

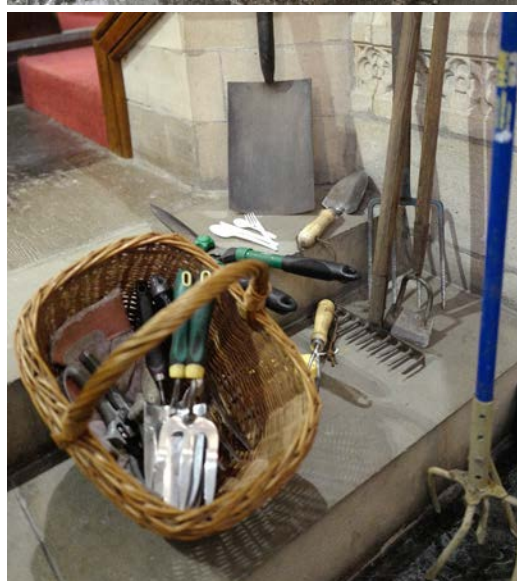
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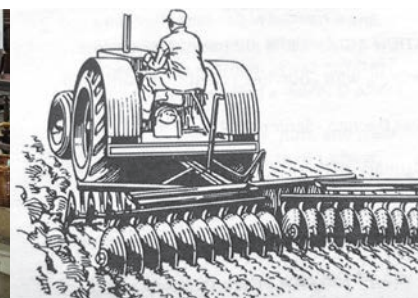
PLOUGH SUNDAY

Plough Sunday is the time when the Church has traditionally blessed plough, seed and soil in country parishes. But we all depend on God's good earth and its productivity so at the 10 am Eucharist on Sunday 20th January we blessed garden tools and distributed blessed seeds, giving thanks to God for his generosity in our prayers and hymns. A variety of implements - spades, forks, rakes, hoes, trowels - were brought into church and we rededicated ourselves to caring for his creation and preparing for growth this coming springtime.

Plough Sunday is traditionally held on the Sunday after Epiphany, Accordingly, work in the fields did not begin until the day after Plough Sunday: Plough Monday.

'The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches'

Matthew 13





SATURDAY COFFEE CONCERTS: SPRING 2019

START YOUR WEEKEND WITH MUSIC OR DRAMA, FOLLOWED BY A FAIR-TRADE DRINK FROM THE PRIORY CAFE

ALL CONCERTS START AT 10.30AM
FREE ADMISSION WITH A RETIRING COLLECTION

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY
JOHN HOLMES & CAMERON AVEYARD
Solo songs from two VI form pupils at Ripley St Thomas CE Academy.

SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY
ANNABEL ELKINGTON
POPE Music academy, Annabel will play flute music by Beethoven, Ravel and Debussy.

SATURDAY 9th FEBRUARY
IAN & MARGARET PATTINSON
A welcome return of this mother and son duo, who always entertain with music to suit varied tastes.

SATURDAY 16th FEBRUARY
MICHAEL SACHS
An organ recital from this talented graduate of the St John the Baptist Public School of Music in Warsaw.

SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY
SIMON LEE
Songs for solo voice on the theme of Spring, including music by Quilley, Finch, Bach and Handel. Accompanied by Andy Florman on the piano.

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH
OPPOSITE THE SAKES
A saxophone quartet, playing an eclectic range of music from classical to swing, jazz, and rock.

SATURDAY 9th MARCH
JAVIER MORAL AGRASO & ALEX PETERS
Organ repertoire from German composers played by our two Priory Organ Scholars.

SATURDAY 16th MARCH
HENRY ASKEW
"Bring along and sing along" - from classic song to contemporary popular music.

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH
PRIORY CHORAL SCHOLARS
A varied programme of music performed by the talented teenage members of the Priory Choir.

SATURDAY 30th MARCH
WILLIAM THOMSON
Music from the new album of this classical pianist and composer whose music has been described as melodic, emotional, cinematic and evocative.

SATURDAY 6th APRIL
DON GILTHORPE
A recital of twentieth-century British song (including Frost and Howells) from our Director of Music.

SATURDAY 13th APRIL
IVAN HONORIN
An exploration of renaissance repertoire for solo piano.

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MUSTARD SEED

Mustard Seed is well under way, and with larger numbers than we normally have experienced in previous years at this time. With the coming of colder and wetter weather we have an increasing need of (larger sizes, in general) outdoor warm and/or waterproof fleeces, jackets, hats, gloves, and socks. Tents and sleeping bags would also be very welcome. Please contact John/Christine Dickinson, Brian/Lois Kirtley, or any of the Mustard Seed volunteers.

