bursary Competition will feature 16 short recitals by eight outstanding undergraduates, before five finalists are chosen with prizes presented to the winners at the end of the evening.



blackburncathedral.com/ferrier



Soundbath Under Gaia

SOUNDBATH

Mon 27th Oct 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

Immerse yourself in complete relaxation, meditation and peaceful vibrations in a truly extraordinary setting, under Gaia.

This session provides a peaceful meditation experience, inspired by the harmony of nature using instruments from around the world.

blackburncathedral.com/soundbath



Creation Care Conference: 'God's World and Our Mission'

CONFERENCE

Fri 31st Oct & Sat 1st Nov 2025 | Various |  | £0-£30 [Book online](#)

Blackburn Cathedral is delighted to host a Creation Care Conference, bringing together voices from across the Christian spectrum to explore how faith communities can respond to the environmental crisis.

Dr Ruth Valerio, a theologian, environmentalist, and social activist, will headline the conference which will take place in the awe-inspiring presence of Gaia, a large-scale sculpture of the Earth by internationally-renowned artist Luke Jerram. Suspended in the nave of the Cathedral, this striking installation prompts a fundamental question: "What is the relationship between Christianity and concern for human-made climate change?"

blackburncathedral.com/creation





Requiem Mass for All Souls

WORSHIP

Sun 2nd Nov 2025 | 4pm |  | All welcome

All are welcome to join us for a Requiem Mass for All Souls - The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

At this beautiful, reflective choral service with timeless music by Gabriel Fauré, we read the names of loved ones who have gone before us, and remember them as we share in Holy Communion.

blackburncathedral.com/allsouls



Yoga With Tessa Clemson Under Gaia

YOGA

Tue 4th Nov 2025 | 7.15pm |  | Book online

Enjoy yoga in a space filled with peace, beauty and inspiration as you step into serenity under Gaia.

Open to all abilities, this is a rare chance to experience a yoga session that blends mindful movement with the inspiring presence of Earth as seen from space.

blackburncathedral.com/yoga



Blackburn with Darwen Council Remembrance Concert

CONCERT

Thu 6th Nov 2025 | 6.30pm |  | Book online

This special night of music, singing and remembrance for the fallen in two world wars and other conflicts around the world, is not to be missed.

The concert has become a popular part of the borough's remembrance celebrations and raises funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Following the Procession of Standards, there will be musical performances including local choirs, the Salvation Army Brass Band, Blackburn Junior Sea Cadets and Blackburn People's Choir.

blackburncathedral.com/remembrance





LIVE MUSIC

The Music of Coldplay by Candlelight

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

Performed by an epic live band and leading vocalists, enjoy Coldplay's biggest hits, by candlelight under Gaia.

Get ready to hear all your favourites from one of the biggest bands on the planet and let us take you on the *Adventure of a Lifetime* as you experience a *Sky Full of Stars* under the mesmerising glow of Gaia.



blackburncathedral.com/coldplay

Come & Sing: 'Glorious Works'

MUSIC

Sat 8th Nov 2025 | 2pm | | [Book online](#)

Join Blackburn Chamber Choir for an uplifting choral event set beneath Gaia.

Whether you're a seasoned singer or simply love to sing, this is your chance to celebrate the beauty of the world and the wonder of music. We'll be singing Vivaldi's *Gloria* and pieces from Haydn's *Creation* before an informal performance at 4.30pm.



blackburncathedral.com/glorious



SOUNDBATH

Soundbath Under Gaia

Tue 11th Nov 2025 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Close your eyes, breathe, meditate, relax and unwind with an unforgettable soundbath beneath the glow of Gaia.

Experience the peaceful power of sound healing as you join us for an evening of relaxation, meditation and peaceful vibrations in a truly extraordinary setting.



blackburncathedral.com/soundbath



DISCO

The Famous Blackburn Cathedral Silent Discos: Under Gaia

Sat 15th Nov 2025 | 4.30pm & 8pm | | [Book online](#)

Following multiple sell-out events, the ever-popular Blackburn Cathedral Silent Discos are back for one last time in 2025. There's one for families and one just for adults - and they're both under Gaia!

With a family-friendly disco from 4.30pm, followed by adults-only at 8pm, with glow sticks at the ready, it's time to dance the night away as you enjoy a truly unforgettable party experience under the magical glow of planet earth.

Grab your headphones and choose your favourite music - there's something for everyone's taste. Whether you're into pop, rock, or dance, you'll find sounds that suits your style. The stunning backdrop of the Cathedral adds a touch of magic to this electrifying experience.

