

Golden Jubilee Celebrations

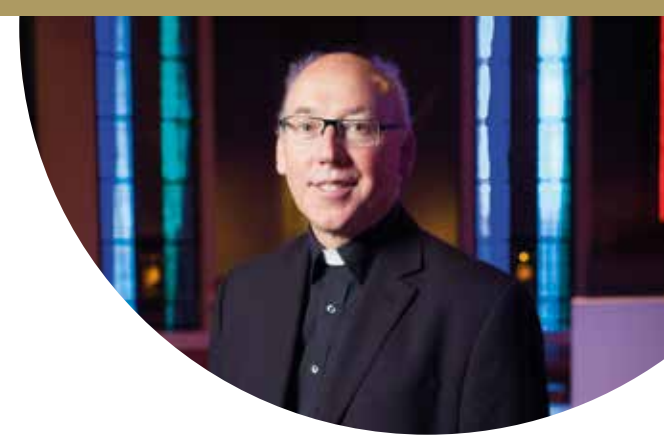
1967 — 2017



2017 Events Guide



Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool



It is with a great sense of joy and with many past memories that I wish to introduce the programme of events and special celebrations marking our Golden Jubilee Year.

The programme is a celebration of the Cathedral's fifty year journey with events relating to the opening, others depicting key moments in our history and yet others a celebration of all that the Cathedral means for us today. The variety of events, exhibitions and services have been chosen in order to involve and attract as many people as possible to celebrate this Jubilee Year with us. There is something for everyone and I hope you will come along and share in the celebrations for what will be a wonderful and historic year at the Met!

Throughout our history the Cathedral has remained open with the regular rhythm of Mass, Prayer and Choral Office being the foundation of all that takes place here. This rhythm has continued throughout the joys and tragedies within our local community and the city. This defines what we are as a Cathedral and inspires all the witness and activity that we engage in. We give thanks to God for the many people who have been part of this Cathedral Community over the years, the developments and partnerships both ecumenical and civic which have been for the wider good of our communities and for the wonderful things that have happened over the course of this first half century of our history. May the next fifty years be as blessed.

Anthony O'Brien

Canon Anthony O'Brien
Cathedral Dean

Golden Jubilee Celebration Events at a Glance

May

* 1st May

Jubilee Organ Recital
by Martin Baker

13th May

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Pierre Henry:
The Liverpool Mass

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Voices of the Metropolitan
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Street Listening Trail

19th May

LightNight:
Rotation18269

* 20th May

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* 29th May

Jubilee Organ Recital
by James Luxton

June

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Cathedral Flower
Festival - Cathedral Life:
A Floral Tribute

4th June

Pentecost Jubilee Mass
-
Pentecost Ecumenical
Service of Thanksgiving

10th June

Royal Liverpool
Philharmonic Orchestra
presents "Gloria!"

15th June

Nugent: Cathedral
Golden Jubilee Good
Shepherd Mass

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* 24th June

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November

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15th November

Requiem - Mozart

17th November
- 18th March 2018

John Piper at Tate
Liverpool

26th November

Titular Feast of Christ the
King - Solemn Mass

* Events listed on pages
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Bluecoat presents Pierre Henry: The Liverpool Mass

13th May

Start: 7.00pm

Tickets: £10 / £7

Tickets available from:
Bluecoat Box Office:
info@thebluecoat.org.uk
0151 702 5324



Bluecoat



A pioneer of musique concrète,
Pierre Henry is known worldwide
for developing electronic music.

He was commissioned to compose the music
for the Cathedral's Inaugural Festival in 1967,
however it was not completed.

Now, in a unique collaboration between the
French composer and Bluecoat, which celebrates
its 300th anniversary this year, the piece -
structured as a traditional Catholic Mass -
will be presented in full, with a brand new sound
design. This première, which is literally 50 years
in the making, is not to be missed!





Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral – Hope Street Listening Trail

18th May - 30th June

Free entry.

