



**LANCASTER  
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**DIARY AND NOTICES**  
**PENTECOST**  
**23 May 2021**



*In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:*

**David Blackwell, Gwendolen Boyd-Wasson, Esme Bradbury, Vona Corbet, Ian Corbet, Wendy Foster, Stephen Gardner, Anne Goulding, Michael Greenhalgh, Christine Heywood, Marilyn Kenny, Anne Oppenheim, Joan Pinches, Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson and Gordon Tyson.**

**6.30 pm**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**OFFICIANT :** The Revd Carol Backhouse    **PSALM:** 139.1-11    **RESPONSES:** Gillthorpe  
**CANTICLES:** Dyson in F    **ANTHEM:** *Evening Hymn* (Balfour Gardiner)  
**HYMN:** *Come down, O Love divine* (137)  
**VOLUNTARY:** *Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'* (Durufle)

**Sunday 23 May**

	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.50am	Vestry Meeting
	10.00am	Priory Eucharist
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong
Mon 24	7.30pm	PCC via Zoom
Tues 25	10.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Wed 26	7.00pm	Spiritual Growth Group
Thurs 27	10.00am	Management Meeting
	7.30pm	Enquirers' Course
Sat 29	10.30am	Coffee Concert: Colin Porter & Robert Bird

The **APCM** will be held on Sunday 30th May at 11.15 a.m. in the Priory . All invited to attend . If you are interested in becoming a member of the PCC please complete the nomination form at the back of the church and hand to either the Churchwardens or the PCC Secretary, Margaret Saunders. These are available in church.

**Enquirers' Course**—The group meets online once a week on Thursdays at 7.30 pm to explore questions of the Christian faith, and new members are welcome. Material is from the Pilgrim Course. Participation can be part of adults preparing for baptism or confirmation at the Priory. For details, please contact the office ([office@lancasterpriory.org](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org)).

**CHRISTIAN AID:** thank you to all the Christian Aid house-to-house collectors, and to all those who responded. Please will the collectors return their red bags to the vestry, so that Barbara Gardner can organize the count up.

**The Spiritual Growth Group** will meet online once a week on Wednesdays at 7pm for a prayerful spiritual exercise and a time of sharing. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to take part, please email [spiritualgrowth@lancasterpriory.org](mailto:spiritualgrowth@lancasterpriory.org).

**A CONFIRMATION SERVICE** to be led by the Bishop of Lancaster, will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup>. If there are any adults or young people wishing to consider confirmation, please have a word with Andrew or Pauline.

**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (LLF)** - The next Deanery Synod meeting will be at 7pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> May via Zoom. The Zoom invitation will be sent out later and there will be provision for people to participate by telephone. The speaker will be the Revd Jon Scamman who will introduce 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) which is a project led by the Bishops of the Church of England as a means of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. There are resources available to be used by Churches, or groups of Churches, to support us in a process of learning and praying together, in listening to one another, and in listening to God. These LLF resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings and Jon will explore and explain them. We hope that there will be a good attendance at this important meeting, which is open to all Church members, so please let the Churchwardens know if you wish to receive the Zoom invitation.

**ELLEN GRAYLING CARDS AND POSTERS** —Cards and posters are available to purchase.

**SERVICE SHEET SPONSORSHIP**— If you would like to sponsor a future service sheet please confirm your chosen date and details on a form and post through the office letterbox or email your details to [office@lancasterpriory.org](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org). Thank you.

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**COFFEE CONCERTS**—Our coffee concerts have returned with an audience. Please book online to reserve your place via our website.

**OLIVE BRANCH**—please leave any donations at the back of church.

**CHRIST CHURCH, Lancaster are advertising for a part-time (20h/week) Children, Youth and Families Co-ordinator** to help us grow our ministry and outreach in the parish. We're looking for someone with experience of working with toddlers to teens, who is able to grow a team of volunteer leaders, and is keen to share the Gospel within and beyond the church walls. We are an inclusive, vibrant and welcoming community in the liberal catholic tradition. For an informal chat please contact the Vicar, Rev'd Carol Backhouse 01524 942105 / [revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com](mailto:revcarolbackhouse@gmail.com), or for more details and to apply, please see: <https://pathways.churchofengland.org/job/pathways/2326/christ-church-lancaster-children-youth-and-families-co-ordinator> (Closing date 3rd June).

