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## Priory Festival of Song: 9th - 16th September

We start our festival week concerts with a recital of British a cappella sacred choral music, entitled FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT. Sunday evening's concert is performed by the Priory choir, many of whom now sing with prestigious choirs throughout the country. On Monday 10th at 12.30pm Year 11 self-accompanied vocalists from Lancaster Royal Grammar School are featured in this concert with a mix of covers and self-penned pieces whilst at 5.15pm the concert will also feature young vocalists who are enthusiastic and dedicated singers and central to the musical life of LRGS. This concert will feature a mix of solo and choral performances in a wide range of styles.



Also on Monday, at 8.00pm, former priory chorister, CHARLIE MURRAY, accompanied by TOBY RANDALL-PALEY (Left), will perform a variety of pieces from the delicate intimacy of Schubert's Winterreise to the extraverted drama of Avant de Quitter ces Lieux from Gounod's Faust. The duo are both recent music graduates from Huddersfield and York respectively and are making much noise in the musical world.

Tuesday 11th September at 12.30pm sees Lancaster Girls' Grammar School presenting a selection of vocal solos, ranging from classical to jazz and musical theatre. This concert will also feature the LGGS Chamber Choir who will be performing some of their latest repertoire and at 5.15pm there will be another chance to hear the LGGS Chamber Choir with a different selection of solo vocal performances. This recital will also include some songs written by GCSE pupils.

On Tuesday evening LEEDS CONTEMPORARY SINGERS (Right) are a musical collective made up of some of the most talented and up-and-coming artists in the UK today. By bringing together an eclectic range of voices and musical styles the group creates a sound that is unique to them, providing a fresh take on contemporary choral singing. In July 2017 the group were crowned as the WINNERS OF BBC ONE'S PRIMETIME TALENT SHOW PITCH BATTLE, having competed against thirty of the best vocal groups in the UK and shared the stage with a plethora of amazing celebrity talent, including Will Young who was the group's celebrity mentor. Moving into 2018, Leeds Contemporary Singers show no sign of stopping, aspiring to take their unique brand of artistry and choral harmony to even more people across the UK.



Wednesday 12th September is marked by a VOCAL MASTERCLASS & SHOWCASE with Jane Irwin (Left): at 2.30pm Observers welcome, too. Four of the Priory's junior choral scholars will spend time working with internationally acclaimed opera singer, Jane Irwin, ahead of this evening's rush hour concert at 5.15pm. It will be an opportunity to hear each of the masterclass students from the afternoon's session including Emily Ashton (Soprano), Emily Heywood (Soprano), George Hollinrake (Tenor), Adam Hilton (Baritone), with Andy Plowman (piano). In the evening at 8.00pm there will be a concert by SARAH JILLIAN COX (Mezzo Soprano) (Right) and JEN HARTLEY.



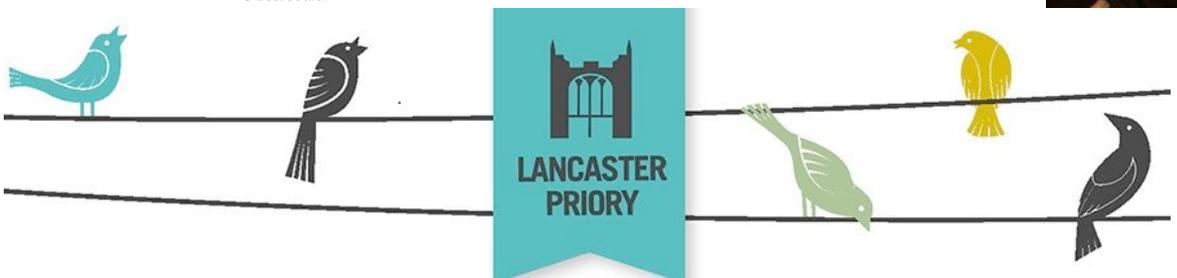
The Lunchtime concert on Thursday features young singers from Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy, named 'Best School Music Department' at the 2017 Music Teacher awards. Ripley has a thriving choral programme with seven choirs, including a robed chapel choir, and many pupils across the school study singing with a team of specialist vocal tutor whilst at 5.15pm there will be Choral Evensong which will include Ripley St Thomas CE Academy Chapel Choir.

Thursday also sees the welcome return of VOX BOYS' CHOIR who will give a concert at 8.00pm.