For more information visit:
www.voicesofthemet.com

Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral is a fascinating audio trail that will take you on a journey along Hope Street.

Follow the trail across five locations - the Unity Theatre, Hope Street Hotel, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, the Everyman Theatre and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Along the way, you'll discover audio tracks that recount a range of memorable anecdotes and memories from the Metropolitan Cathedral's rich history.

Voices of the Metropolitan Cathedral has been created by the award winning arts and heritage specialists METRO-BOULOT-DODO in partnership with the Cathedral.



LightNight: Rotation18269

19th May

Start: 7.00pm

Free entry.

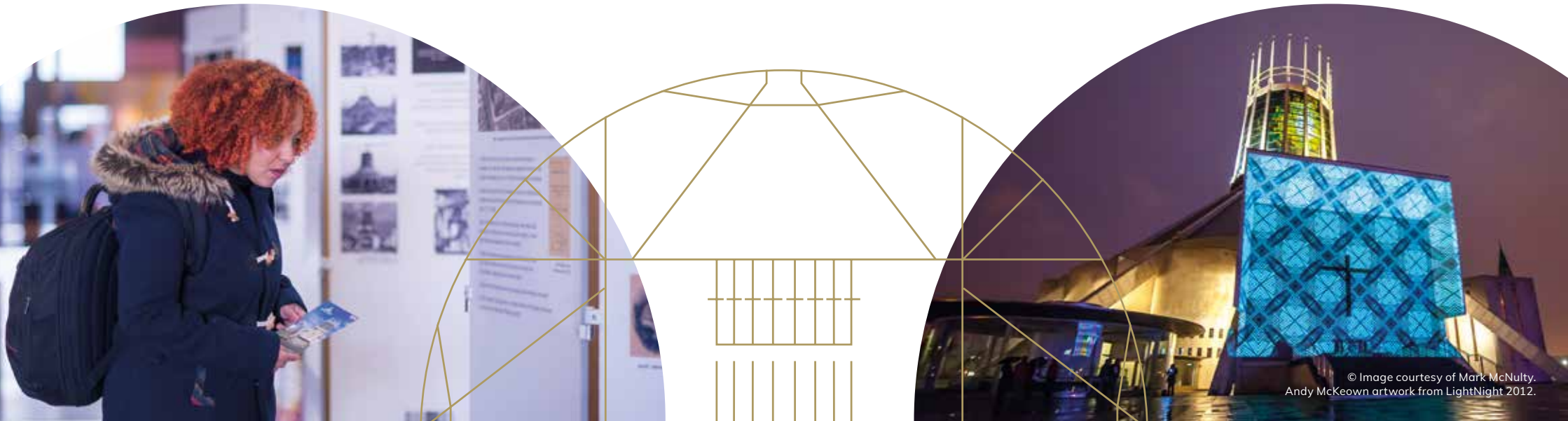
For more information visit:
www.lightnightliverpool.co.uk

LIGHTNIGHT
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Don't miss this unique chance to see the awe-inspiring interior of the Metropolitan Cathedral as you've never seen it before.

Liverpool's citywide LightNight marks 18269 days since the Consecration of the Cathedral in 1967. In this special commission, renowned new-media artist Andy McKeown will create a brand new large scale light performance in collaboration with the Cathedral Choir and organist Matthew Searles.

The evening will include performances of music by Thomas Tallis, Olivier Messiaen and Arvo Pärt and is a brilliant opportunity for audiences to experience the Cathedral in a brand new way.





Cathedral Flower Festival – Cathedral Life: A Floral Tribute

2nd - 5th June

Start: 10.00^{am} - 4.00^{pm} daily
Free entry.

To celebrate our Golden Jubilee weekend the iconic interior of the Metropolitan Cathedral will be transformed by a dazzling array of floral displays themed around Cathedral life.

Join us for a glorious day out, and enjoy homemade refreshments in the Gibberd Room whilst viewing over 20 displays designed by award winning florists from across the region.



