

Our Renewal of Giving 2023



BRADFORD
CATHEDRAL



“Thanks be to God for his
indefinable gift”

2 Corinthians 9:15

Welcome

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman Dean of Bradford

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generosity

I have been Dean of Bradford Cathedral for a year now and in that time I have been witness to the wonderful work being done here. Thousands of people have come to the Cathedral to worship, pray and participate in services and events. People have been enjoying the heritage of the building and its grounds. Hundreds of children have taken part in our education programme and families have attended activity and heritage days. Support of our choristers continues, giving them an opportunity to work together to produce high quality choral music through free music education. None of this would have been possible without your prayers, time, skills and, of course, your kind generosity.



My thanks to you all.

Our Cathedral story brings together almost 1,400 years of Christian witness on or near this site. It's a story of faith lived out by the diverse communities that make up Bradford and it is a story woven into the City and from here into the World. It's a story of change and ambition, of hard work and dedication, of failures and yet trust and hope in a God who changes lives and transforms communities.

As we have reflected on our story and the values that have created us we have a vision to:

Weave Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond

Create a generous welcome to the world

Ensure that all can discover who they were created to be and that no one is passed by

Generosity is at the heart of our faith. We believe in a generous God who longs for us to share his generosity with others. A generous life is therefore a hallmark of our faith and a testament to it, as the more generous we are, the more we reflect the generous God we believe in.

Giving and gratitude go together - we give out of gratitude for what we receive from God. We continue to be grateful for those, who, even in these difficult financial times, give regularly and sacrificially to support the work of God and this Cathedral. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The ministry and mission of The Church of England is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it. Your regular giving has helped towards the daily running costs for the Cathedral and in turn the Cathedral's sustainability.

By God's grace, and with your continued help and prayers, I believe we can continue to achieve wonderful things at Bradford Cathedral in 2023 and beyond.

Cathedral Income and Expenditure for 2023

As a Cathedral we need to think carefully about our finances and what we can achieve in terms of mission, outreach, and worship. The costs of this ministry are considerable - currently £2,000 a day. Our budget for 2023 is showing a deficit of £90,000

in unrestricted funds and core staff posts. This gap will be bridged in part by additional funding we have already received from the church commissioners and we will be working hard to generate additional income in a variety of ways.

Gross income from sales, concerts, rentals and fees
Investment Income

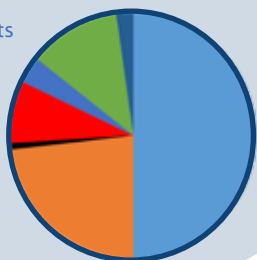
Our anticipated income for 2023 is **£612,105**

Unrestricted Grants

Specific Donations and Grants for Music

Government Grant (HMRC)

Unrestricted Giving



Church Commissioners

Other Property (Close and Hall)

Ministry

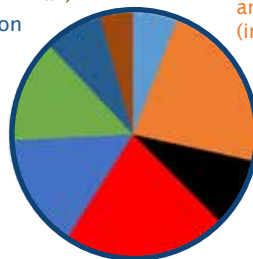
Management and Governance (incl computing)

Education

Trading, Marketing and Fundraising

Cathedral and Precinct Upkeep

Cathedral Utilities



Music

Our expenditure for 2023 is **£701,949**

However, this does not cover all of the deficit and we are dependent on grant funding and importantly, this year, we are looking for an **additional £5,000** in regular giving income above what was received in 2022.

Our Renewal of Giving scheme is so important. It allows us to plan our ministries carefully, based on the financial commitments of our congregation and supporters. The Renewal of Giving scheme also allows us to express our worship to God through regular and committed giving.

Today I want to ask you to review the amount you give to God's work here as we seek to grow as a place of worship and welcome to all.



One of the key aims of our new strategy is to become more sustainable in spite of the adverse winds we often feel. Specifically we aim to be able to contribute more to mission and outreach work, becoming known for the delivery of award-winning work in the arts, heritage, education and music. Within this we aim to be financially resilient, seeking, amongst other goals, a year on year increase in regular congregational giving.

Everyone's circumstances are different and so, as part of our Renewal of Giving campaign, I would encourage you to reflect and pray, and make your decision on how best to support the Cathedral.

How you can help

If you are not yet a regular giver, please pray about whether you could consider this. A regular gift enables us to plan for the future.

- If you are an existing regular giver, please consider increasing your gift.
- Make your giving by Standing Order by completing the form in this leaflet and returning it to your bank

- Set up a regular direct debit payment via: bradfordcathedral.org.uk/donate/
- Take advantage of Gift Aid by signing the declaration form. This means that for every £1.00 you give to the Cathedral, we will receive £1.25
- You may want to help to protect the Cathedral's future by leaving a gift in your Will. Every gift left in this way directly supports vital work at the Cathedral. We will be holding two information events on **Wednesday 14th** and **Sunday 25th June** – please come along and listen to the advice of a specialist solicitor about making a Will.

Please complete the enclosed Giving Response Form and return it to the Cathedral in the pre-paid envelope provided.

God bless and thank you for your continued support and commitment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Bowerman'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

The Very Revd
Andy Bowerman