



Autumn 2021 is packed with art, music and community events. It is also the first months of my ministry as Vicar of Lancaster and I am hoping to meet as many people as possible as I get to know the church and city.

The Priory has been a place of gathering, a place of worship and community for almost a thousand years. As well as the special services highlighted in this booklet, you can find music, community and the Vicar at the regular services. You can find more details of these and of how to contact me on the Priory website (www.lancasterpriory.org).

So this autumn we invite you to join us through a wonderful series of events and services. There is something for everyone and we'd love to see you.

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The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders Vicar of Lancaster

After such a long break, we are delighted to welcome back music and arts events to the Priory. The autumn programme features an eclectic mix of events, representing a wide range of musical styles. It is especially pleasing to be able to offer a full programme for our highly popular Festival of Song, featuring several former members of the choir as soloists. Our festival theme is 'Breaking forth into singing' and, as such, many of our events feature audience participation.

Our choirs are now resuming their weekly commitment to choral services, providing music of the highest standard to glorify God in this place. I am always pleased to hear from people who wish to sing with us; please do get in touch to find out more.

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Don Gillthorpe Director of Music

COFFEE CONCERT

BLUE MOON BAND

SATURDAY 11[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 10.30



Our 2021 Festival of Song opens with 'Let Me Sing And I'm Happy': songs associated with iconic male singers of the American Popular Song.

Ian Gray (Piano)
Gary Cunliffe (Voice)
Brent Forbes (Bass)
Paul Helliwell (Alto Saxophone)
Andy Smith (Drums)

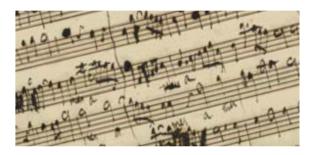
FREE ADMISSION
COFFEE AVAILABLE FROM 10.00



COME-AND-SING WORKSHOP

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

SATURDAY 11[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 14.00



Rediscover your voice by singing Handel's iconic masterpiece with the Priory choir and orchestra.

Don Gillthorpe (Director of Music)

TICKETS: £6 (ALL VOICE PARTS AND OBSERVERS)
AVAILABLE VIA WWW.LANCASTERPRIORY.ORG





SERVICE

FESTAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 10.00



A special Eucharist to celebrate our patronal festival.

Introit: Hymn to the Virgin (Britten) Setting: Missa media nocte (Tarney)

Anthem: Bogoroditsye dyevo (Rachmaninov)

Voluntary: Toccata (Dubois)

SERVICE

FESTAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY 12[™] SEPTEMBER 2021. 18.30



A special choral evensong on our patronal festival day.

Responses: Rose

Canticles: Collegium Regale (Howells)

Anthem: I was glad (Parry)

Te Deum: Collegium Regale (Howells) Voluntary: Fugue in G (Parry) YOUTH MUSIC

LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

MONDAY 13[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 12.30 MONDAY 13[™] SEPTEMBER 2021. 17.15



Two concerts featuring singers from Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

FREE ADMISSION

ART-SONG RECITAL:

CHARLES MURRAY & ANDY PLOWMAN

MONDAY 13[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 20.00



A recital of art song and opera from this talented former Lancaster Priory Chorister, now training as an opera singer at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

Charles Murray (Baritone) Andy Plowman (Piano)

TICKETS: £6 (ADULTS), £4.50 (U18s) Bar open from 19.30









YOUTH MUSIC

LANCASTER GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

TUESDAY 14[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 12.30 TUESDAY 14[™] SEPTEMBER 2021. 17.15



Two concerts featuring singers from Lancaster Girls' Grammar School.

FREE ADMISSION



RECITAL:

THE CHERRY TRIO

TUESDAY 14[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 20.00



'England to Italy in Fifty Minutes'

Three hundred years of English and Italian style from 1350 to 1650, including works by Monteverdi, Purcell, Dowland, Dunstable, Milano and Tromboncino.

Deborah Catterall (Mezzo-soprano) Gareth Glyn Roberts (Tenor) Hugh Cherry (Lute)

TICKETS: £6 (ADULTS), £4.50 (U18s) Bar open from 19.30



ARTSONG RECITAL:

INDIA HARDING & ANDY PLOWMAN

WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 17.15



A recital of art song and opera from this talented former Lancaster Priory Choral Scholar, now training as an opera singer at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.