Pentecost Jubilee Mass

4th June

Start: 11.00^{am}
Free entry.

This Jubilee Mass, which takes place on the Feast of Pentecost, will officially mark 50 years of the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP will preside at this Festival Mass and will be joined by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, guest preacher, who will be returning to his home city to celebrate with us, along with many of the priests who have served at the Cathedral over the years. All are welcome to attend this joyful Mass of thanksgiving.

Join us again at 3^{pm} as Church leaders and congregations from across Merseyside gather in unity on this Feast of Pentecost to pray for the needs of our communities and our city at our Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will give the Address on the theme 'Thy Kingdom Come.'





Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra presents “Gloria!”

10th June

Start: 7.30^{pm}

Tickets: £25

Tickets available from:
Philharmonic box office
0151 709 3789
www.liverpoolphil.com



We welcome the world-renowned Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra to present Sir James MacMillan’s *Gloria*.

Undoubtedly the most high-profile composer of religious music in the country today, Sir James MacMillan originally wrote *Gloria* to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the new cathedral in Coventry and will conduct this concert.

Written for a leading tenor soloist, Ian Bostridge sang in that first performance, and will also appear at this special concert to celebrate our own Jubilee. The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir, joined by the choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral will surely raise the roof with an evening that promises to be glorious.



Nugent: Cathedral Golden Jubilee Good Shepherd Mass

15th June

Start: 1.00^{pm}

For more information visit:
www.wearenugent.org

This Mass for children, which is organised by Nugent will be celebrated by Bishop Thomas Williams with students and teachers from Archdiocese schools and colleges.

The theme of the Mass is #LiveOutLove which celebrates the faith in action of our young people and the continuous service that they give to help the most vulnerable people in the Archdiocese in the spirit of Fr. James Nugent.

At this Mass we'll give thanks for the huge fundraising efforts of our schools and colleges who raise money throughout Lent, in support of the Good Shepherd Fund. Music at the Mass will be led by a 1000 strong choir of children from across the Archdiocese.





Noye's Fludde – Benjamin Britten

13th July

Start: 7.00^{pm}
Tickets: £7.50

Tickets available from:
The Cathedral Gift Shop,
or www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpoolmetmusic

A one-act opera by the British composer Benjamin Britten, Noye's Fludde was first performed in Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral in the Jubilee year of 2000.

Based on the 15th century Chester "mystery" or "miracle" play which recounts the Old Testament story of Noah's Ark this production will be presented by musicians from the Cathedral and schools across the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

The large children's chorus represents the pairs of animals who march into and out of the ark, and proceedings are directed by the spoken Voice of God, played on this occasion by the Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool.



Production of Noyes Fludde presented by Highbury Opera Theatre, at the Joan of Arc Church, London 2011. Photo by Hannah Barton.



A New Cathedral, 1960:

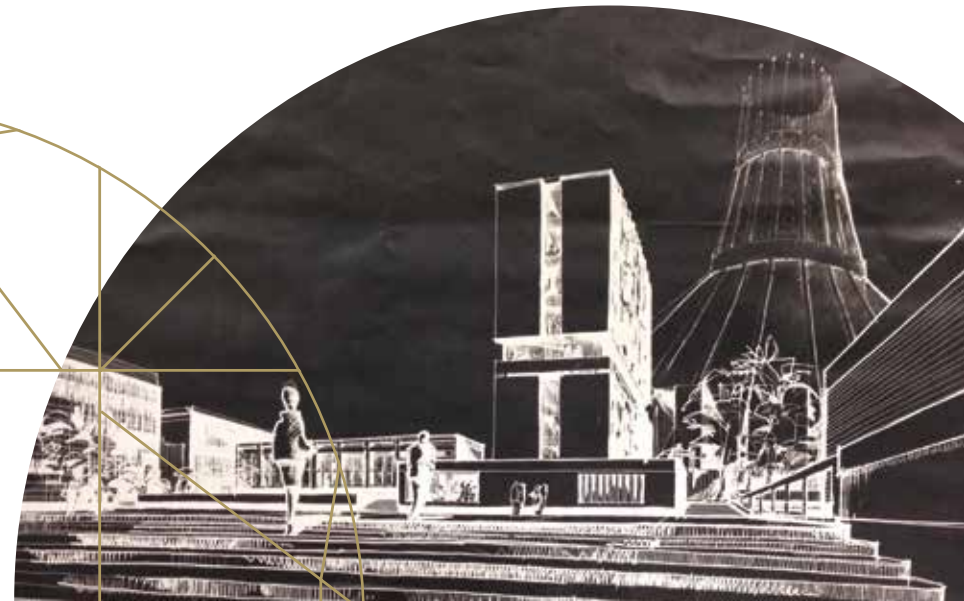
Designs from the architectural competition for Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

