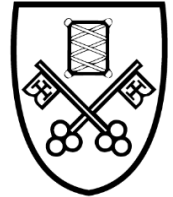




The Cathedral Church  
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# The Eucharist

Advent 3

Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023

10.30am

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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.
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- ❖ 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 is conducted and accompanied by Graham Thorpe, Interim Organist and Director of Music.
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## Organ Voluntary

Prelude in A minor BWV 543 (i)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

## Welcome and Notices

*The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford*

## 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

## ¶ *The Preparation*

## Processional Hymn

*We stand as the choir and clergy enter.*

**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. Amen.**

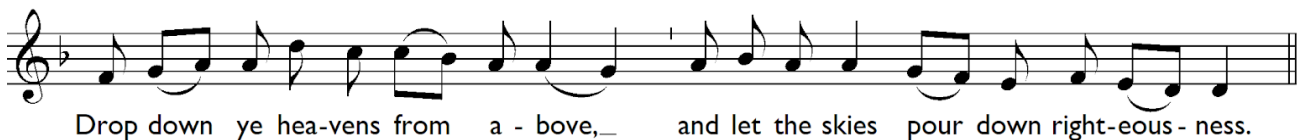
*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749), tr John Chandler (1808-1876)  
Music: adapted from a chorale in Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg 1690  
CP 34*

## 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.**

## 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.**

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**

*We sit or kneel.*

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.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

<i>Choir</i>	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

*Music: 'Missa Brevis', Matyas Seiber (1905-60)*

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 is kept.*

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.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

### The Old Testament Reading

*Edward Gale*

<sup>1</sup>The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the broken-hearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.

<sup>5</sup>Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;

<sup>6</sup>but you shall be called priests of the Lord,  
you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,  
and in their riches you shall glory.

<sup>7</sup>Because their shame was double,  
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

<sup>8</sup>For I the Lord love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

<sup>9</sup>Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

<sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

*Isaiah 61.1-11*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## The Gospel Acclamation

*We stand.*



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

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.**

## The Gospel Reading

*The Revd Pete Gunstone, Minor Canon for Worship and Nurture*

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

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ <sup>20</sup>He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ <sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ <sup>23</sup>He said,

‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,  
“Make straight the way of the Lord”’,  
as the prophet Isaiah said.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ <sup>26</sup>John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’

<sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*John 1.6-8,19-28*

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

*The organ is played in response to the gospel reading.*



## **Sermon**

*The Revd Henriette Howarth, Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator*

*Following an opening prayer, we sit.*

*The sermon is followed by a time of silence.*

## **The Creed**

*We stand.*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**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**

*Alex McLelland*

*The response to the prayers is:*

Maranatha: (Come, Lord Jesus.)  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*And at the end:*

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*We 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.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

*During the following hymn, offerings may be made through the offertory plates, via this QR code, or by the other means detailed in the inside front cover.*



## **Offertory Hymn**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.**

**Arabia's desert-ranger  
to him shall bow the knee;  
the Ethiopian stranger  
his glory come to see;  
with offerings of devotion  
ships from the isles shall meet,  
to pour the wealth of ocean  
in tribute at his feet.**

**Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.**

*Words: James Montgomery, based on Psalm 72  
Tune: adapted from Johann Crüger (1598-1662)  
by W. H. Monk (1823-1889)  
CP 87*

## **Preparation of the Table**

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now united on this table in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth  
into your kingdom.  
**Amen.**

# The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer E

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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* Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Music: 'Missa Brevis', Matyas Seiber (1905-60)*

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 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 sit or kneel in silence.*

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray in our own language

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Agnus Dei

*Choir* Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*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: 'Missa Brevis', Matyas Seiber (1905-60)*

## 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.

*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

*Choir* This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,  
Who art thou?  
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,  
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?  
And he said, I am not.  
Art thou the prophet?  
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,  
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.  
What sayest thou of thyself?  
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Make straight the way of the Lord.

*Words: John 1.19-23  
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

Silence is kept.