Make a night of it - Silent Discos at Blackburn Cathedral are always filled with laughter, great music and a whole lot of fun. Don't miss out as tickets are limited for these events that are truly out of this world!



blackburncathedral.com/discos

Living Tradition: Ukrainian Fashion Show

FASHION

Sat 22nd Nov 2025 | 5pm | | [Book online](#)

A Ukrainian fashion and folklore show blending music, dance and storytelling - revealing the spirit of a nation through ritual and modern sound.

Taking place in the Crypt, this special show will be performed in English with touches of Ukrainian, in support of cultural and humanitarian causes.



blackburncathedral.com/living-tradition





A Christmas Carol

THEATRE

Mon 24th Nov 2025 | 7.30pm | | [Book online](#)

Back by popular demand!

It's a festive treat for all the family as Charles Dickens' beloved, timeless tale of hope and redemption is joyfully and authentically brought to the stage.

On Christmas Eve night, the miserly and cold-hearted businessman Ebenezer Scrooge embarks upon a journey through his past, present and future, learning along the way to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

Join family and friends and be swept back to the world of Scrooge's London and experience the magic of live theatre at Blackburn Cathedral. This promises to be the perfect way to start the festive season.



blackburncathedral.com/christmas-carol

The Christmas Orchestra

CONCERT

Fri 28th Nov 2025 | 6.15pm & 8.45pm | | [Book online](#)

Following a run of sold out shows last year, the Christmas Orchestra is back! Discover the magic of the festive season with this unique live concert experience.

Experience uplifting nostalgia with compositions and sing-along classics from all your favourite Christmas films including: *Home Alone*, *Love Actually*, *Muppet Christmas Carol*, *The Nutcracker*, *Polar Express*, *Bridget Jones Diary*, *Elf* and *Harry Potter*.

Performed by a 16 piece chamber orchestra and backed by a full sound production and lighting show, this promises to be a magical and energising journey, featuring some of the best festive films and timeless Christmas classics.



blackburncathedral.com/orchestra



Carol services at Blackburn Cathedral

We welcome a number of schools, charities and community groups to celebrate the festive season with us and carol services during December include:

December		CAROL SERVICES	
Mon 1st	Bolton Music Services Schools Christmas Concert	6.30pm	
Tue 2nd	Bolton Music Services Schools Christmas Concert	6.30pm	
Wed 3rd	NSPCC 'Carols by Candlelight' Concert	7pm	
Thu 4th	Westholme Senior School Carol Service	6pm	
Fri 5th	Westholme Prep and Infant School Carol Service	2pm	
Fri 5th	Derian House 'Lights of Love' Carol Service	7.30pm	
Mon 8th	St Andrew's CofE Primary School Carol Service	1pm	
Tue 9th	St Wilfrid's CofE Academy Nine Lessons and Carols Service	7pm	
Wed 10th	Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury Schools Carol Service	1pm	
Wed 10th	Lancashire Fire & Rescue Carol Service	7.30pm	
Mon 15th	St Leonards Langho CofE Primary School Carol Service	1pm	
Tue 16th	Blackburn College Carol Service	3pm	
Wed 17th	St Peter's CofE Primary School Darwen Carol Service	1pm	
Thu 18th	Blackburn Cathedral Community Carol Service	7pm	
Fri 19th	Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School Carol Service	1.45pm	
Tue 23rd	Blackburn Cathedral Worship: Nine Lessons and Carols	7.30pm	
Wed 24th	Blackburn Cathedral Worship: Carols Around the Crib	4pm	

PLEASE NOTE:
In accordance with our Safeguarding Policy, photography or filming during any service involving children is not permitted without the expressed permission of event organisers.

CAROL SERVICE KEY:



School carol service,
free entry, all welcome



Ticketed event, contact
organiser for details



Community event,
free entry, all welcome

For latest details, please see
the carol service schedule at:
blackburncathedral.com/carols

Handel's Messiah

CONCERT

Sat 6th Dec 2025 | 7pm |  | [Book online](#)

We welcome Blackburn Music Society as they give their ever-popular annual performance of Handel's 'Messiah'.

Enjoy this choral masterpiece in the incredible setting of Blackburn Cathedral. Featuring the full choir under the musical direction of John Robinson.

blackburncathedral.com/messiah



G4 Christmas: Live in Concert

LIVE MUSIC

Thu 11th Dec 2025 | 7.30pm |  | [Book online](#)

Come together and celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with G4 as they bring glad tidings of great joy this festive season.

They'll welcome the incredible Michael Conway into the fold for his debut G4 tour alongside Jon, Mike and Duncan as they take you on a breathtaking musical journey with their beautifully-blended voices. Enjoy G4's extraordinary renditions of traditional carols, classical favourites and modern festive hits including *Silent Night*, *O Holy Night*, *All I Want for Christmas*, *Walking in the Air*, *When a Child is Born* and their iconic *Twelve Days of Christmas*.