24th July
- 3rd September

Start: 10.00^{am} - 4.00^{pm} daily
Free entry.

This exhibition will bring together for the first time a selection of submissions from the 1960 architectural competition for Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

As one of the major architectural competitions of the post-war period, it attracted international attention, with 299 entries from around the world. This unique exhibition, which has been produced by Liverpool John Moores University will also include newly commissioned physical models of key schemes. Located within the main entrance porch of the Cathedral this will be an opportunity for the public to see some of the alternative designs, with contemporary reflections upon their merits.





The Sixteen – Choral Pilgrimage

22nd September

Start: 7.00^{pm}

Tickets: £16

Tickets available from:
www.ncem.co.uk or
 call 01904 651485

The Sixteen - probably Britain's most beloved choir, under the direction of Harry Christophers - return once again to Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral for their annual Choral Pilgrimage.

Each year they feature different composers and this year pair Poulenc and Palestrina.

Poulenc's choral music was all written after 1936, when the tragic death of a close friend led to a religious epiphany. Its seriousness and intensity contrast with his more frivolous secular style, but these works make perfect companion pieces for the pure counterpoint of the great Renaissance master, Palestrina.



Liverpool Welsh Choral

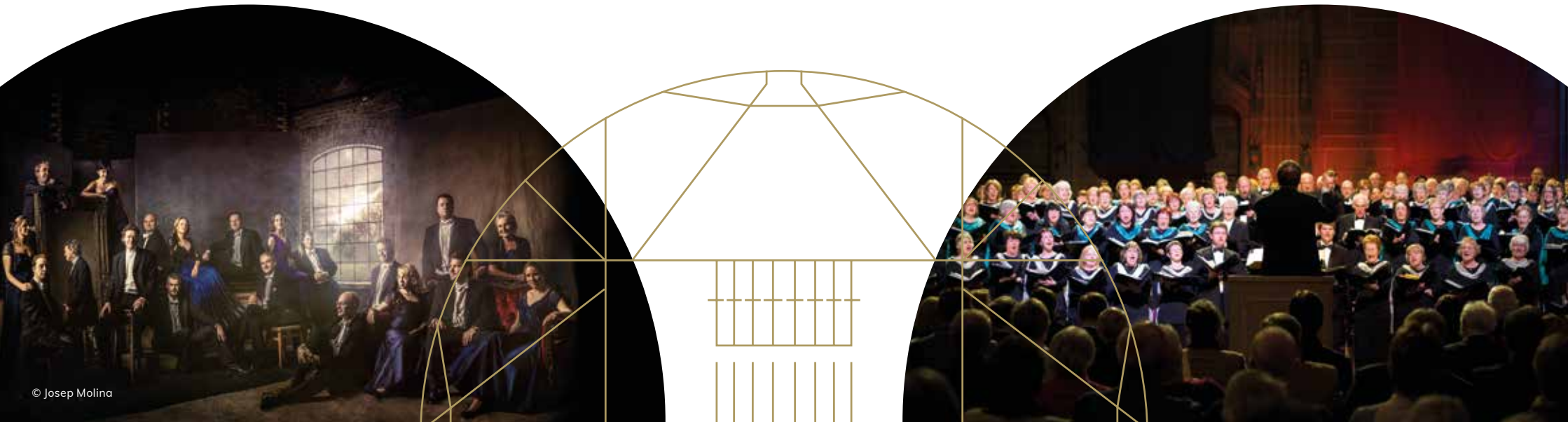
4th November

Start: 7.30^{pm}

Ticket information
 to be announced.