## Prayer 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.**

## **¶ The Sending Out**

### **Hymn**

*We stand.*

**Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind  
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move o'er the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place,  
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.**

*Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)  
Music: Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)  
CP 267*

## **The Dismissal**

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.**

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 depart.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Fugue in A minor BWV 543 (ii)

*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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<b>TODAY</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> December	8am 10.30am 11.45am 4.30pm 6pm	Holy Communion The Eucharist with Children's Space Just a Minute Yorkshire Tykes Bell Ringing Nine Lessons & Carols
<b>THIS WEEK</b> Monday-Saturday	9am 12noon 5.30pm	Morning Prayer (also online) Midday Prayer Evening Prayer (online)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 6pm	Primary School Visits City Carol Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	12noon 7pm	Secondary School Visit Forster Academy Presentation Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.15am 10.15am 1pm	Holy Communion (St Aidan's Chapel) Holy Communion (St Aidan's Chapel) Organ Recital – Christmas Meditation with Anthony Gray (Bradford)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1pm 3pm 6pm	Annual Lunchtime Carol Recital Choir singing at the Corn Dolly An International Christmas
<b>NEXT</b> <b>SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup></b> <i>The Fourth Sunday in Advent</i>	8am 9am 10.30am 11.45am 3pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Choir singing at Life Church The Eucharist with Children's Space Just a Minute Messy Crib
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	11pm	Midnight Eucharist with Bishop Nick Baines

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**YORKSHIRE TYKES BELL RINGING** Today at 4.30pm. There's more on the website news page if anyone wants to find out more. <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/2023/12/07/yorkshire-tykes-to-ring-bradford-cathedral-bells-this-month/>.

**CHRISTMAS MEDITATION** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - 1pm. A Christmas organ meditation featuring Philip Moore's *Nativitas* played by Anthony Gray

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES & EVENTS**

See the flyer or [bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas](https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas) for full details.

**ALPHA COURSE** runs on Tuesdays during the Spring Term, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> January. Alpha is an opportunity to gather with others and ask questions about the Christian faith. Please spread the word. If you are interested, please speak with either Revd Pete or Revd Duncan.

**BRADFORD CATHEDRAL WHAT'S ON:** The new what's on booklet is available to pick up from the welcome desk or online at [bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on](https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on), and includes more details of services and events from January - April 2024, with tickets now available for many of these.

**TREE OF LIFE:** Join us for a magical night with Emma Johnson, clarinet/conductor, and the 13-piece The Orchestra For The Environment on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Tickets are available now at <https://tree-of-life-bradford.eventbrite.co.uk/> or from the Cathedral Office.

## NOTICES

**CHILDREN'S SPACE** Please note that due to limitations we must ask that all children attending Children's Space are accompanied by a responsible adult.

**JOIN US** Whether you've been coming for some time or you are new with us today, if you would like to explore becoming part of our community then please complete a welcome card that are available at the back of the Cathedral.

**GET INVOLVED** We are looking for people to serve alongside us in several ministries across our community, including with our children and to operate the livestream during our 10.30am Sunday Service. Please speak to a member of the clergy team or to one of our stewards if you want to know more.

**BRADFORD CATHEDRAL E-CARD:** For the first time this year, you can send a special Bradford Cathedral E-card to your friends and family - a more

environmentally friendly way of sending a festive greeting. You can find out more at [bradfordcathedral.org.uk/ecard](http://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/ecard) or via our Advent and Christmas page.

**FAIRTRADE SHOPPING** Still some Christmas shopping to do? Stocking fillers or bigger items like jumpers? If your choice has the Fairtrade logo, you can be sure the farmer earns enough to send children to school and, with the Fairtrade premium, can improve health facilities and adapt to climate change. You may be surprised how many supermarkets and shops now sell Fairtrade products.

**ORGAN ADVENT CALENDAR** Every day we are launching a new piece of organ music on our YouTube channel as part of our daily advent calendar. To see them, visit our channel or find them at [bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas](http://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas)

**FLOWERS** Advent is a time in which we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ, both as the baby who was born in Bethlehem, and as the one who will rule and reign over the whole created order at his second coming. This season offers us a time of quiet reflection and expectation. The greenery likewise anticipates the flowers that will burst forth around the building at Christmas, when we celebrate His first coming.

**CHANGES TO EVENING PRAYER** For the rest of December, evening prayer at 5:30pm from Monday - Saturday will be online-only to accommodate the additional services and events being held during Advent and Christmas. Alongside online evening prayer, you can continue to join us in-person and online at 9am for morning prayer, and in-person for midday prayer. For more information, please visit [bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on](http://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on).

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES** Bradford Cathedral will be open as usual up to and including Saturday 23rd December. We will be closed, except for services and Messy Crib, on Sunday 24th & Monday 25th December, and then closed until we re-open on Tuesday 2nd January, except for services on Sunday 31st December. A member of the clergy will be leading Morning and Evening Prayer between Christmas and New Year at the usual times of 9am and 5:30pm.