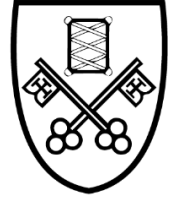




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



Sing as One

A Carol Service
for the Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership

14th December 2023

18.00

Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership



Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

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Weaving Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral, particularly if you are visiting or with us for the first time.

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.

Lavatories, including an accessible toilet, are available towards the back of church.

If you use a hearing aid, please turn it to the T position.

In the event of an emergency, please remain calm and seated. Stewards will direct you out of the Cathedral.

There will be a retiring collection towards the costs of this service. You can make a donation via the contactless card reader and cash box at the back if you wish. Please make a gift aid declaration if you are able.

The Choir is conducted and accompanied by Graham Thorpe, Interim Organist and Director of Music.

The Bradford District & Craven Health Care Partnership Board write:

“Our Christmas Carol Service, that was previously for NHS colleagues, has now been opened up to our wider Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership. One of the purposes for our Christmas Carol Service is to recognise the work that people do, often in challenging circumstances, with a commitment to helping our local communities. Our partnership has an ethos where we ‘Act as One’ to help people live ‘happy, healthy at home’. It’s important that we reflect the work of our colleagues who continue to show the determination and dedication to help our collective efforts in achieving this vision. We know that Christmas is a special time of the year for those that mark it from a position of faith in Jesus Christ, as they celebrate his birth, as well as for those of other faiths or no faiths, we hope that you all get to enjoy the festive period. For those that are working over Christmas, we want to say a special thank you for doing so.”

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Organ Voluntaries

A selection of seasonal organ music, played by Graham Thorpe.

Welcome

The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

We stand.

Silence is kept.

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*

Prayer

The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

Almighty God,
you make us glad with the yearly remembrance
of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as we receive him joyfully as our redeemer,
we may with sure confidence behold him
when he comes to be our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We sit.

Choir carol

We stood on the hills, Lady,
our day's work done,
watching the frosted meadows
that winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady,
the air so still,
silence more lovely than music
folded the hill.

There was a star, Lady,
shone in the night,
larger than Venus it was
and bright, so bright.

Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
it seemed to us then,
telling of God being born
in the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady,
our day's work done,
our love, our hopes, our selves
we give to your son.

*Words: Clive Sansom (1910-81)
Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

Reading

Read by Elaine Appelbee, Independent Chair, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership

The prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of the Saviour

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9. 2, 6-7

Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol

We stand.

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

*Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
Music: Lowell Mason (1792-1872) based on Handel, arranged by John Rutter
100 CFC 47*

We sit.

Reading

Read by Foluke Ajayi, Chief Executive, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

The prophet Isaiah foretells the peaceful kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

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.
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;
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.

Isaiah 11.1-4

Thanks be to God.

Choir carol

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,
Thus turning darkness into light.

*Words: English text by William Bartholomew (1793-1867)
Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)*

Reading

Iain MacBeath Strategic Director, Adult Social Care and Health for Bradford Council and Director of Integration for Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust

The birth of Jesus foretold.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1.26-38

Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol

We stand.

**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.

Reading

*Mel Pickup, Place Lead for Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership and
Chief Executive, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2. 1, 3-7

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 heavens looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

*Words: William J. Kirkpatrick (1828-1921)
Music: David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

Reading

Therese Patten, Chief Executive, Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust

The Shepherds and the Angels

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and 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 heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Luke 2. 8-16

Thanks be to God.

Congregational Carol

We stand.

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down, (x2)
*and glory shone around. (x3)***

**‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind);
‘glad tidings of great joy I bring (x2)
*to you and all mankind. (x3)***

**‘To you in David’s town this day
is born of David’s line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; (x2)
*and this shall be the sign: (x3)***

**The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, (x2)
*and in a manger laid.’ (x3)***

**Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of angels praising God, who thus (x2)
*addressed their joyful song: (x3)***

**‘All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men (x2)
*begin and never cease.’ (x3)***

Words: Nahum Tate (1652–1715)

Music: ‘Cranbrook’, Thomas Clark, Shoemaker and Composer of Canterbury (1775-1859)

We remain standing.