The Liverpool Welsh Choral Union (as it was then known) took part in the opening concert of the Cathedral in 1967. In recognition of this, we are delighted that they have accepted the invitation to participate in our anniversary celebrations.

Directed by conductor Keith Orrell, the choir's programme includes *Lux Aeterna* and *Sure on this Shining Night* by American composer Morten Lauridsen, *Sleep* by fellow American Eric Whitacre, Gorecki's *Totus Tuus* and *The Five Spirituals* from Michael Tippett's *A Child of our Time*, together with organ solos performed by Stephen Hargreaves.





Requiem – Mozart

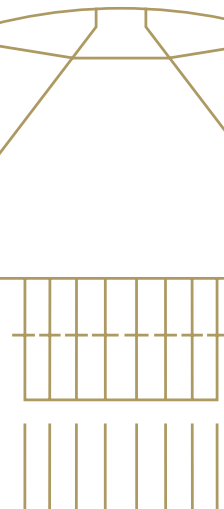
15th November

Start: 7.00^{pm}
 Tickets: £20 / £10
 Tickets available from:
 The Cathedral Gift Shop,
 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpoolmetmusic

Joining together in concert for the first time ever, the choirs of Westminster Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral perform Mozart's sublime Requiem.

Composed in 1791, but unfinished at his death, Mozart's Requiem has captured the imagination of audiences worldwide since its first performance in 1793. Much of the intrigue surrounding the work is centred around exactly how much of the Requiem Mozart himself composed, and how much was completed by his students.

Directed by the Cathedral Director of Music, Christopher McElroy, the choirs will be accompanied by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra.



John Piper at Tate Liverpool

17th November
 - 18th March 2018

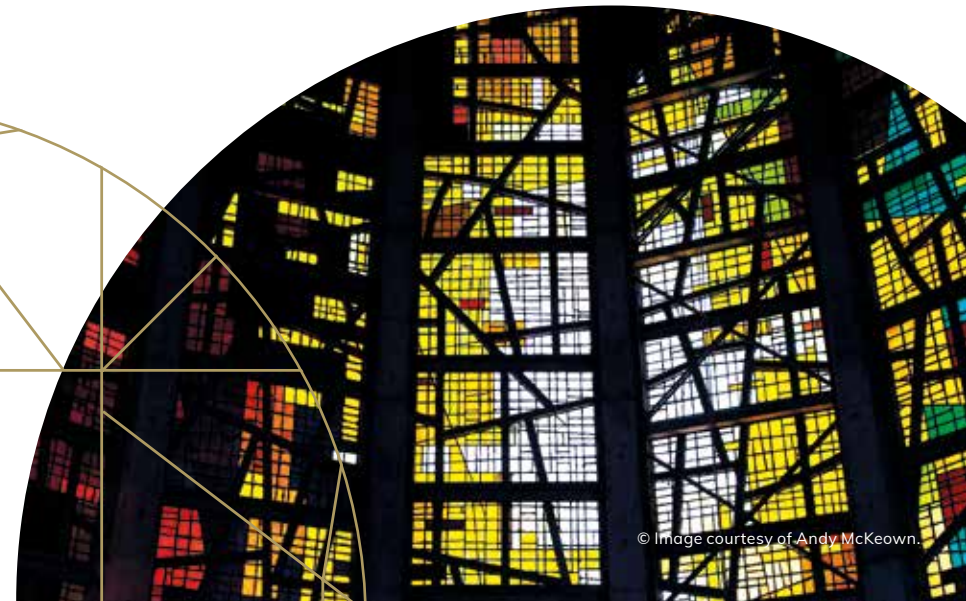
Tickets: £10
 Tickets available from:
www.tate.org.uk



See John Piper's work in a whole new light, as Tate Liverpool presents a case for his role as a European modernist in Britain.

