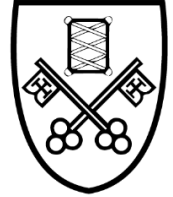




The Cathedral Church  
of St Peter Bradford



# The Eucharist

Advent 2

4 December 2022

10.30

# Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

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**Our purpose is serving Christ and transforming lives  
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- ❖ Welcome to Bradford Cathedral, particularly if you are visiting or with us for the first time – if you are, please do introduce yourself to a Steward or member of the Clergy. We hope you will stay and enjoy refreshments with us after the service, which will be served at the West End of the Cathedral.
- ❖ Large print copies are available from the stewards at the main door.
- ❖ You are invited to join in the words in **bold type** in this order of service and sit or stand as directed as you are able.
- ❖ The Cathedral Choir are directed this morning by Alex Berry, Director of Music, and the organ is played by Graham Thorpe, Assistant Director of Music.
- ❖ During the offertory hymn, a plate will be passed around for offerings. You can also make an offering: via the contactless card reader at the back, online via <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/get-involved/donate/> or by texting SEED followed by the amount you wish to give (max £20) to 70450 (e.g. text “Seed 15” to give £15). NB texts cost gift value, plus one standard message.
- ❖ Communion – please follow the directions of the Stewards when the time comes. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer, please indicate this to the Eucharistic Minister. For health reasons, we do not permit intinction (dipping the bread in the wine), but you are welcome to receive only the bread if you prefer. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, please speak with one of the stewards at the main door before the start of the service.
- ❖ Please be aware that today’s service is being livestreamed and will be available online for two weeks. If you do not want to appear on the livestream, please speak to one of the stewards who will direct you to a suitable seat.
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## **Organ Voluntary**

### **Welcome & Notices**

*The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford.*

### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

*As the second candle is lit to remember the Prophets. We pray together:*

**God our Father,  
you spoke to the prophets of old  
of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
of his coming kingdom.  
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
to share with those around us  
the good news of your power and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.**

### **Processional Hymn**

*Please stand.*

**The Lord will come and not be slow,  
his footsteps cannot err;  
before him righteousness shall go,  
his royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower,  
shall bud and blossom then;  
and justice, from her heavenly bower,  
look down on mortal men.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,  
this wicked earth redress;  
for thou art he who shalt by right  
the nations all possess.**

**The nations all whom thou hast made  
shall come, and all shall frame  
the bow them low before thee, Lord,  
and glorify thy name.**

**For great thou art, and wonders great  
by thy strong hand are done:  
thou in thy everlasting seat  
remainest God alone.**

*Words: John Milton (1608-1674), based on Psalms 82, 85, 86  
Tune: 'St Stephen', by William Jones (1726-1800) CP 37*

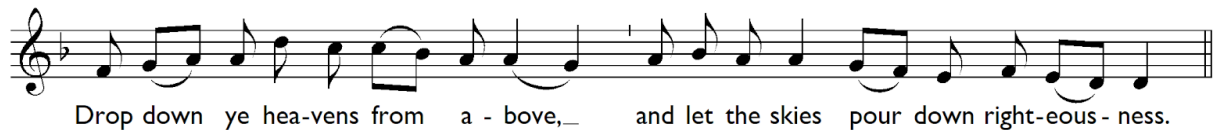
## Greeting

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*We sit or kneel.*

## The Advent Prose



*Choir* Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

*Choir* We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing,  
and we all do fade as a leaf:  
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away:  
thou hast hid thy face from us:  
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

**Drop down, ye heavens, from above,  
and let the skies pour down righteousness.**

*Music: RORATE CAELI, Mode i*

## Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*cf 1 Corinthians 4.5*

*Silence.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

*Choir* Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison,  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison,  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

*Music: Communion Service in F by Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

*The president declares God's forgiveness:*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence.*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us,  
and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness  
we are grievously hindered  
in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy  
may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

*Read by Nora Whitham*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

- <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.
- <sup>10</sup> On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;  
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence.*

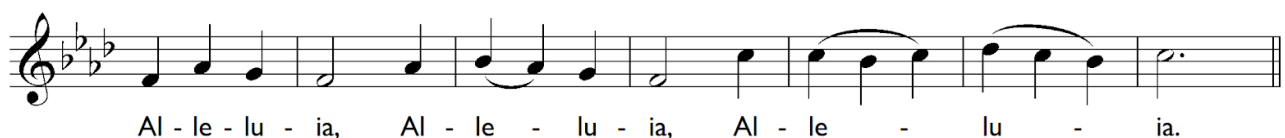
*We stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation



*Choir* Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Choir* Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3-5*



**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Read by Revd Paul Booth, Cathedral Chaplain*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”  
<sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,  
“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

*Matthew 3.1-12*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*Revd Revd Henriette Howarth, Leeds Diocesan Co-ordinator of Prayer and Spirituality*

*After the opening prayer, please be seated.*

*The sermon will be followed by a time of silent reflection.*



# Creed

*We stand.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*We sit.*

# Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Alex McLelland*

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

We pray for ...

