

Chorister Promotions, Farewells and Prizes

THANKS & FAREWELLS to some of our cathedral choristers, and **PRIZES** to others were made at the beginning of the season to many of our dedicated young singers.

Hannah Snape (deputy head girl) – who, because of her school schedule, was leaving the Girls' Choir and joining the YPC.

When she was blessed by Canon Ledbetter she was watched by her family (Dad **Anthony**, Mum **Amanda**, Grandma and brother **Chris**), who have very strong connections with our cathedral.



Dad is a choirman, Mum is a server and Secretary of the Cathedral Choirs' Association, and brother Chris is a member of the YPC and also an elected member of the Cathedral Choir's Assoc. Committee!



Deputy head boy

Harvey Finney was blessed by the Dean after his long career in the boys' choir; he, too, would be joining the YPC.

Harvey is also to be seen as an acolyte at Sunday morning Eucharists – in company with some other ex-trebles.

We are so grateful for their outstanding dedication.

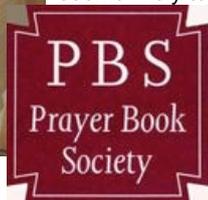
During the BCCA Annual Reunion weekend, **Neil**

Inkley, secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Prayer Book Society, presented **Emily Kennedy** with a 1662 Book of Common Prayer, after she had been welcomed to BCCA by our



out-going Senior Old Chorister, the **Rev. Ian Hollin**.

This was the first time that the Prayer Book Award had been made by the PBS – and it seems likely to



become a regular part of our Thanking Ceremonies.

And there were more UPGRADINGS in our boys' choir at the beginning of our new season.



Aidan Halsall (above) was made deputy head boy, succeeding Harvey Finney and, watching, was **Callum Briggs** who was about to be promoted to Prefect. Well done!

There were four upgradings by the Dean, who as ever, paid tribute to the wholehearted commitment by the choristers' parents to the cathedral and its choirs.



L-R: **Leo Fulwell, Matthew Howard, Sebastian Roberts & Zak Taylor**.

The Dean said another special Farewell to **Louisa Stirland**, whose home is near Preston and whose new school schedule no longer allows her to sing with our choirs.



Louisa, as we all know, was the BBC's Young Chorister of The Year in 2012 – we are very proud of her.

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A very special event takes place at Evensong every November – the **CHORISTER AWARDS**, thanks to the generosity of many folk whose goodwill towards our adventurous and thrilling music programme has made such Awards possible.

The **FRED GREEN AWARD** was given to **Leo Fulwell, Oliver Fulwell and Zak Taylor**.



Fred was a Cathedral Chorister under T. L. Duerden and John Bertalot: he was also a Churchwarden for over 20 years and Mayor of the Ribble Valley.



He was a long-standing member of the Livesey Trust and felt that the commitment of the cathedral choristers who lived outside Blackburn (and therefore whose travel time was significant) should be recognised.

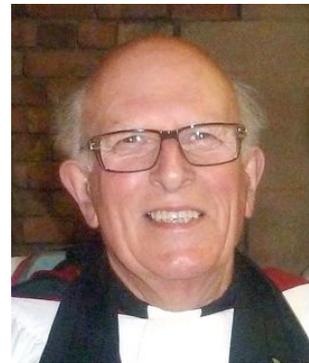
On his death in 2001 Blackburn Rotary Club (of which Fred was a past President) set up a fund in his memory to fulfil his wish.

The **CHADWICK MEMORIAL PRIZE** was presented to Prefect **Callum Briggs**.



This prize comes from a bequest by **PETER CHADWICK**, a former teacher at St. Peter's C of E School (now absorbed into St Wilfrid's Academy) from where many choristers came in years gone by.

The **DEAN DAVID FRAYNE AWARD** was presented to **Clara Slater**.



This Award, to mark the ministry of the first Dean of Blackburn and funded by the Livesey Trust, is made to an outstanding candidate.

The **FRIENDS OF BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL AWARD** was presented by the Chairman of The Friends, H.H. Jeremy Duerden, to **Esther Worrall** and **William Fielding**.



The Award, in the form of handsome goblets, is given to choristers who have devoted themselves fully to the life and work of the Cathedral, and who make excellent contributions to the cathedral choirs in which they sing.

Well done all, and **THANK YOU!**