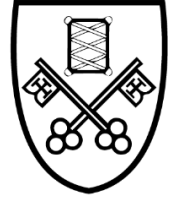




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



**A Festival of Nine
Lessons and Carols
23 December 2022
18.00**

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Our purpose is to serve Jesus Christ as a vibrant community of worship and mission enriching the City, the Diocese and further afield.

- ❖ A very warm welcome to Bradford Cathedral for this service, particularly if you are visiting or with us for the first time. We hope you will stay and enjoy refreshments with us after the service, which will be served at the West End of the Cathedral.
- ❖ Please join in with saying or singing the words in bold type in this order of service, and sit or stand as directed if you are able.
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- ❖ The music at this service is sung by the Full Foundation of the Cathedral Choir, directed by the Director of Music, Alex Berry. The organ is played by the Assistant Director of Music, Graham Thorpe.
- ❖ The Service of Nine Lessons with Carols was first drawn up by Edward Benson when Bishop of Truro for use in the cathedral there. The form in which it appears here was simplified and adapted for use in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, in 1918 by the Dean, Eric Milner-White.
- ❖ The Scripture readings are from the King James' Version.

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A selection of seasonal organ music.

Welcome

The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford.

We stand and then keep silence.

Processional Carol

Solo Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.

Choir He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

***All* And through all his wondrous childhood
 He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden,
 In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
 Mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern,
 Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
 Tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness,
 And he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.**

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
Music: 'Irby', Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)
arr. Arthur Henry Mann (1850-1929) and David Valentine Willcocks (1919-2015)
100 CFC 61*

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city of Bradford and the Diocese of Leeds.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

May the Almighty God bless us with his grace;
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above
may the King of Angels bring us all.
Amen.

We sit.

The First Lesson

Read by Jenny Price

God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.

They heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, 'Where art thou?' and he said, 'I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself'. And he said, 'Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?' And the man said, 'The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat'. And the Lord God said unto the woman, 'What is this that thou hast done?' And the woman said, 'The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.' And the Lord God said unto the serpent, 'Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.'

Genesis 3.8-14

Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol

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 clerkès finden
written in their book.

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

Blessed be the time
that apple taken was,
therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias, Deo gracias, Deo gracias! (Thanks be to God.)

*Words: Anon traditional c. 15th English
Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)*

The Second Lesson

Read by Stephen Holder

God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

The angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, 'By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.'

Genesis 22.15-18

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Congregational Carol

**A great and mighty wonder,
a full and holy cure!
the Virgin bears the Infant
with virgin honour pure.**

***Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'***

**The Word becomes incarnate
and yet remains on high!
and cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky.**

**While thus they sing your Monarch,
those bright angelic bands,
rejoice, ye vales and mountains,
ye oceans clap your hands.**

***Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'***

**Since all he comes to ransom,
by all be he adored,
the infant born in Beth'em
the Saviour and the Lord:**

**And idol forms shall perish,
and error shall decay,
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,
Our Lord and God for ay.**

***Repeat the hymn again!
'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'***

*Words: St Germanus I of Constantinople (634-734), translated by J.M. Neale (1818-66)
Music: Es ist ein' Ros', 14th-century German carol melody harmonized by M Praetorius (1571-1621)
100 CFC 3*

We sit.

The Third Lesson

Read by Isla Skinner

The prophet foretells the coming of the Saviour.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgement and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9.2,6-7

Thanks be to God.

Choir

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 40.5
Music: G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

The Fourth Lesson

Read by Stephen Gant

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11.1-9

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Congregational Carol

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

We sit.

The Fifth Lesson

Read by Marta Libs

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And the angel came in unto her, and said, 'Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.'

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, 'Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.'

Then said Mary unto the angel, 'How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?' And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.'

And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.' And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

Thanks be to God.

Choir: The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
 as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
 and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
 world without end. Amen.

*Words: Luke 1.46-55 (as set in the Book of Common Prayer)
Music: Bryan Kelly (b. 1934)*

The Sixth Lesson

Read by John Whitham

St Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Congregational Carol

**O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.**

Choir How silently, how silently,
the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

All **O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.**

Words: Philip Brookes (1835-93)
Music: 'Forest Green, an English traditional melody,
arr. R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) and Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994)
100 CFC 57

We sit.

The Seventh Lesson

Read by Barbara Chuter

The shepherds go to the manger.

There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.'

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

Luke 2:8-16

Thanks be to God.

Choir Carol

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

*And I wish I could have been there
On the day when He was born.
To share with saints and sinners
The hope of things to come.*

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love You, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

*To see the stars burst open with joy,
And to hear the heavens ring out with a song.
And to sing, "Hallelujah!" for the boy,
For the hope of things to come!*

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask You to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with You there.

*Words: v.1&2 unknown; v.3 J. T. McFarland (c.1906); additional lyrics Val Sinclair.
Music: W. J. Kirkpatrick (1828-1921), arr. Patrick Brandon*

The Eighth Lesson

Read by the Revd Canon John Nowell

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.' When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."' Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, 'Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also'.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2.1-11

Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Congregational Carol

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:**

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:**

**Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God
In the highest:**

*Words: J. F. Wade (c. 1711-1786) arranged by D. V. Willcocks (1919-2015)
Music: Tr. F. Oakeley (1802-1880), W. T. Brooke (1848-1917)
100 CFC 54*

We remain standing.

The Ninth Lesson

Read by Revd Ned Lunn

St John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1.1-14

Thanks be to God.

We sit.

Address

The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford.

Choir Carol

In the bleak midwinter
frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone:
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter,
long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him
nor earth sustain;
heaven and earth shall flee away
when he comes to reign:
in the bleak mid-winter
a stable-place sufficed
the Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Enough for him, whom Cherubim
worship night and day,
a breastful of milk,
and a mangerful of hay;
enough for him, whom Angels
fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel
which adore.

What can I give him,
poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man
I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him,
give my heart.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830–94)
Music: Harold Darke (1878-1976)
100 CFC 40

Prayers

Led by the Revd Pete Gunstone, Interim Precentor.

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord,
who has brought us out of darkness
and into his own marvellous light.

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us:
help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Wonderful Counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom:
help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love
and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders:
guide the leaders of the nations
and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity:
protect by your mercy all your children,
bless our families and renew our communities.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross:
by your healing power give to all who suffer.
your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, full of the Spirit,
hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives.

Lord, in your mercy
**hear our prayer,
receive our praises
and fill our lives.
Amen.**

Choir Carol

Ding! Dong! merrily, on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding! Dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,
And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen.

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.

Words: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: 16th Century tune, arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

We stand.

Congregational Carol

During which a collection will be taken. Please see the note inside the front cover for other ways of giving.

**Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

***Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.**

***Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

**Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.**

***Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.***

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47), arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)
100 CFC 23*

We remain standing.

Blessing

Christ, the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy exit, extinguish your candle before you move around the building, and join us for refreshments at the West End.

Organ Voluntaries

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1658 - 1750)

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher (1879 - 1932)

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We, along with many others around the Church of England, are inviting people to #FollowTheStar, offering them perhaps the greatest invitation: to #FollowTheStar to the heart of the Christmas story.

You can find out more about what is happening this month by visiting our website at bradfordcathedral.org.uk, finding us on social media, or asking a member of the team here for more information. We'd also love to hear your thoughts about your time with us by leaving us a review. Please scan the code on the right with your phone for more information.

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Take a different journey next year.

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?

Stay Curious. Try Alpha.

Starts: Tuesday 17th January, 8pm

Runs for: 10 weeks

Location: de Lacy Centre

Book by e-mail:

alpha@bradfordcathedral.org



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