**In this period until a new vicar is appointed**, the churchwardens (Pauline Fielding & Andrew Nicholson) will try to address any concerns you may have. You can contact them by emailing: [office@lancasterpriory.org](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org) or ring 01524 65338.

## LANCASTER PRIORY FUNDRAISING

*Well, what a 12 months plus we have all endured. None of us have been left unscathed by the impact and ravages of Covid on our families, our community, our work, our education, our NHS. Our plans have been scattered to the winds. The Priory Church Christian community is no different in this respect to the rest of our community. We have suffered with everyone from isolation and in our case, a lack of events, an inability to welcome visitors and a major disruption to our usual busy programme.*

*For all of us now, as we see some light at the end of this dark long tunnel, rather than bemoan what the year has done to us emotionally and financially, we feel rather that it is a good time to celebrate this return to something like normality. We have therefore planned an exciting, imaginative programme of events and look forward to welcoming you to these. Enjoying time and entertainment together in and around our wonderful Lancaster Priory Church, we are sure you will find much in this programme to interest you and for us all to have an opportunity to join together, Church and community, under the banner of self-help and to celebrate some freedoms.*

David Russell. Chair, Resources Group

**OPEN GARDEN** - the first of our fundraising events will take place on Saturday June 5, 2.00 - 4.30 pm courtesy of David Redmore, Mabsoot, Brettargh Drive, Haverbreaks. This is a stunningly beautiful garden, not to be missed, full of interest and species plants. David is confident that the roses will be at their glorious best. For £8 you are able to wander round this horticultural masterpiece and enjoy a glass of Prosecco or fruit juice. All money raised will be for Lancaster Priory.



### **SATURDAY STALLS** (sign-up sheet at the back of church)

Would you or your Church Group like to be part of the Priory fundraising at this critical time either as a participant or organiser?

Could you offer to run a stall in church one Saturday in June?

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (after Founders' Day)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July (Big Hit Weekend)

### **SHARE-A-SKILL** (host sign-up sheet at the back of church)

Several small events built around specific skills in people's gardens or using a church space if preferred.

Could you offer a date to share the teaching of a skill such as crocheting or felt-making for e.g. 6 people on a convenient date at e.g. 2pm-4pm. Up to 6 people sign up and offer to give a donation such as £10.

Your event can be linked to Just Giving LANCASTER PRIORY AFTER LOCKDOWN for donations.

**COME DINE WITH ME** (host sign-up sheet at the back of church)

Several evenings in people's gardens (or inside homes depending on Government guidance).

Could you offer a date to make a meal for e.g. 4 people from e.g. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Up to 4 people sign up and offer to pay what they would for a 3-course meal.

Dinner party not your thing? Don't worry you can organise a Coffee Morning or Drinks Party instead – numbers may have to be limited due to Covid regulations and people donate as they feel.

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## **A Prayer during the Vacancy at Lancaster Priory**

**Almighty God,  
in the company of your saints,  
in the footsteps of those who have worshipped here before us,  
we, your pilgrim people of Lancaster Priory  
wait upon your Spirit in calling a priest to your service here.  
Bless our Patrons and Patronage Committee,  
our PCC and all concerned for this appointment.  
With those who feel drawn to serve you in this place,  
help us to discern your purpose,  
nourish our hopes for our new life together,  
prepare us afresh for witness to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



**The Priory is taking a big hit from a drop in visitor income, venue income, and service collections.  
If your income is keeping up, please consider using the QR code to make a donation to the work of the Priory.  
We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.**

Visit the Priory website: [www.lancasterpriory.org](http://www.lancasterpriory.org)



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