On Friday we have something a little different with a fun afternoon of singing for children from local primary schools. Songs will be learnt together in preparation for an informal performance at 2.45pm. This is followed at 5.15pm with a performance by ADAM ROBINSON (Baritone) and DANIEL KOZMAPERCY (Tenor) (Left).



On Saturday 15th September the BLUE MOON BAND (Right) will give a concert at 10.30am and the Festival Week will be rounded off with our ANNUAL SHOWCASE CONCERT with performances from the Priory Choirs, accompanied by our Festival Orchestra.



## Light Up Lancaster 2018

As part Light Up Lancaster 2018, Lancaster Priory is hosting a site-specific performance-installation by Louise Ann Wilson entitled 'Remembrance: Returning, We Hear The Larks'.

This work will mark the centenary of the end of World War One, and reflect on lives changed forever by that conflict and the loss of those who never returned home to Lancaster. Remembrance: Returning, We Hear The Larks will use artefacts and objects found in and associated with Lancaster Priory in combination with a paper installation of red-roses to create an immersive candle-lit performance-installation involving singers from the Priory choir.

**If you would like to be involved in the making of 2,000 paper roses, please join Louise on 22 September (2–4pm.) and 13 & 27 October (11.30am.–2pm.) in the Refectory.**

The two photographs below have inspired Louise's work. One photograph (*Below left*) taken in 1887 shows a band of all male Lancaster Priory bell ringers whilst the second photograph (*Below right*) taken on Armistice Day, 1918, shows how young women have joined the band to fill the gaps left by the male ringers killed in the war or who have not yet returned from action.



## Educaid; Sierra Leone; and the pursuit of literacy

In September our highlighted charity is Educaid, in Sierra Leone. Our support from the Priory over the last year has enabled it to purchase complete sets of new educational reading materials in English, the importance of which is described by Miriam Mason-Sesay\* – a familiar figure to us here – much more eloquently than I can:



“Literacy of any sort is still a significant challenge for many communities in the world and for Sierra Leone this is certainly true. Sierra Leone, like much of sub-Saharan Africa, is rich in tribal groups and at least 15 languages. The use of Krio as the *lingua franca* means that children learn their mother tongue first, learn Krio as a bridging language that enables them to talk between tribal groups, and then learn English at school. Reading at home is impossible: books in the tribal languages simply do not exist. Studying in a third language is challenging to say the least, and the disadvantages of having to learn all foundation concepts and ideas, and do all the developmental learning in a third language rather than one's mother tongue are great.

In Educaid we are more fortunate than the average

Sierra Leone school in that we have a number of books, donated by British schools and friends of Educaid, and this is invaluable. Overcoming these issues relating to literary competence is a key part of our work. A strong command of the written and spoken word is crucial in developing critical thinking and logic. These in turn are vital to successful global engagement, economic activity, democracy, and accountable governance – the blocks which will enable us to build our way out of poverty and make our Educaid vision real: A dignified, democratic, and globally engaged Sierra Leone where poverty is eradicated by educated citizens.

When we have language, we have the tools to build the Sierra Leone we long for.”



John Dickinson

with apologies to Miriam\* for my clumsy editing of her much fuller article to be found on Educaid's website.

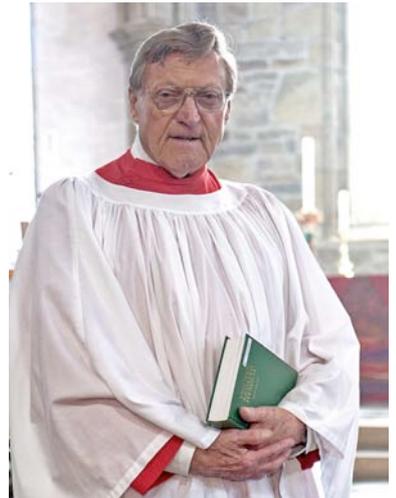
## Alec Crouch Retirement Presentation: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018

After 50 years continuous service Alec Crouch retired from the Priory Choir on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. Chairman Nick Walker spoke to the choir and congregation following morning service and outlined Alec's career in the choir, professionally and of his personal interests.

In line with his interests he was presented with an array of gifts by the current director and various Association Committee members. These included the RSCM Long Service Medal and certificate, vouchers from the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway and Lancashire County Cricket Club, a framed picture of the City Of Lancaster steam engine at the Castle Station with the Priory in the background and a framed picture of himself stood in the choir stalls. Nick said of Alec that he had been loyal and faithful to the choir, a support and friend to his colleagues, an example of service to everyone and that the choir had been proud to serve with him.