India Harding (Mezzo-soprano) Andy Plowman (Piano)

TICKETS: £6 (ADULTS), £4.50 (U18s) Bar open from 16.45





YOUTH MUSIC

RIPLEY ST THOMAS CE ACADEMY

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 12.30



A concert featuring singers from Ripley St Thomas CE Academy.

FREE ADMISSION



SERVICE

CHORAL EVENSONG

THURSDAY 16[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 17.15



Photo © Tom Porteous

Sung by Ripley St Thomas Chapel Choir

Responses: Gillthorpe Canticles: Aston in F

Anthem: And I saw a new heaven (Bainton) Hymn: May the mind of Christ my saviour



CONCERT

VOX BOYS' CHOIR

THURSDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 20.00



Photo © Tom Porteous

A regular fixture in the Priory festival programme, Vox Boys' Choir return with their usual blend of traditional music and arrangements of jazz and pop songs.

Adam Hilton (Guest Conductor) Ian Gray (Piano)

TICKETS: £6 (ADULTS), £4.50 (U18s) Bar open from 19.30





MUSIC EDUCATION:

CHILDREN'S BIG SING

FRIDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 13.30



A fun afternoon of singing for children from local primary schools with our Director of Music. Songs will be learnt together in preparation for an informal performance at 2.45pm.

Don Gillthorpe (Vocal Animateur) Ian Gray (Piano)



ART-SONG RECITAL:

ADAM HILTON & ALEX PETERS

FRIDAY 17[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 17.15



Photo © Darren Andrews

Art song from former Priory Chorister, Adam Hilton, and former Duchy of Lancaster Organ Scholar, Alex Peters.

Adam Hilton (Baritone) Alex Peters (Piano & Organ)

FREE ADMISSION Bar Open From 16.45



SERVICE

SUNG COMPLINE

FRIDAY 17[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 21.00



Photo © Tom Porteous

A late-night service sung by the Priory women's choir.

Setting: Plainsong

Anthem: Tota pulchra es (Duruflé)



CONCERT

UNSEASONAL FESTIVAL VOICES

SATURDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2021, 19.30



Photo © Darren Andrews

Christmas carols in September? Yes, please! A year's worth of hymns, with plenty of audience participation to make up for a year without congregational singing.

Lancaster Priory Choirs and Festival Orchestra Don Gillthorpe (Director of Music)

TICKETS: £6 (ADULTS), £4.50 (U18s) BAR OPEN FROM 19.00





SERVICE

JAZZ MASS

SUNDAY 19[™] SEPTEMBER 2021, 10.00



A choral eucharist with a difference from the Priory choirs and jazz combo.

Setting: Jazz Missa Brevis (Gillthorpe) Anthem: Pange lingua (Cooper) Voluntary: Alleluyas (Preston)



EXHIBITION

THREADS THROUGH CREATION

by Jacqui Parkinson

29TH SEPTEMBER - 4TH NOVEMBER 2021

'Threads through Creation' is a spectacular set of twelve huge textile panels, which is set to delight visitors to cathedrals and major churches all over England. It's an extraordinary, huge tour de force of stitching.

Jacqui Parkinson is a textile artist whose work has been displayed in most of the cathedrals of England.

In 2016 she completed the largest textile project by a single artist, ever. 'Threads through Revelation' took more than three and a half years to complete. It consists of fourteen huge panels, and it toured fourteen British cathedrals, and was seen by about 500,000 people.

And now she has just completed her next huge project. 'Threads through Creation' has taken nearly three years. It consists of twelve huge panels, 2.7m high (8ft), 1.3 (4ft) - 3.5m (11ft) wide. They re-imagine the days of creation described in the book of Genesis at the start of the hible.

DRAMATIC AND EXUBERANT

'Threads through Creation' starts with dramatic, stark elemental designs. Then, as the story unfolds things become more and more exuberant, with increasingly spectacular designs and astonishing colours.

It is all designed to be attractive and highly accessible for viewers of all ages. Jacqui has developed a remarkable skill in characterising creatures through stitch. Her depiction of creation is vibrant and beautiful and she often adds a touch of fun (for example one panel includes a dog trying to talk to a monkey; in other panels creatures jump out of the frame).



AN UNUSUAL TECHNIQUE

Jacqui uses an unusual, probably unique technique. She starts with antique bedsheets, that she feels hold their own tales of life and death. She quilts them, and paints them with fabric dyes. She then overlays these with layers of silk, stitches them together in a thick black thread, using a free motion sewing machine: this allows her to building up a drawing line upon line . It took about eight million stitches. The dyes and silks combine to create a complex and vibrant background for the appliqued work on top. The result can be extraordinarily complex when you look close up. She also finishes most panels with metallic leathers and gold leaf.

