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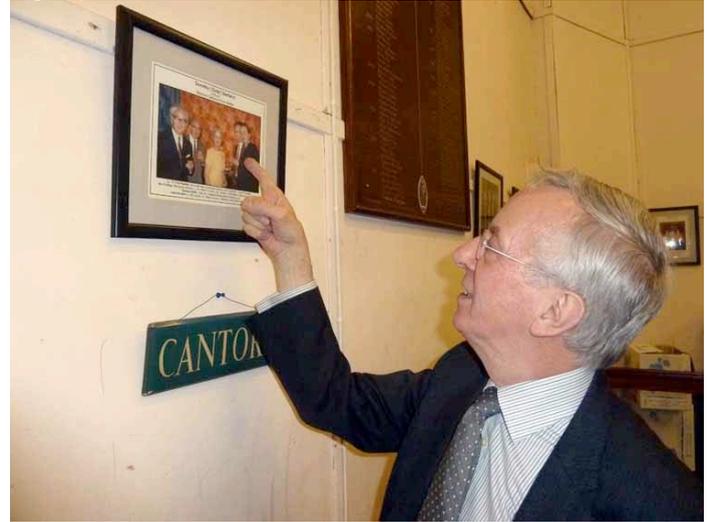
December 2012

Distinguished Musical Visitor

It was a great joy to welcome **Terence Duffy** to our cathedral in December to present a scholarship award to choral scholar **Philip Almond**. Terry was the very first organist of the new Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool nearly 50 years ago, and his brother, Philip, was Director of Music. Together they built up a superb programme of music in that spectacular cathedral which continues to this day. Terry also recently filled the post of Director of Music for several years, so his musical influence on 'The Met' has been considerable.

*Our Director of Music, **Samuel Hudson**, with Philip & Terry*

Terry presented the award on behalf of the Friends of Cathedral Music from a legacy made by a former member of the FCM Council, Tony Harvey. The FCM have been very generous to Blackburn Cathedral – not least in subsidising our splendid choir desks in the Song School.

Terry also met our **Dean** and **Dudley Green**, former Diocesan Representative of the FCM who is a most loyal member of our congregation. Everyone seemed to enjoy the encounter.

After presenting the award, Terry visited our Song School (which is about to be completely renovated) for he saw there a photograph of himself taken in 1970 when he attended one of the opening recitals on our new 1969 organ given by the distinguished Belgian organist and composer, **Flor Peeters.** (Flor Peeters had also given the opening recital on the Liverpool organ.)

1970: Flor Peeters, Bert Collop (MD of Walker's) Dots Bertalot (Choirmum), Terence Duffy & John Bertalot (the then DoM).

And Terry also took the opportunity to play our magnificent organ (renovated by David Wood in 2002). His Liverpool organ and our own 1969 organ were almost contemporary, and both were built by J. W. Walker and Sons.

But theirs is bigger and louder! *It was a most happy visit.*

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Christmas Spectacular