

Event schedule

06.00: Adfield event team arrive at station and sig in at SMC with Duty Team Leader. Event staging set up begins (estimated set up of one hour).

07.00: Event staging set up on Platform 2 (set back from platform edge).

08.00 to 08.30: Reception area and catering set up – Louise Rutherford leading this.

08.39: Karen Boswell and Cathedral participants arrive (1S03 – 07.36 from York to Aberdeen, 08.23 from Durham – set expected into Platform 2 at Newcastle)

XX and Neal Smith to greet party off train and transfer to SMC. [Cathedral Choir Choristers](#) to arrive in cassocks [and Surplices](#).

XX to transfer Karen Boswell to Platform 2 for final briefing on the event layout and running order.

Karen fitted with radio mike (clip on).

Other early guests remain at the reception by the SMC.

08.50: [Cathedral Choir Choristers](#) to Platform 2 for staging and run down with XX.

09.00: General guests arrive for reception with refreshments on station concourse by Station Management Centre

09.20 – Karen Boswell to get in position at the stage area.

09.25 – Confirmation from XX that the train has departed Durham (this is the cue to start the event on planned timings.)

09.30 to 09.40: [Cathedral Choir Choristers](#) begins [to sing](#) ~~singing~~ (XX to cue this). Guests invited to transfer to Platform 2 via the open gateline.

09.40: Right time arrival of the train (1N04, 06.15 from KGX, public arrival time of 09.42) arrives Platform 2 at Newcastle, watched by guests. [Cathedral Choir Choristers](#) 'sing in' the train.

Choir to end when indicated by XX – naming to start immediately after this.

09.45: Train naming ceremony begins at stage on Platform 2 - Karen Boswell, University Chancellor, Dean of [Durham Cathedral](#), Railway Chaplain. ****Full script for ceremony in Annexe A****

Stage positioning (from the perspective of the audience facing the stage, with the train behind it):

- Right of the stage: Karen Boswell
- Michael Sadgrove on left of stage next to curtain chord
- Other speakers on left of stage in order (L to R) of speaking: Prof Higgins, Rev Sorby, Bishop Wharton.
- After each speaker finishes they step off the stage and stage next to it in the area between the stage and the choristers stand.
- Michael Sadgrove invited back on to stage by Karen at the end of the ceremony.

09.45 to 09.48: Karen Boswell opens proceedings and welcomes guests. Introduces University Vice Chancellor Professor Christopher Higgins.

09.48 to 09.51: Professor Higgin's remarks about the Gospels exhibition.

09.51 to 09.52: Karen Boswell introduces the Dean of Durham, the Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove.

09.52 to 09.55: Dean's remarks and officially names the train. Nameplate revealed by curtain pull.

09.55 to 09.59: Choristers sing 'The Spiritual Railway' (cue is applause of the naming)

09.59 to 10.04: Rev Sorby blesses the train from the stage and offers prayers.

10.04 to 10.06: Bishop of Newcastle, The Right Reverend Martin Wharton, provides 'The Dismissal'.

10.06 to 10.08: Karen Boswell presents the Dean with the nameplate – this is a surprise for the Dean. (Neal Smith will hand this to Karen from the right side of the stage.)

10.08: Train naming ceremony ends

10.08 to 10.20:

| ~~Choristers start singing again—XX to cue start and end of this.~~

Adfield events team move stage away from platform.

| ~~Cathedral Choir Choristers~~ have photo next to the loco.

Media interviews supervised by XX and XX. (Karen and the Dean remain at this end of the Platform and do not join the procession.

10.15 to 10.20: Procession down Platform 2 to South end of Coach F

| The Cathedral verger, servers and ~~Cathedral Choir choristers~~ with a facsimile of the Gospels.

Guests follow the procession.

XX stops procession at Coach F and transfers choristers onto train (reservations for group are 'Durham Cathedral').

Tim Hedley-Jones and XX transfer guests further down platform to Coach L where they will board the train.

10.20 to 10.23: Guests board train at Coach L

Reserved in Coach L with allocated seating. Tim Hedley-Jones and XX lead as East Coast host with stakeholders in this coach.

Karen Boswell and Dean board train at Coach B. Neal Smith supervising this. Any media join on-board would also board on this coach, supervised by XX.

10.25: Train departs (1Y27)

| 10.25-10.30: XX goes with 7 ~~four~~ Cathedral Choir members plus conductor choristers to meet guard (XX) in vestibule of Coach F. Guard makes normal announcement and additional scripted special announcement.

| Members of Cathedral Cathedral Choir Choristers sing over the PA.

10.35: Train arrives at Durham – dwell time 1 minute 30 seconds.