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

This exhibition is free for individuals and small groups to attend, but donations are welcome. Groups of ten or more should contact steph@lancasterpriory.org to discuss arrangements for a supported visit.



CONCERT

LEEDS MALE VOICE CHOIR

FRIDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2021, 19.30



Leeds Male Voice Choir presents a magical evening of music at Lancaster Priory with an eclectic mix of pop, folk, classical, sacred, showtunes and even a sea shanty or two - with something for all tastes. Led by Musical Director Tim Knight, Leeds Male Voice Choir has been entertaining audiences across the North of England since 1916.

TICKETS: WWW.LANCASTER.GOV.UK/VICTICKETBOX Bar open from 19.00 CONCERT

THE LUNESDALE QUINTET

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2021, 19.30



Symphonic favourites reimagined as chamber music

Violins: Clare Douglas & Mary Gibson

Viola: Beth Woodford Cello: Penny Holt Piano: Alex Phillips-Yates

A concert of symphonic favourites reimagined as chamber music. The interplay between piano and strings highlights the intricacies of much-loved orchestral classics, breathing new life into them and presenting them in a more intimate light.

FREE ADMISSION
NO NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE

Short concert with no interval, bar open from 7pm.

CONCERT

THE SIXTEEN

THURSDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2021, 19.30

Celebrating twenty years of The Choral Pilgrimage, The Sixteen's 2021 tour is inspired by Rome, where each of the four composers in this year's programme created some of their finest work

Victoria's monumental *Tenebrae Responsories* frame a powerful programme of music by Josquin, Felice Anerio and Allegri, culminating in Allegri's eternal *Miserere*.



TICKETS: £10 – £25 WWW.THESIXTEEN.COM 0333 010 2850



LANCASTER MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

LMF: YOUTH MUSIC SHOWCASE

FRIDAY 15[™] OCTOBER 2021, 18.30

Lancaster MUSICFESTIVAL

OCTOBER 14TH-17TH 2021

This new annual event for Lancaster Music Festival showcases the talents of local young classical musicians. This concert is a drop-in event; stay for as long as you are able. The programme and line-up will be announced in due course.

FREE ADMISSION. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED ON WWW.LANCASTERMUSICFESTIVAL.COM BAR OPEN FROM 18.00

LANCASTER MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

LMF: SONGS FROM HOME

SATURDAY 16[™] OCTOBER 2021. ALL DAY EVENT



Join Lancaster Music Festival for a full day of performances from international musicians resident in Lancaster, or visiting to play at this event, who will perform music from or inspired by their homeland. Enjoy a diverse mix of musical styles and instruments from all around the world.

PAY AS YOU FEEL. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED ON WWW.LANCASTERMUSICFESTIVAL.COM CAFÉ ORDERS TAKEN FROM 10.00 - 11.00

LANCASTER MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

LMF: SIQIAN LI

SATURDAY 16™ OCTOBER 2021, TIME TBC



As part of LMF's Songs From Home programme, Chinese pianist Siqian Li will perform Jianzhong Wang's Five Yunnan Folk Songs and a selection from Melodies of China by Zhao Zhang, along with pieces by Debussy and Ravel. Siqian won first prize at the Royal College of Music's top award for pianists in 2020.

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LANCASTER MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

LMF: RÍOGHNACH CONNOLLY

SATURDAY 16[™] OCTOBER 2021. TIME TBC



Concluding LMF's Songs From Home program is vocalist, flautist and BBC Radio 2 Folk Singer of the Year Ríoghnach Connolly, whose work spans Irish traditional, folk, blues, jazz, electronica and more. Ríoghnach and guitarist Ellis Davies will perform music that reflects their Celtic roots.

PAY AS YOU FEEL. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED ON WWW.LANCASTERMUSICFESTIVAL.COM BAR FROM 19.00

LECTURE

THE REVD DR RACHEL MANN

TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2021, 19.30



The flesh that needs to be loved: the power and beauty of bodies in a time of pandemic

Rachel Mann is a priest, poet, writer and broadcaster. Her writing has been described as 'exceptional' (Rowan Williams), 'astonishing' (Michael Symmons Roberts') and 'perceptive' (The TLS), and her debut novel, *The Gospel of Eve*, hailed as 'page-turning' (The Telegraph) and 'clever, subtle and dark' (The Tablet).

