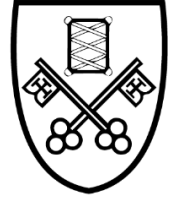




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



The Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday, 25th December 2023

10.30am

Welcome to Bradford 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.
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Organ Voluntary

Con moto maestoso (Sonata 3, 1st movement)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Welcome & Notices

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

¶ The Preparation

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

The central candle of the Advent Wreath is lit in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

President People of God: shout and sing!
Tell the good news of peace on earth.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.

All God's people say:
Amen!

Deacon Angels dance
and the bright star shines.
All creation bows to the Lord of all.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.

All God's people say:
Amen!

Bishop One with us,
yet born to save,
he will show us the way to God.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.

Clergy All God's people say:
Amen!

Clergy People of God: shout and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

Please stand.

Processional Carol

Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn,
whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
rise to adore the mystery of love,
which hosts of angels chanted from above:
with them the joyful tidings first begun
of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth
to you and all the nations upon earth:
this day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

He spake; and straightway the celestial choir
in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
the praises of redeeming love they sang,
and heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
peace upon earth, and unto men good will.

To Beth'lem straight the enlightened shepherds ran,
to see the wonder God had wrought for man,
and found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,
her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
then to their flocks, still praising God, return,
and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;
tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song:
he that was born upon this joyful day
around us all his glory shall display;
saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

Words: John Byrom (1692-1763)

Music: 'Yorkshire (Stockport)', John Wainwright (1723-1768)

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The Greeting

President 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.

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Bishop May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus Rex coelestis. Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus Agnus Dei Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris: miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus
Tu solus altissimus Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord,
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Music: 'Spatzenmesse', W. A. Mozart (1756-91)

The Collect

President Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last for ever.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:

grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

We sit.

¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

New Testament Reading

June Kelley

⁴But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour
appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that
we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly
through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷so that, having been justified by his
grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3.4-7

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



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

Choir The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

John 1.14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

The Revd Canon Cathy Milford

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵When 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.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2.1-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We remain standing as the organ plays a fanfare in response to the gospel.

Sermon

The Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

After the opening prayer, please be seated.

The sermon will be followed by a time of silent reflection.

Motet

Masters in this Hall
Hear ye news today
Brought from over sea,
And ever I you pray:

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Nowell, sing we clear!
Holpen are all folk on earth,
Born is God's son so dear:
Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Nowell, sing we loud!
God today hath poor folk raised
and cast a-down the proud.

Going o'er the hills,
Through the milk-white snow,
Heard I ewes bleat
While the wind did blow:

Shepherds many an one
Sat among the sheep,
No man spake more word
Than they had been asleep.

Quoth I, 'Fellows mine,
Why this guise sit ye?
Making but dull cheer,
Shepherds though ye be.

Shepherds should of right
Leap and dance and sing,
Thus to see ye sit,
Is a right strange thing.

Quoth these fellows then,
‘To Bethlem town we go,
To see a mighty lord
Lie in manger low.’

‘How name ye this lord,
Shepherds?’ then said I,
‘Very God,’ they said,
‘Come from heaven high.’

This is Christ he Lord,
Masters, be ye glad!
Christmas is come in,
And no fold should be sad.

Words: William Morris (1834-896)

Music: French traditional carol, arr. Jonathan Rathbone (b. 1957)

The Creed

We stand.

President 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

Fiona Beevers

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Father, on this holy day your Son our Saviour
was born in human flesh.
Renew your Church as the Body of Christ.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day there was no room for your Son in the inn.
Protect with your love those who have no home
and all who live in poverty.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day Mary, in the pain of labour,
brought your Son to birth.
Hold in your hand all who are in pain or distress.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness.
Bring comfort to all who suffer in the sadness of our world.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day the angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.'
Strengthen those who work for peace and justice
in all the world.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy.
Give us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's redemption.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day strangers found the Holy Family,
and saw the baby lying in the manger.
Bless our homes and all whom we love.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day heaven is come down to earth,
and earth is raised to heaven.
Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death
in the hope of your coming kingdom.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

On this holy day Christians the world over celebrate Christ's birth.
Open our hearts that he may be born in us today.

Holy God
hear our prayer.

Father,
on this holy day angels and shepherds worshipped at
the manger throne.
Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary,
Joseph and the saints
through him who is your Word made flesh,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand.

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9.6

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Carol

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.



**See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on Earth below,
See, the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.**

***Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.***

**Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in height sublime,
Sits among the cherubim.**

**Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?**

**"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light:
Angels singing 'Peace On Earth'
Told us of the Saviour's birth."**

**Sacred Infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.**

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

**Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility.**

Words: E. Caswell (1814-1878)
Music: John Goss (1800-80) arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)
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Preparation of the Table

President Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer B

President 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.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
and was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

Choir

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus, qui venit, in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Music: 'Spatzenmesse', W. A. Mozart (1756-91)

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

President And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We kneel or sit in silence.

The Lord's Prayer

President Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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

President We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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: 'Spatzenmesse', W. A. Mozart (1756-91)

Giving of Communion

President 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

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.

Angels and archangels
may have gathered there,
cherubim and seraphim
thronged the air;
but only his mother
in her maiden bliss
worshipped the Beloved
with a kiss.

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: Gustav Holst (1874-1934) arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

Congregational 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)
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Prayer after Communion

President God our Father,
 whose Word has come among us
 in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
 may the light of faith illumine our hearts
 and shine in our words and deeds;
 through him who is Christ the Lord.
Amen.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Carol

We stand.

**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)
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Blessing

- Bishop* May the Father,
who has loved the eternal Son
from before the foundation of the world,
shed that love upon you his children.
Amen.
- President* May Christ,
who by his incarnation gathered into one
things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with joy and peace.
Amen.
- Deacon* May the Holy Spirit,
by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,
give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.
Amen.
- Bishop* And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Dismissal

- Deacon* Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

We remain standing as the choir and clergy exit.

Organ Voluntary

Finale, Allegro assai (Sonata I, 3rd movement)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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BRADFORD CATHEDRAL DIARY

TODAY	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Christmas Day</i>	10.30am	Christmas Day Eucharist with Bishop Toby
THIS WEEK	9am	Morning Prayer (online only)
Tuesday-Saturday	5.30pm	Evening Prayer (online only)
Sunday 31 st	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Christmas I</i>	10.30am	The Eucharist

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

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 7th June 2024. Tickets are available now at <https://tree-of-life-bradford.eventbrite.co.uk/> or from the Cathedral Office.

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, and includes more details of services and events from January - April 2024, with tickets now available for many of these.

NOTICES

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.

CATHEDRAL CLOSED Bradford Cathedral will be closed, except for services, 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 online between Christmas and New Year at the usual times of 9am and 5:30pm. The Cathedral will also be closed on Monday, 8th January for a staff training day.

Curious about faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith - then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

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Tuesdays from 9th Jan, 2024
Evenings at 7pm
Food is provided