With mesmerising harmonies and impeccable showmanship, it's no wonder this hotly-anticipated tour sells out every year, where the guys leave you with a heart full of Christmas cheer.

blackburncathedral.com/g4





'A Baroque Christmas'

CONCERT

Sat 13th Dec 2025 | 7pm | | [Book online](#)

Join the Cathedral Choir and our in-house band for an evening of breathtaking Christmas Baroque music.

They'll perform some of the most powerful works ever written - including masterpieces such as Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, Handel's *Messiah*, Corelli's *Christmas Concerto* and many other seasonal favourites.


blackburncathedral.com/baroque

Community Carol Service

COMMUNITY

Thu 18th Dec 2025 | 7pm | | All welcome

The Blackburn Cathedral Community Carol Service is back by popular demand!

In partnership with Blackburn with Darwen Council, we warmly invite you to join friends and family as we bring our community together with a great big festive sing-along to all your favourite carols.


blackburncathedral.com/community-carols


Christmas Musical Treasures

CONCERT

Sat 20th Dec 2025 | 7pm | | [Book online](#)

Combining two of the best-loved classical Christmas works of all time, this promises to be a very special concert.

Enjoy the unique combination of Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* - with harp and the sensational voices of the junior Cathedral choristers - and Olivier Messiaen's mighty *La Nativité*, for organ.


blackburncathedral.com/treasures



Nine Lessons and Carols

WORSHIP

Tue 23rd Dec 2025 | 7.30pm | 🙏 | All welcome

This service features readings and carols in the company of the Cathedral choir.

Featuring congregational carols and a series of Bible readings that take us through the Christmas story. This service - which to many traditionally signals the start of the Christmas period - lasts around an hour and all will be made most welcome.



blackburncathedral.com/nine-lessons

Carols Around the Crib

WORSHIP

Wed 24th Dec 2025 | 4pm | 🙏 | All welcome

Everybody is welcome to join the Cathedral's family friendly Carol service.

Get into the Christmas spirit by lighting a candle and singing carols in the company of the junior choristers of the Cathedral Choir. This service is always popular so come early to secure your seat.



blackburncathedral.com/crib



Christmas Day at Blackburn Cathedral

WORSHIP

Thu 25th Dec 2025 | 10.30am | 🙏 | All welcome

We gather with great joy on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Please join us as we combine the Cathedral Eucharist with Christmas carols and time for reflection and celebration. Everyone is most welcome at this special festal service.



blackburncathedral.com/christmas-day



Blackburn Cathedral Centenary: 1926-2026

2026 marks a significant moment in the life of Blackburn Cathedral as we celebrate our Centenary. We have exciting plans to remember the past, celebrate the present and look to the future.

There will be a range of activities marking this period in the rich history of our Cathedral including celebratory events, art installations, exhibitions, concerts and thanksgiving services along with a number of special projects that bring our communities together.

Our plans to develop a year of truly memorable events are well underway and we are busy working on marking this important milestone. We'll look back on the past one hundred years as we work towards ensuring a legacy that lasts for the next century too.

Full details of this year-long celebration of the life and history of the Cathedral will be announced over the coming months, so please check the website and follow us on social media for latest updates.

blackburncathedral.com/centenary



Coming in 2026 to Blackburn Cathedral

'TIME' by Luxmuralis

ART

Tue 24th – Sat 28th Feb 2026 | Evenings |  | Book online

TIME is an astonishing, fully immersive light and sound experience - coming to Lancashire for the first time ever. This spectacular experience is guaranteed to captivate and enthrall as you explore our relationship with time. Take a journey through history, science and imagination via a series of captivating installations. Perfect for guests of all ages, this truly unforgettable experience spans the beginning of time to the present day.


blackburncathedral.com/time


The Turin Shroud

EXHIBITION

Sat 28th Mar – Sun 12th Apr 2026 |  | All welcome

A replica of the Shroud of Turin and supporting exhibition will be displayed at Blackburn Cathedral over the Easter period. It is a life-size replica of the original burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus after the Crucifixion.

It offers a wonderful opportunity to learn more and study this sacred cloth which for some, has proved to be a deeply moving and profound experience.


blackburncathedral.com/shroud


Table For The Nation

EXHIBITION

May 2026 – May 2027 |  | All welcome

Created from a section of the nation's most significant tree - a gigantic 5,000 year old Fenland Black Oak - the 13m table is made from ancient, fossilised oak and is a masterpiece of craftsmanship. Accompanied by a fascinating exhibition, the table will be displayed and become the focal point for a number of special events and community activities throughout its year-long residency at Blackburn Cathedral.