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA WWW.LANCASTERPRIORY.ORG

The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception, bookstall and book-signing.

CONCERT

FLAMENCO GUITAR & ORGAN

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2021, 19.30



DR IGNACIO LUSARDI MONTEVERDE

Internationally acclaimed Flamenco Guitarist

DR COLIN PORTER

Organist Mossley Hill Parish Church

FREE ADMISSION NO NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE

Short concert with no interval, bar open from 7pm.



EXHIBITION

MURMURATIONS

by Darren Andrews, Jenny McCabe and Dave Shooter

9TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER 2021

'Murmurations' is a unique collaboration between three local artists: photographer Darren Andrews, printmaker Jenny McCabe, and composer Dave Shooter. Alongside the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Lancaster Priory is presenting this innovative installation to celebrate the work of nineteenth-century Lancaster-born animal welfare activist, Emily Williamson.



Emily Williamson (1855-1936)

Founder of the RSPB and pioneer of women's education, Emily Williamson was baptised at the Priory. Work is ongoing to arrange a plaque in her memory (the first in the city honouring a woman).





Photo © Darren Andrews

PHOTOGRAPHS BY DARREN ANDREWS

This installation will feature an exhibition of images by this local photographer, mostly taken during lockdown as a personal response to the pandemic. The text below explains Darren's thinking behind his work:

'I'm obsessed with murmurations. I even often dream about them. Starlings don't get the credit they deserve if you ask me. People take them for granted but when they perform en masse just as the sun is setting in Winter they provide a magical display full of drama and danger. It's not just the sight of the murmuration that I love. It is also the noise. The sound of thousands of birds in a group swooping right over your head is something special.

Most of the photos for the book were taken during the lockdown period. I owe a lot to those fabulous little birds. They kept my spirits up during a difficult period in my life.'

Darren's book, 'Murmur' will be launched at Leighton Moss on 23rd October. The book and individual prints will be available to purchase throughout this exhibition.



Nature became very important to many people during the lockdowns.

Did nature help you through this time? Did you explore local green spaces? Did you notice birds in your garden more and hear their songs?

Jenny and Dave are asking us to provide written and spoken responses to the questions above, to capture our experiences of nature during lockdown and produce an immersive multi-disciplinary crowd-sourced art installation of print, words and electronic music

FOR MORE DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED, PLEASE VISIT WWW.LANCASTERPRIORY.ORG

THE LAUNCH EVENT FOR THIS WILL BE ON FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER.

COMMUNITY PRINTMAKING WORKSHOPS*

26TH OCTOBER, FROM 10.00 AT LEIGHTON MOSS 30TH OCTOBER. FROM 10.00 AT LANCASTER PRIORY

This will include a sound booth to record audio submissions.

*Further bob-up workshop dates to be announced

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CONCERT

LANCASTER & DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY

SATURDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2021, 19.30



Conductor: John Perrin Pianist: Richard McGregor Narrator: Ginny Scott

LDCS returns to performance, reflecting on shared experiences through the pandemic. The varied repertoire ranges from popular classics like the Hallelujah Chorus to favourites from Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera and a selection of Christmas carols.

PLEASE SEE THE LDCS WEBSITE FOR TICKET DETAILS

SERVICE

ADVENT CAROLS

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2021, 19.30



A service of readings and carols to start the season of Advent.

CONCERT

ECHO VOCAL ENSEMBLE

THURSDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2021, 19.30



Photo © Eliza Brown

Echo Vocal Ensemble brings their 'Already Gone' programme to Lancaster Priory for the first time. Described as 'sparkling, poised and subtly powerful' (The Arts Desk), the programme takes listeners on a journey that both celebrates nature's abundance and warns of future scarcity, keeping the climate emergency at its forefront.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA WWW.LANCASTERARTS.ORG Bar Open from 19.00



CONCERT

SONGS FOR CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY 11[™] DECEMBER 2021, 19.30



Join together to hear and sing along with songs from singer-songwriter Sufjan Stevens's 10 Christmas EPs.