Help us to live in the light of your coming  
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for ...

Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

We pray for ...

Break into our lives,  
where we struggle with sickness and distress,  
and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember ...

Give us with all the faithful departed  
a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,

that with Peter and all your saints and angels

we may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Silence*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people,  
who trust in your love.  
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Please stand.*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

*During this hymn a collection is taken. For other ways of giving, please see the inside front cover.*

**Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,  
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!  
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?  
Is it the music of his people's prayer?**

**Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices  
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;  
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,  
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!**

**This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?  
This shall he do, and can we still despair?  
come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,  
cast at his feet the burden of our care.**

**Yea through life, death, through sorrow and through sinning,  
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:  
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,  
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.**

Words: Frederic W H Myers (1843-1901)  
Tune: 'Highwood', R R Terry (1865-1938) CP 28

*The Table is set with bread and wine.*

## **Prayer at the Preparation of the Table.**

*Please remain standing to pray.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.  
**Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving Prayer**

*Prayer E*



The\_\_\_ Lord be\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ you and\_\_\_ al - so\_\_\_ with\_\_\_ you.

Lift\_\_\_\_\_ up your\_\_\_ hearts.. **We lift them to\_\_\_ the Lord..**

Let us give thanks to the Lord\_ our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

*Choir*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory,  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Music: Communion Service in F by Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,**  
**rising you restored our life:**  
**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Peter and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

*We kneel or sit in silence.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

## The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

*As the ministers receive communion the choir sings:*

*Choir*      O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
                 have mercy upon us.  
                 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
                 have mercy upon us.  
                 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
                 grant us Thy peace.

*Music: Communion Service in F by Harold Darke (1888-1976)*

*Please come forward to receive communion as directed by the stewards. Please indicate to those serving communion if you would like a gluten-free wafer. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than communion, please keep your hands down.*

## Communion Motet

Ave verum Corpus, natum de Maria Virgine  
vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine.  
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine.  
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.  
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, fili Mariae,  
miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
who truly suffered upon the cross for mankind:  
from whose pierced side there came forth water and blood;  
give us now, and at the time of our death, yourself to be our food.  
Gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

*Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225–74)  
Music: William Byrd (c 1540–1623)*

## Prayers after Communion

Father in heaven,  
who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge:  
give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming  
that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him  
with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**



## Chorister Valediction

*The Reverend Pete Gunstone, Interim Precentor*

Mr Dean, I present to you Michael Nzeribe, a chorister who has completed his time of service in our Cathedral Choirs.

*The Dean says*

Michael, on behalf of our Cathedral Chapter, and the congregations of this Cathedral Church, I thank you wholeheartedly for the service you have given to the worship of God in this place as a member of our Choirs.

*Michael is presented with a gift in thanksgiving for his service.*

*The Dean then prays*

Creator God,  
we thank you for your wonderful gift of music  
through which we behold your glory  
and our hearts are lifted to you.  
We pray for all who assist in the worship of this holy place  
through the offering of their musical gifts and talents.  
May they always sing your praises with joyful and thankful hearts.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Dean Andy then blesses the chorister saying*

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep you.  
May the Lord grant you the riches of his grace  
so that you may come to share  
with all God's people  
in the inheritance of the saints in glory.  
**Amen.**

*We stand.*

# Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew  
Christ would come, born a Jew,  
come to make all things new,  
bear his people's burden,  
freely love and pardon.

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
when he comes, when he comes,  
who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,  
this is God's timeless plan:  
he will come, as a man,  
born himself of woman,  
God divinely human.

Mary, hail! Though afraid,  
she believed, she obeyed.  
In her womb, God is laid:  
till the time expected,  
nurtured and protected.

Journey ends! Where afar  
Beth'lem shines, like a star,  
stable door stands ajar.  
Unborn Son of Mary,  
Saviour, do not tarry!

*Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!  
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!  
Jesus comes! Jesus comes!  
We will make him welcome!*

Words: F Pratt Green (1903-2000)  
Tune: 'Personent Hodie'. Melody from *Piæ Cantiones* (1582)  
harmonised by editors of *New English Hymnal* (1986)  
CP58

## Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*We remain standing as the choir and clergy exit.*

## Organ Voluntary

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## BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

**4 - 11 December and beyond – Revd Pete and Revd Ned are in residence**  
**Online Morning and Evening Prayer are held Monday-Saturday at 9am and 5.30pm**

<b>TODAY SUNDAY 4 December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	8.30am	Monthly breakfast for those attending Communion
	10.30am	The Eucharist
	11.30am	Just a Minute Reflection Group
	<b>There is no Choral Evensong as the choir is singing at Canon Paul's Installation as Rector of Leeds at Leeds Minster at 5.30pm</b>	
<b>Monday 5 December (No Choral Evensong)</b>	10.00am	School visit
	12noon	Monthly Staff Eucharist
	1.00pm	School visit
	7.00pm	Marie Curie Lights to Remember Service
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b>	10.00am	School visit
	1.00pm	School visit
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	8.15am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Heads of Department meeting
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Wednesday@One Organ Recital with Katelyn Emerson (Cambridge)
	2.15pm	Finance Committee meeting
<b>Thursday 8 December</b>	10.00am	School Visit
	1.00pm	School visit
	6.00pm	NHS Carol Service
<b>Friday 9 December</b>	9am and 5.30pm	Online Morning and Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday 10 December</b>	10.00am	Sheffield Bellringers
	7.00pm	Black Dyke Band/Cathedral Choir Concert
<b>SUNDAY 11 December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	The Eucharist
	11.30am	Just a Minute Reflection Group
	3.30pm	Christingle Service (No Choral Evensong)

Today we read the wedding banns of Adam Butler and Suzanne Hume.  
This is for the third and final time of reading.

Please note that Choral Evensong will not necessarily be taking place on its usual days in the run up to Christmas due to various Christmas Carol services being held. Please check the details above or on our website or ring the Cathedral Office

During the four Sundays of the Advent Season leading up to Christmas, Christian churches will be illuminated with candles as congregations light their Advent wreaths of evergreen, shaped in a perfect circle to symbolise God's eternity. Advent means "coming." It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. Church decorations are simple and sparse, and purple is the traditional colour used. Advent falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.

We have once more lit the Star in the Tower, and this year we introduce a light curtain on the State Gate, supported by Bradford BID. You can also explore cribs in the Cathedral, and for those on social media you can see our #FestivePhotoADay on Instagram and follow the #CathedralElf with us and Bradford At Night. You can also see a video for Advent and Christmas, with a message from the Dean, on our website and social media - please visit [bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-and-christmas](http://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-and-christmas)

**The FLORAL DISPLAYS** during Advent are made of greenery instead of flowers. This allows us to recognise that the Christian life isn't all about celebration. It's about hope and faith and the change in the floral displays demonstrates a longing for the greenery to turn to flowers, just as we long for sadness and our hope to turn to joy.

**The Wednesday@One Organ Recital** is at 1pm with Katelyn Emerson (Cambridge). There will be the usual buffet lunch (£4) at 12.30pm and the recital itself is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

**MONDAY FELLOWSHIP** Join us in the de Lacy Centre at 2pm on **Monday December 12th** for the annual Christmas Monday Fellowship event. There will be carols with piano accompaniment and seasonal refreshments. Participants are invited to bring Christmas stories, poems and anecdotes to share with the group, if they would like to, but there is no obligation.

**CHILDREN'S SPACE** We are hoping to restart Children's Space soon and are looking for more volunteers to join the team. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help children learn about the Bible. Volunteers will be required to complete an enhanced DBS check. Please speak to Emma Towers or a member of the clergy team if you are interested.

**MINCE PIES** During the Advent and Christmas seasons we will host extra services, when we will welcome many people, some who may have never been into the Cathedral before. One of our key values is Hospitality and at Christmas this extends to mince pies whenever a drink is offered! - and we need mince pies in order to do this. If you are able to donate any we would be really grateful, please hand them in to either the Office or to any of the staff. Thank you.

**CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS CARDS** This year's design is now available in the Cathedral Shop, alongside other festive gifts. A pack of 10 cards is £6 and cards are also available from the online shop, with additional postage costs for UK delivery.

**WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER**, Bradford Cathedral will feature online as the #CathedralTreasures highlight on social media from the Association of English Cathedrals, connected to the recently published book 'Cathedral Treasures of England and Wales'.

**MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER** the final of the Yorkshire Post Tourism Awards is being held, and we are a finalist in the 'Outstanding Contribution to Tourism' category. We would like to wish all those nominated the best of luck for the evening.

**IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY** collected your Advent Calendar(s), please collect from Elaine de Villiers who will be near the Cathedral shop at the end of this morning's Eucharist. Thank you.

**BRADFORD CENTRAL FOODBANK** will be giving away 400 Christmas hampers full of goodies on top of their normal emergency food parcel to the families who come into the Foodbank from

6th December. They will also have a grotto for toys that the parents can choose for toys for children. If you would like to donate to this specifically, please donate via their website <https://bradfordcentral.foodbank.org.uk/> or call them on 0300 102 0120.