The English artist John Piper (1903–1992) designed much of the stained glass within the Cathedral, including its famous Lantern Tower. Piper was renowned for his extraordinarily diverse practice that embraced landscape, architectural and abstract compositions, as well as his theatre and stage sets for Benjamin Britten.

Presenting more than 50 works including painting, relief, collage and photography, this exhibition offers a fresh look at the work of this versatile artist showing how Piper's work fused the innovations of the European avant-garde with a powerful sensitivity to Britain and its history.





Christ the King – Solemn Mass

26th November

Start: 11.00^{am}
Free entry.

Our Titular Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Liturgical Year.

At this Solemn Mass we will come together to mark the conclusion of our Jubilee Year and to call on God's blessing for the challenges that lie ahead as we embark on the next stage of our Cathedral's journey. Our Choirs will be joined by many former Cathedral Choristers from the last fifty years.

All are warmly welcome to attend.



Jubilee Organ Recitals

Tickets: £5 per recital

Tickets available from:
The Cathedral Gift Shop,
or www.ticketsource.co.uk/lpoolmetmusic

For more information, including details of our Summer series of organ recitals, please visit: www.liverpoolmetro cathedral.org.uk

As the Cathedral reaches its 50th Anniversary, so does its famous Grand Organ.

Built by Walkers and completed just hours before the consecration in 1967, it has since been played by some of the most celebrated organists in the world. This year, we'll pay tribute to the Cathedral's much-loved Grand Organ in a special series of 50th anniversary recitals alongside our regular Summer series of organ recitals.

1st May, 3^{pm} – Martin Baker

Westminster Cathedral

29th May, 3^{pm} – James Luxton

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

16th June, 7.30^{pm} – Johann Vexo

Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

7th July, 7.30^{pm} – Ian Tracey

Liverpool Cathedral





The Concerts Society Jubilee Programme

May - November

All concerts take place in the Cathedral unless stated otherwise.

Tickets: £10 / £7 / £3

Available from:
www.cathedralconcerts.org.uk

The Concerts Society was established in the 1960s soon after the opening of the Cathedral to promote musical and cultural events at the Cathedral.

Today the Society, which is run on a voluntary basis independently of the Metropolitan Cathedral, produce a vibrant year-round programme of concerts and events with the sole aim of providing 'Music for All'.

Their 2017 programme includes a series of special concerts that pay tribute to our Golden Jubilee Year.



20th May 7.30^{pm} Time and Tide

A wide-ranging concert reflecting composers' responses to the passing of time.

24th June 7.30^{pm} A Tribute to the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary

To focus on the splendour of the Cathedral's 50th Anniversary this concert is built around Beethoven's grand overture *The Consecration of the House* and the majestic *Hymn of Praise* by Mendelssohn. Additionally, the Society has commissioned a number of new works from composers closely associated with the Society, the Cathedral and Liverpool. These include Robin Hartwell's new *Concertante for Solo Trumpet*, Moseley's new orchestral version of *In This House* and works for unaccompanied Cantata Choir by Michael Stubbs; James Smith; James Luxton (Metropolitan Cathedral) and Dr. Rob Howard, (St Edward's College).

8th July 7.30^{pm} Stephen Pratt's 70th Birthday Concert

This concert, appropriately in the Cathedral's Anniversary year, celebrates the Society's long-standing conductor, Stephen Pratt. The chosen works reflect his musical enthusiasms and include the première of his *Imaginary Folksongs* written for the clarinettist Jacqueline Thomas and the première of *New Year* – a birthday piece by John Moseley for Stephen.