Featuring Dot Crotchet and the Raging Harmonies, the Brandy Burners Band and a glowing throng of lead singers both visiting from afar and cherished locals. Glad to be back at Lancaster Priory to share new arrangements we've made over the past couple of years since the last live performance of Sufjan's songs in Edinburgh 2019

TICKETS: £7 ADULTS, £1 CHILDREN AVAILABLE FROM WWW.MOREMUSIC.ORG.UK BAR OPEN FROM 19.00



: CHRISTMAS CANDLELIT SPECTACULAR

FEATURING THE PRIORY CHOIRS, ORCHESTRA AND SOLOISTS

17TH & 18TH DECEMBER 2021, 19.30

TICKETS: £13/£11/£6 (UNDER 18s HALF-PRICE)

For more information please visit www.lancasterpriory.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021, 18.30

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

When you hear the choirboy sing *Once in Royal David's City*, you know that Christmas has begun!

FRIDAY 24[™] DECEMBER 2021, 15.00

CHRISTINGLE

A children's service, accompanied by our marvellous Jazz Band. Come dressed as your favourite nativity character for our annual dose of Christmas chaos...

FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2019, 23.30

MIDNIGHT MASS

A Choral Eucharist to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2019, 10.00

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Our Christmas morning service for all the family.





SATURDAY COFFEE CONCERTS: AUTUMN 2021

START YOUR WEEKEND WITH A CONCERT. ACCOMPANIED BY A FAIR-TRADE DRINK FROM THE PRIORY CAFE

ALL CONCERTS START AT 10.30AM

FREE ADMISSION WITH A RETIRING COLLECTION

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

GARY CUNLIFFE WITH THE BLUE MOON QUARTET FEATURING PAUL HELLIWELL (ALTO SAX)

'Let Me Sing And I'm Happy' songs associated with iconic male singers of the American Popular Song.

SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

DUNELM DUO Multi-skilled wind player, Lynne Williams returns with sax classics accompanied by Robert Rainford.

SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

TRIXI SCHIROK AND FRIENDS

A varied programme of songs, mostly in German, though this time other languages seem to have sneaked in.

SATURDAY 9[™] OCTOBER

IAN AND MARGARET PATTINSON

Popular mother & son duo entertain you with music for voice & organ.

SATURDAY 23RD OCTOBER

DIVERS VOYCES

A small mixed-voice a capella choir singing primarily for enjoyment.

SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

STRINGS AND WIND ENSEMBLE.

Andy Whitfield's Latin American suite of dances.

SATURDAY 27[™] NOVEMBER

TRIXI SCHIROK AND FRIENDS

German Christmas Carols or 'Weihnachtslieder' - come and sing along!

SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER

LANCASTER COMMUNITY
MUSIC CENTRE BIG BAND

Classic and contemporary jazz & swing big band music.

TICKET PRICING

A large proportion of concerts in this autumn season are free of charge and others are deliberately low-priced to wider access in celebration of our return to public arts events.

ACCESSIBILTY

We will work hard to ensure that Priory events are as accessible as possible in this historic building. Please contac us to discuss your needs, if appropriate.

SAFETY MEASURES

Constantly responding to the ever-changing guidelines, we will work hard to ensure we keep people as safe as possible in these challenging times. The building will be operating with a reduced capacity, concerts are often shorter without intervals, and any queuing will be managed appropriately.

PARKING

Limited disabled parking is available by the church tower or a first-come, first-served basis. The nearest secure parking is ParkSafe on Damside Street, only a short walk from the Priory.



Photo © Darren Andrews

We welcome enquiries from musicians and artists for coffee concerts, evening recitals, exhibitions and other events.

Please contact me on steph@lancasterpriory.org to discuss potential collaborations. I would also be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer to support events as a steward.

I hope that you enjoy this season's exciting programme and look forward to welcoming you to Lancaster Priory.

Steph

Steph Edwards Events Manager

All details in this booklet were correct at time of printing but are subject to change. Please see our website for up-to-date information.



DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JOINING ONE OF THE SIX CHOIRS AT LANCASTER PRIORY.

BOYS' CHOIR

Monday 6.30pm-7.30pm **Friday** 7.15pm-8.15pm

GIRLS' CHOIR

Wednesday 6.30pm-7.30pm

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Friday 4pm-5pm

ATB CHOIR

Friday 7.15pm-9pm

WOMEN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals on a project basis

OCCASIONAL SINGERS

Sundays, 11.30am-12noon

On Sundays the Boys' and Girls' choirs alternate between the CHORAL EUCHARIST (10am) and CHORAL EVENSONG (6.30pm) services during term time; the ATB choir sings for both.

Our music lists for services and concerts are published on our website each month.

The robed choirs also sing for **SPECIAL SERVICES**, **CONCERTS** and **TRIPS** throughout the year.

For further information about joining the choirs at Lancaster Priory, please contact:

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