Also remembered was the contribution made by Alec's wife Jan in organising family life around choir activities particularly when the family was growing up. Jan was presented with a bouquet in the choir colours and a guest ticket to the cricket something of which she is very fond. Nick closed by thanking them both. Alec responded with some well chosen words declaring that he had been humbled by the generosity of his gifts, his thanks for the hours spent singing in church choirs and for the fellowship of his colleagues. Alec received a standing ovation which was well deserved!

Following the presentation Alec and Jan were the guests of the Association who hosted a Sunday Lunch at the Butcher and Tonic in the city.



## PAAWS



Our August adventure, courtesy of Nick Walker, was nearly 13 Miles in length. Fortunately the first 6 miles involved a leisurely sail on the Ullswater steamer from Glenridding to Howton.

**Here is the programme for the next four months:**

- Friday, September 28th - led by John Harvey
- Thursday, October 25th - led by Catherine Fatkin
- Thursday, November 15th - led by Nick Walker
- Early December, date to be arranged - led by Mary Anderton (shorter, morning-only; walk to be followed by a Christmas lunch)

*John and Christine Dickinson*

## Mustard Seed

Mustard Seed will reopen on Tuesday 18th September.

New volunteers are most welcome.

Please see the Dickinsons or the Kirtleys for details.

You are invited to a discussion evening on Tuesday September 11th 2018 when we will have an opportunity to discuss safeguarding issues and share good practice. We are hoping as many volunteers as possible will be able to attend. We open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start and will finish by 7.45pm.

**\*PLEASE SEE ITEM ON PAGE 4 FOR MORE MUSTARD SEED INFORMATION\***

## Church Mission Society

The Priory is linked to a couple, Alan and Lex, who are working in SE Asia with the Church Mission Society. They have recently had a new addition to the family and moved into a house



"It was an eventful birth experience. The night before we were scheduled our c section and were due at the hospital at 6 am our power went off."

This was not the end of their dramas, however, as there were difficulties with the spinal anaesthetic, and then the baby had to be in special care for the first 24 hours. All is well now, however and Lex adds:

"We've been settling into life as four (albeit with grandmas around) and introducing Caleb to friends and neighbours. One neighbour in particular we are getting to know really well and she has helped us out no end in navigating living in a house. She absolutely dotes on Joshua. He's making a name for himself (in a good way) amongst the people who live here, especially when he blows kisses."

Most Westerners go home to have their babies, but the fact that Alan and Lex have chosen to have both babies in the country where they feel God has called them to live has demonstrated their commitment to the people they want to serve.

## Services:

### SUNDAY:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Priory Eucharist  
All Age Eucharist (First Sunday of month)  
11.30 am Choral Mattins (First Sunday of month)  
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

### TUESDAY:

10.15 am Holy Communion (BCP)

### WEDNESDAY:

12.30 pm Holy Communion with Healing

### THURSDAY

12.45 pm Lunchtime Service at Penny's Hospital Chapel

## Mustard Seed - Your Priory needs YOU!



At the Priory we have now been operating our Tuesday evening dinner for those in need for 10 years, starting in September and finishing in May.

Throughout we have relied on our volunteer team appearing on the night on an informal basis. However, this has proved less reliable a system over the last few months as several of our regular volunteers have, for a variety of very good reasons, had to leave.

Accordingly we are planning to introduce a rota system, similar to that which governs the readings, intercessions, and chalice duties. Just as for these, the commitment would not by any means be for every week. In fact the more **NEW VOLUNTEERS** we have, the more we can spread out the work!

We are also in need of cooks to pre-prepare the dinners and this would be an opportunity to help us without actually the need to attend during the evening itself. The task is not as onerous as it may sound, and costs involved can be reimbursed.

This is a really worthwhile and important part of the Priory's outreach. If you are interested in helping with it - a commitment which might be as little as a couple of hours every few weeks - please speak with John and Christine Dickinson (tel. 01524 68792) or Brian and Lois Kirtley (tel. 01524 64321).

*John and Christine Dickinson*

### OUR PRIORY VISION PRAYER:

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we pray that your Holy Spirit may be with us,  
that we may worship you in the beauty of holiness,  
call others to follow you as disciples in today's world,  
witness to our faith among our communities,  
grow leaders to inspire many to serve you,  
and reach out in Jesus' name  
to all who need your saving love and grace. Amen.

News and information for inclusion in Priory Newslink is always welcome.

Please send your items to

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by good old pen and paper or via the Parish Office (01524 65338)

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