7th October 7.30^{pm} Celebration

The title speaks for itself as, continuing the celebrations for the Cathedral's special year, this concert celebrates British music in this wonderful building. A new feature is the formation of the Cathedral Community Choir, drawn from the wider Cathedral Community: an opportunity for all those associated with the Cathedral to join in the celebrations. Announcements will shortly be made regarding how to join this exciting new group.

11th November 7.30^{pm} Far from the Madding Crowd

An antidote to the stresses of daily life with music that harks back to times when most people lived in a rural setting and their lives, though hard, were less pressured and hectic. This concert will take place in the intimate surroundings of the Lutyens Crypt Concert Room.

22 Regular Service Times

The Metropolitan Cathedral offers a year-round programme of warm and welcoming services. We extend a huge welcome to friends from all walks of life, all faiths and all corners of the globe.

Our regular service schedule is listed below.

Sunday

8.30^{am}
Morning Mass
Blessed Sacrament
Chapel

10.00^{am}
Family Mass
Crypt Chapel

11.00^{am}
Solemn Choral Mass
Cathedral

1.00^{pm}
**Polish Community
Mass**
Crypt Chapel

3.00^{pm}
**Choral Evening
Prayer** (term time only)
Cathedral

7.00^{pm}
Evening Mass
Crypt Chapel

Monday - Friday

7.45^{am}
Morning Prayer
(recited)
Blessed Sacrament
Chapel

8.00^{am}
Morning Mass
Blessed Sacrament
Chapel

12.15^{pm}
Lunchtime Mass
Crypt Chapel

5.15^{pm}
Evening Mass
Blessed Sacrament
Chapel

5.45^{pm}
**Choral Evening
Prayer**
(Wednesday - Friday
term time only)
Cathedral

Saturday

8.45^{am}
Morning Prayer
(recited)
Blessed Sacrament
Chapel

9.00^{am}
Morning Mass
Blessed Sacrament
Chapel

6.30^{pm}
Vigil Mass
Crypt Chapel

Entrance to the Metropolitan Cathedral is free and open to all seven days a week 7.30^{am} - 6.00^{pm}

Please note that our service schedule can change from time to time, for instance at Christmas and Easter. Please visit www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk for the latest service times.



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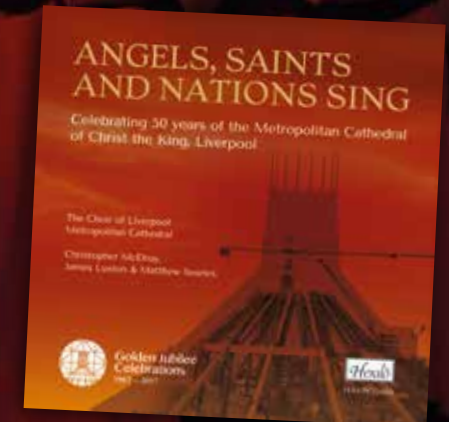


Angels, Saints and Nations Sing

To celebrate the Cathedral's Jubilee year, the Cathedral Choir has recorded a new CD of music which has played a special part in celebrations in the Cathedral over the last 50 years.

Includes music by William Byrd, John Rutter, Philip Duffy and Mervyn Cousins.

The CD can be purchased by contacting the music office on:
0151 708 7283
music@metcathedral.org.uk





The Metropolitan Cathedral would like to thank

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Our Partners:

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, Liverpool John Moores University, Metro-Boulot-Dodo, The Cathedral Concerts Society, The Cathedral Music Department, Bluecoat, Culture Liverpool, LightNight, Nugent, Liverpool Welsh Choral, Tate, The Sixteen, Joseph Massie Flowers along with Flower Arrangers from across the Diocese.

Members of the Jubilee Committee:

Canon Anthony O'Brien, Mr Terence Duffy, Ms Claire Hanlon,
Professor Jim Keaton, Ms Katie Lucas, Ms Sophie Mahar, Dr Christopher McElroy,
Professor Stephen Pratt, Mr Peter Woods DL.


We remember with gratitude Tony Grieco who was a member
of the Jubilee committee but sadly passed away in September 2016.



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