John and Christine Dickinson



TUESDAY GROUP

At our January meeting, Valerie Pearson spoke about Graft, Gruel and Good for Nothing: Tales from Southwell Workhouse. She was assisted by a lady in the costume which elderly ladies would have worn in the workhouse. However, it would seem that Southwell Workhouse was a much more pleasant workhouse than the one in Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Twist'!

Barbara Bland



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE
with the LANCASHIRE THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
and A COMPANY OF SPEAKERS
present
THE REVD PROFESSOR KEITH WARD
(Regius Professor, University of Oxford)



DOMINION OR STEWARDSHIP:
how can church and faith groups respond to the growing
crisis in climate and other environmental changes?

FRIDAY 1st FEBRUARY, 7.00PM

Free admission

For more information please visit
www.lancasterpriory.org

BOOKSHOP

We are looking for a new team to run the Priory Bookshop: a Shop Manager and a Treasurer.

If you think you could help please contact Sue Clark or Alice Granger.

CONTACTLESS CARD DONATIONS STATION



You can donate to the Priory using the contactless card reader that is situated beside the door as you leave.

All major debit and credit cards are accepted as well as Apple Pay and Android Pay.

SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

There was a full church for the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols and we welcomed the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and the Roman Catholic Bishop Of Lancaster. Thanks to Don Gillthorpe, Ian Pattinson and all involved.



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2019 Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at the United Reform Church, Bowerham at 1.45pm on Friday 1st March

MARSH COMMUNITY CHOIR

Members of the Marsh Community Choir folk from the Priory led the Carol singing at the The Marsh Community Centre Christmas special. It was a great afternoon with lots of beautiful cakes for everyone and presents for the children given out by a very happy Santa.

Led by an experienced musician and voice coach the Choir meets on Thursday afternoons, 1.30 - 2.45pm at the Marsh Community Centre singing a wide variety of songs.

If you like singing please do join us, complete beginners and experienced singers are always welcome. For more information please contact Katie - 07868314807, katie.schad@hotmail.co.uk

YOUNG CHURCH - COULD YOU HELP?

We have wonderful children at the Priory who have great leaders for their three age groups - but we are really short of helpers.

All you have to do is turn up, join in, encourage and help pack away - everything else is done.

All that is needed is to go on the rota once a month and to like children.

If you want to find out more please talk to Katie Schad, the Priory's Children and Families worker or contact her on:

katieschad@lancaster.org.uk or by telephone on 07868 314807.

PARENTS - We need a new registration form for your child every academic year. Would you please check that yours is up to date and if not ask the Leaders if you need one. Thank you. Katie.

CHRISTIANITY SPIRITUALITY

Rebecca and David will be running a five week course on Christianity Spirituality beginning on January 31st at 7.30pm in the Refectory. The course is aimed for adults either thinking of being baptised or confirmed or who have been baptised or confirmed in the last five years. We also welcome anyone who feels new or young in their Christian journey. The course will be life affirming and enriching as we learn about classic Christian spirituality, which will be put into practice through prayer and meditation. Please contact Rebecca for more details or to sign up: raechtner@hotmail.com, 07527102772 or 01524 931861



TRAIDCRAFT - GOOD NEWS!

Fighting poverty through trade

- Since the sad announcement in September about Traidcraft's financial problems there has been a substantial response and trading has improved so that they have now decided to downsize, restructure, and transform their business.
- What this means:**
- Sadly they must downsize from a staff of 68 to no more than 12
 - They are going to outsource their warehousing facility and find a specialist company to provide the service
 - They are reducing the number of products they sell, and in particular the number of craft items
 - They are focusing on a core range of products that consistently sell well.

What is new:

They now wish to become the most transparent fair trade company possible. They intend product by product to explain to their customers what they pay to their producers for the products we buy. They also want to be transparent about their own costs - what they spend on salaries, marketing, warehousing, general overheads, and so on.

Although they will never be the cheapest, their customers can have confidence that what Traidcraft does is correct and open.

What this means for the Priory stall:

I am delighted to be able to tell you that our stall will be able to continue with the vast majority of our previous items still for sale. But your support is vital at this time, and I encourage you to buy your fairly traded products from the stall rather than from the supermarket in order that Traidcraft can have maximum benefit over this critical period to ensure the company's successful future.



Café VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to try your hand at being a Barista? Can you tell your Cappuccino from your Latte?

If you are sixteen or older and would like to develop these skills, please speak to Ken Gale, Café Manager or Pauline Fielding, Churchwarden.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who supported me on this journey and also to those who donated for this worthwhile cause.