Photographer 1 (XX) will cover the event at Newcastle and take the **photo of Karen Boswell and the Dean on platform with loco at Durham.**

Photographer 2 (XX) on opposite platform to capture loco with Cathedral in background.

Cathedral and other Durham guests depart train from Coach L.

10.37: Train departs Durham – Karen Boswell moves down train to Coach L to host stakeholder guests as far as York.

10.56: Train calls at Darlington

11.07: Train calls at Northallerton

11.27: Train arrives at York

11.29: York departure – most stakeholder guests will have departed, with the exception of a few who will travel the remainder of the journey as private guests.

Karen Boswell will remain on the train to London King's Cross but all stakeholder time will have been completed by York. XX will also remain on the train for the rest of the journey to manage any eventualities.

11.53: Train calls at Doncaster

12.16: Train calls at Newark North Gate

12.49: Train calls at Peterborough

13.42: Train arrives and terminates at London King's Cross

ANNEXE A

Speech for train naming ceremony

Karen Boswell is joined on stage by:

- *The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove – Dean of Durham*
- *Professor Christopher Higgins – Vice Chancellor of Durham University*
- *The Right Reverend Martin Wharton – Bishop of Newcastle*
- *Reverend Dr Stephen Sorby – Railway Chaplain*

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KAREN BOSWELL OPENS PROCEEDINGS

KAREN BOSWELL SPEECH:

Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of East Coast a warm welcome to Newcastle station.

(I hope you have been enjoying the coffee kindly provided by Costa.)

East Coast is honoured to be joined today by:

The Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Susan Snowden;

The Chairman Durham County Council, Councillor Pauline Charlton,

The Vice Chairman of the County Council, Councillor John Robinson;

And the Bishop of Newcastle, The Right Reverend Martin Whatron.

I would also particularly like to welcome our partners in this event:

The Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, his colleagues from Durham Cathedral and the amazing Cathedral choir.

And from Durham University – the Chancellor and world-renowned baritone, Sir Thomas Allen; Lady Allen; and the Vice Chancellor, Professor Christopher Higgins.

As well as our dedicated Railway Chaplain, the Reverend Stephen Sorby.

A warm welcome to everyone here today – it is fantastic to see so many of you here to celebrate the launch of the Durham Cathedral locomotive and to mark the [3 months display of the return of the](#) Lindisfarne Gospels [in to](#) the North East.

PAUSE

At East Coast we have sought to restore the tradition of train namings that reflect the pride of the areas we serve.

Trains bearing the names ‘Sir Bobby Robson’ and ‘Blaydon Races’ already travel throughout our route.

Today we name East Coast locomotive 91114 after another icon of the North East: Durham Cathedral.

The view of Durham Cathedral from the East Coast route is one of the most famous railway vistas in the world.

It is particularly fitting that at this special time - with the Lindisfarne Gospels [back](#) in the region - that we name the train in honour of this great building.

We look forward to thousands of visitors on board our services this summer as they travel to the Gospels exhibition.

We are delighted that many of these visitors will now travel on the ‘Durham Cathedral’ train.

PAUSE

I would like to invite Professor Christopher Higgins, the Vice Chancellor of Durham University, to speak about the Gospels in Durham.

VICE CHANCELLOR OF DURHAM UNIVERSITY’S SPEECH

KAREN BOSWELL RETURNS TO CENTRE OF THE STAGE

KAREN BOSWELL:

I would now like to invite the Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove

– who has done so much to make this happen and has been such a strong advocate for naming a train after Durham Cathedral -

to say a few words and officially name the locomotive.

DEAN OF DURHAM’S SPEECH

DEAN OF DURHAM NAMES THE TRAIN – PULLS CURTAIN TO REVEAL NAMEPLATE

CHOIR SING ‘THE SPRITUAL RAILWAY’

KAREN BOSWELL:

Thank you again to the wonderful Cathedral choir. I would now like to ask Reverend Stephen Sorby, who as railway chaplain provides great support to us, to bless the train.

REV SORBY BLESSES THE TRAIN ON STAGE AND OFFERS PRAYERS

KAREN BOSWELL:

Thank you, Stephen.

Finally, we ask the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right Reverend Martin Wharton – who has kindly joined us today – to provide The Dismissal.

THE BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE GIVES THE DISMISSAL

KAREN BOSWELL STEPS TO THE FRONT...

KAREN BOSWELL:

Thank you again to everyone for joining us at this special event this morning.

Before we start the inaugural train journey, we have an important and surprise presentation to make...

We would like to present the Dean with a Durham Cathedral nameplate.

NAMEPLATE PRESENTED TO THE DEAN OF DURHAM (Neal Smith will pass this to Karen from the side of the stage)

Thank you

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