blackburncathedral.com/table


What's on at a glance

September	Wed 10th Sept	Organ Concert: John Hosking		p7
	Wed 10th Sept	Appeal Trust Charity Golf Day		p8
	12th -14th Sept	Council of Nicaea Conference		p9
	Sun 14th Sept	Ecumenical Eucharist		p8
	Wed 17th Sept	Organ Concert: Nigel Spooner		p7
	20th & 21st Sept	Script Players: Murder Most Fowl		p8
	Wed 24th Sept	Organ Concert: John Robinson		p7
	Fri 26th Sept	Ben Portsmouth: This is Elvis		p10
	Sat 27th Sept	Everything Under the Sun Pink Floyd		p10

October	Wed 1st Oct	Organ Concert: Victoria Ulriksen		p7
	2nd Oct -2nd Nov	British Textile Biennial 2025		p11
	6th Oct -16th Nov	Gaia by Luke Jerram		p13
	6th Oct -16th Nov	Life on Earth Photography Exhibition		p12
	Wed 8th Oct	Organ Concert: Peter Harrison		p7
	Fri 10th Oct	The Lord's Prayer Tour		p14
	Sat 11th Oct	The Music of Queen by Candlelight		p14
	Sun 12th Oct	Creation Care Sunday		p5
	Wed 15th Oct	Organ Concert: Keith Hearnshaw		p7
	Wed 15th Oct	Yoga with Tessa Clemson		p14
	Sat 18th Oct	Gin & Rum Festival		p15
	Sun 19th Oct	The Complete Works of Duruflé		p15
	Wed 22nd Oct	Piano Concert: Joe Scott		p7
	Fri 24th Oct	Interstellar with Roger Sayer		p16
	Sat 25th Oct	Kathleen Ferrier Bursary Competition		p16
	Mon 27th Oct	Soundbath Under Gaia		p17
	Wed 29th Oct	Organ Concert: Martin Brown		p7
	Fri 31st Oct	Creation Care Conference		p17


GAIA:
Unless otherwise
stated, all events
6th Oct -16th Nov
will take place
under Gaia.
See website for
individual event
details.

EVENT LISTING KEY:

			
Special worship event, free entry, all welcome	Ticketed event, available via blackburncathedral.com/events	Lunchtime concert, no ticket required, all welcome	Community event, free entry, all welcome

November



GAIA:
Unless otherwise
stated, all events
will take place
under Gaia.
See website for
individual event
details.

Sat 1st Nov	Creation Care Conference		p17
Sun 2nd Nov	All Saints Day		p5
Sun 2nd Nov	Requiem Mass for All Souls		p18
Tue 4th Nov	Yoga with Tessa Clemson		p18
Wed 5th Nov	Organ Concert: Eleni Keventsidou		p7
Thu 6th Nov	BwD Remembrance Concert		p18
Fri 7th Nov	The Music of Coldplay by Candlelight		p19
Sat 8th Nov	Come & Sing 'Glorious Works'		p20
Sun 9th Nov	Remembrance Sunday		p5
Tue 11th Nov	Soundbath Under Gaia		p19
Wed 12th Nov	Organ Concert: Karen Au		p7
Sat 15th Nov	Family Silent Disco Under Gaia		p20
Sat 15th Nov	Adults Silent Disco Under Gaia		p20
Sun 16th Nov	Safeguarding Sunday		p5
Wed 19th Nov	Organ Concert: Ed Jones		p7
Sat 22nd Nov	Living Tradition: Ukranian Show		p20
Sun 23rd Nov	Christ The King		p5
Mon 24th Nov	A Christmas Carol		p21
Wed 26th Nov	Organ Concert: Arin Nira Maisky		p7
Fri 28th Nov	The Christmas Orchestra		p21
Sun 30th Nov	Advent Service of Light		p5

December



**CAROL
SERVICES:**
For details of all
carol services
please see p22 or
visit the website.

Wed 3rd Dec	Organ Concert: John Hosking		p7
Sat 6th Dec	Blackburn Music Society: Messiah		p23
Thu 11th Dec	G4 Live in Concert		p23
Sat 13th Dec	A Baroque Christmas		p24
Thu 18th Dec	Community Carol Service		p24
Sat 20th Dec	Ceremony of Carols and 'La Nativité'		p24
Tue 23rd Dec	Nine Lessons and Carols		p25
Wed 24th Dec	Carols Around the Crib		p25
Wed 24th Dec	Midnight Mass		p5
Thu 25th Dec	Christmas Day at Blackburn Cathedral		p25

The events calendar, which is updated daily, can be found at 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. Situated in the delightful setting of Cathedral Square, it's a modern and relaxing space - perfect whether meeting for business or pleasure.

If you're in the area, on a visit to the Cathedral, a shopping trip or out for lunch, it's ideal for a quick bite or long relaxing afternoon.

Catch up with friends and enjoy delicious hot and cold food and refreshing drinks. For opening times, to view menus and to book a table, please visit:

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



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



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



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.

blackburncathedral.com/accessibility



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



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 any activities involving children.

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