David

Services:

SUNDAY:

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Priory Eucharist
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

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Lois Kirtley

Christine Mullineaux

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Revd Keith Brockbank

Revd Steve Evans

Revd Tim Evans

Revd. Paul Finlinson

Revd Canon Tim Girling

Revd David Newton

Revd Canon Professor John Rodwell

Revd Canon John Roff

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Revd Anna Walker

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Revd. Michael Fielding

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Mothers' Union:

Christine Mullineaux

East meets West:

Hilary Hopwood

Mustard Seed:

John Dickinson

Brian Kirtley

Fairtrade:

John and Christine Dickinson

Sanctuary Guild

Lois Kirtley

Tuesday Group:

Pam Simon Denise Willey

Priory Youth Group:

David Cheung, Cath Hill and Sarah Hutchins.

Priory Young People's Officer

Katie Schad

Priory All Age Walking Group:

Tim and Gill Jenkinson Christine and John Dickinson

Young Church:

Leaders - Katie Schad Viv McCracken

The Priory Welcome, Outreach and Communications Committee

Alice Granger

Resources

Michael Greenhalgh

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Revd Michael Fielding

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All those named above may be contacted through the Priory Office

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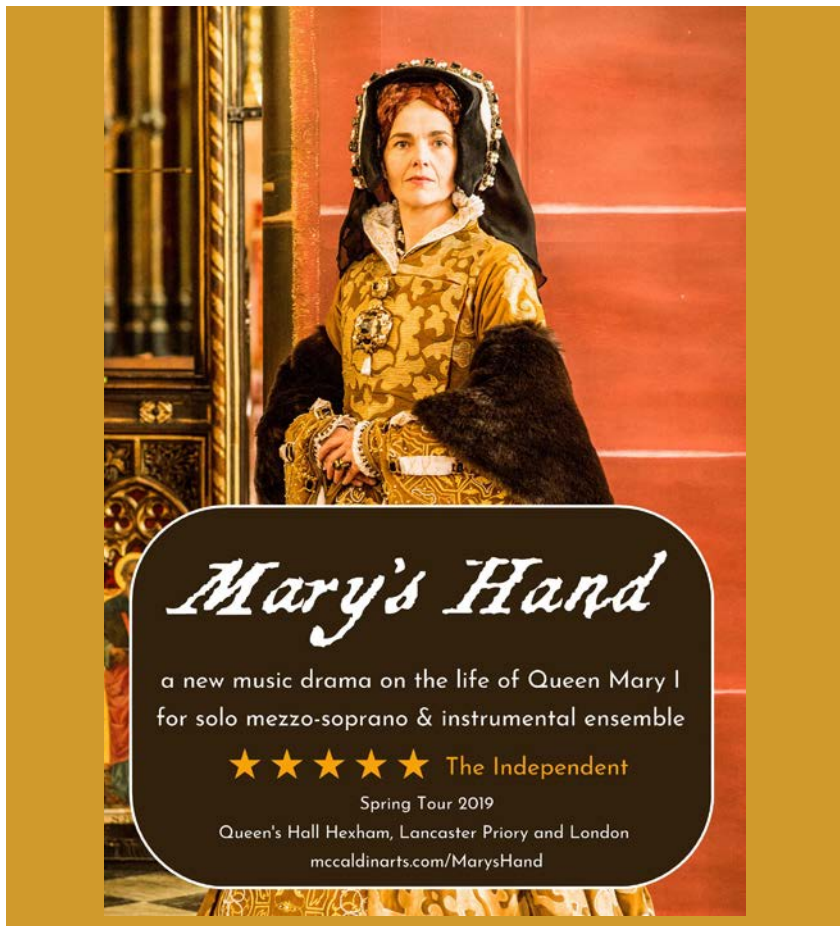
Diocese of Blackburn:

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The Bishop of Lancaster, Rt Revd Jill Duff

The Archdeacon of Lancaster: The Ven. Michael Everitt

The Area Dean, Revd Linda Macluskie Tel: 01524 411039



Queen Mary I, Bloody Mary to her enemies, loves to play at dice and cards. Over a game in which the audience chooses the next card to be turned, Mary reflects on her life: her royal family, her faith, her marriage, her desperate desire for a child, and her blackened name. Choose a card so we may begin! With words & direction by Di Sherlock and music by Martin Bussey, Mary's Hand is performed by mezzo-soprano Clare McCaldin & instrumental ensemble.

Saturday 23rd February 2019 7.30pm? Running time: 75 minutes without interval.

Ticket £12, £10 concessions £8.

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

Email: priorynewslink@gmail.com,

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

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