The Archbishop Blanch Memorial Lecture Charity[1] was founded as a tribute to Stuart Blanch, beloved former Bishop of Liverpool and Archbishop of York.

Stuart became Bishop of Liverpool in 1966 and quickly captured the hearts and minds of clergy and laity in the diocese and is still fondly remembered. Nine years later he left us, on his appointment as Archbishop of York. He retired in 1983 and died in 1994. There were well-attended Memorial Services in both York and Liverpool. After some months, thought was being given to a suitable more lasting memorial. Thus was born the annual lecture which bears his name.

This year’s Lecture, “What’s Wrong with Poverty?” will be delivered by the Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London. There is no cost for this event but booking is essential. Tickets are available through Eventbrite at http://abblecture-estw.eventbrite.co.uk[2]. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm and the Cathedral Bookshop will be available with a selection of Sam’s books and some Christmas merchandise. Please feel free to pass this on to friends or colleagues who may find this of interest.

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