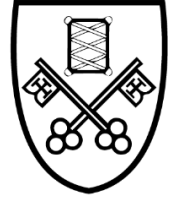




The Cathedral Church  
of St Peter Bradford



# The Eucharist

Advent 3, Gaudete Sunday

11 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.
- ❖ Please do not take pictures or videos during the service, and please either switch off your mobile phone or silence the ringer.
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## Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme Op. 68 no. 5

*Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

## Welcome & Notices

*The Revd Ned Lunn, Interim Canon Missioner*

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*As the third candle is lit to remember John the Baptist, we pray together:*

**God our Father,  
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age  
a son called John.  
He grew up strong in spirit,  
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,  
and baptized them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.  
Help us, who have been baptized into Christ,  
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,  
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.**

## Processional Hymn

*Please stand.*

**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.**

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr John Chandler (1808-1876)  
altered by compilers of Hymns Ancient and Modern*

*Music: 'Winchester New', adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch Hamburg (1690)  
CP 34*

## 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



Drop down ye hea-vens from a - bove, — and let the skies pour down right-eous - ness.

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 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,  
and my servant whom I have chosen:  
that ye may know me and believe me:  
I, even I, am the Lord,  
and beside me there is no Saviour:  
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

**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: Mass of the Quiet Hour (KSBA) by G.Oldroyd (1886 -1951)*

*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 Jesus Christ,  
who at your first coming sent your messenger  
to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries  
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way  
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,  
that at your second coming to judge the world  
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## First Reading

*Read by Stephen Holder*

<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
 and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there,  
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
 the unclean shall not travel on it,  
 but it shall be for God's people;  
 no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.  
<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there,  
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
 they shall not be found there,  
 but the redeemed shall walk there.  
<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
 and come to Zion with singing;  
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

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 Canon Myra Shackley, Cathedral Chaplain*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*Matthew 11.2-11*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

*The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford*

*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 Maurice Manktelow*

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, a thrilling voice is sounding;  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day.'**

**Wakened by the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;**

**That when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
with his mercy he may shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.**

**Honour, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while eternal ages run.**

*Words: Latin, tr Edward Caswell (1814-1878)*

*Music: 'Merton', W H Monk (1823-1889)*

*CP26*

*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 also 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: Mass of the Quiet Hour (KSBA) by G.Oldroyd (1886 -1951)*

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: Mass of the Quiet Hour (KSBA) by G. Oldroyd (1886 -1951)*

*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

Adam lay ybounden,  
bounden in a bond;  
four thousand winter  
thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,  
an apple that he took,  
as clerkes finden  
written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,  
the apple taken been,  
ne had never our lady  
a been heavene queen.

Blessed be the time  
that apple taken was,  
therefore we moun singen  
Deo gracias. (*To God be thanks.*)

*Words: Anonymous  
Music: Boris Ord (1897–1961)*

## Prayers after Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever.

**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.**

*We stand.*

## Hymn

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:**

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

**O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:**

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:**



**O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:**

*Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr J M Neale (1818-1866)*

*Music: 'Veni Emmanuel', melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)*

*CP 32*

## **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**

Ciaconne in E Minor BuxWV 160

*Dietrick Buxteude (1637-1707)*

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## BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

*In residence this week: Dean Andy and Revd Pete*

### Online Morning and Evening Prayer, Monday-Saturday at 9am and 5.30pm

<b>TODAY, SUNDAY 11 December</b> <i>(No Choral Evensong)</i>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	The Eucharist
	11.30am	Just a Minute Reflection Group
	3.30pm	Christingle Service
<b>Monday 12 December</b> <i>(No Choral Evensong)</i>	10.00am	School visit
	2.00pm	Christmas Monday Fellowship
	7.00pm	Bradford Grammar School: Nine Lessons and Carols
<b>Tuesday 13 December</b> <i>(No Choral Evensong)</i>	10.00am	Rainbow Leadership Academy: Christingle Service
	1.00pm	School visit
	1.30pm	Stictching@bradfordcathedral
	7.00pm	Music & Arts Service Christmas Festival
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	8.15am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Holy Communion
	1.00pm	Wednesday@One Organ Recital Christmas Gala Recital with Edward Byrne
	2.15pm	Safeguarding Committee meeting
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	6.00pm	Rotary Christmas Carol service
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	9am and 5.30pm	Online Morning and Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday 17 December</b>	3.00pm	Cathedral Choir singing at Bradford City FC Valley Parade
<b>SUNDAY 18 December</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	The Eucharist
	11.30am	Just a Minute Reflection Group
	3.30pm	Choral Evensong

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 symbolize 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.

**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.

**MONDAY FELLOWSHIP** Please join us in the de Lacy Centre at 2pm on Monday 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.

**WEDNESDAY@ONE CHRISTMAS GALA ORGAN RECITAL** with John Edward Byrne. There will be the usual buffet lunch (£4) is at 12.30pm and the recital itself is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

**CHOIR AT BRADFORD CITY FC** Our Cathedral Choir will be singing on the pitch at Valley Parade next Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> December during half time in the 3 o'clock match against Rochdale.

**ADVENT MEDITATION** Join us on **Wednesday 21 December from 1pm – 2pm** when Anthony Gray and Revd Ned are to present 'Nativitas' with poems by David Broadbridge and organ music by Philip Moore. The time is the same as for organ recitals, but please note that **NO REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**.

**MINCE PIES** During the Advent and Christmas seasons we 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 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.

**THE FAIR-TRADE STALL** is open this morning, for you to buy all your tasty, ethical, fairly traded products. And we'll open again next Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, for any last-minute Christmas purchases. Each fair-trade item you buy helps to change lives.

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You're invited to Alpha, a place to explore the Christian faith in an easy and friendly environment.

Each session starts with food in small groups before watching a talk on a question of faith. Then there's plenty of time to share your thoughts – you can say anything you like or nothing at all.

There's no follow up, no charge and never any pressure. **Everyone's welcome.** No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. So why not see where your curiosity takes you?

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**Runs for:** 10 weeks

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