Reading

Revd Steven Lees Lead Chaplain, Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1.1-14

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Address

Revd Liz Maitland Lead Chaplain, Airedale NHS Foundation Trust

Choir carol

Hodie Christus natus est. Noë, Noë.
Hodie Salvator apparuit. Alleluia.
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli.
Laetantur Archangeli. Noë, Noë.
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia, Noë, Noë.

*Words: Antiphon to the Magnificat, sung on the vespers on Christmas Day
Music: Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)*

Prayers

The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

At the conclusion of the prayers, you are invited to join in with the Lord's Prayer:

As Jesus taught us, so we pray in our own language:

**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 those who 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.**

Congregational Carol

Please stand.

**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:**

**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.

Blessing

The Very Reverend Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We wish you a merry Christmas

You are invited to join the choir in singing:

**We wish you a merry Christmas (x3)
And a happy New Year.**

*Good tidings we bring;
To you and your kin;
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year.*

**Now bring us some figgy pudding, (x3)
And bring some out here;**

**For we all like figgy pudding (x3)
So bring some out here**

**And we wont go until we've got some, (x3)
So bring some out here.**

*Words & Music: Traditional West Country Carol, arranged by Arthur Warrell (1883-1939)
100 CFC 37*

Organ Voluntaries

In dulci jubilo, BWV 729

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Toccata on 'Vom Himmel Hoch'

Garth Edmundson (1892-1971)

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy exit.

**Please stay to enjoy refreshments after the service.
These will be served at the back of the Cathedral.**

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**Advent Procession
Sunday 3rd December | 6pm**

We begin the holy season of Advent with an atmospheric and breath-taking candlelit service, as we await the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

**Royal Opera House:
Songs for Ukraine Chorus**

Sunday 10th December | 3pm

Performing songs from Ukraine's rich Christmas tradition, with some well known and lesser known carols.

Charged entry

**Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 17th December | 6pm**

Join us for a traditional Christmas service of Bible readings, choral and congregational carols by candlelight.

**Annual Lunchtime Carol Recital
Saturday 23rd December | 1pm**

The cathedral choir presents its annual recital. Music, poetry, witty Christmas stories and the best-loved Christmas carols come together in this yearly sing-a-long celebration.

**Midnight Eucharist
Sunday 24th December | 11pm**

With the Rt Revd Nick Baines,
Bishop of Leeds

**Black Dyke Band and
Bradford Cathedral Choir
Christmas Concert
Saturday 9th December | 7pm**

Our second annual joint concert
Charged entry

**Wednesday@One Organ Recital:
Christmas Spectacular**

Wednesday 13th December | 1pm

With George Incoe (Croydon)
£4 buffet lunch at 12:30pm

**Christmas Meditation
Wednesday 20th December | 1pm**

A Christmas organ meditation featuring Philip Moore's *Nativitas* played by Anthony Gray

**An International Christmas
Saturday 23rd December | 6pm**

A celebration of culture from around the world

**Messy Cathedral Crib Service
Sunday 24th December | 3pm**

An interactive service of storytelling, craft, music and prayers.

**Christmas Day Sung Eucharist
Monday 25th December | 10:30am**

With the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth,
Bishop of Bradford

Other events and services

Sundays

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am - Choral Eucharist
3:30pm - Choral Evensong (*only 17th*)

Wednesdays

8:15am - Holy Communion
10:15am - Holy Communion

Monday 11th December

2pm - Monday Christmas Fellowship

Thursday 14th December

6pm - Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership -
Christmas Carol Service

Monday 18th December

6pm - The City Carol Service

All services / events are free to attend, unless stated

