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Welcome, 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.

Sunday 15th December 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am	Choral Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
<i>President</i>	Revd Duncan Milwain
<i>Preacher</i>	Revd Henriette Howarth
<i>Reading</i>	Philippians 4.4-7 (NT p.196)
<i>Gospel</i>	Luke 3.7-18 (NT p.57)
<i>Hymns</i>	607, 28 & 29
<i>Music</i>	<i>Bach</i> Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 660; <i>Darke</i> in E; <i>Gibbons</i> This is the record of John; <i>Carter</i> Toccata on Veni Emmanuel
3:30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
<i>Music</i>	<i>Reger</i> Benedictus; <i>Sarum</i> Responses; Psalm 50: 1-6; <i>Moore</i> Third Service; <i>arr. Jacques</i> The Linden Tree Carol; <i>Oades</i> Rorate Caeli Desuper; Hymns 36 & 35

COLLECT 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**

Weaving Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond

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THIS WEEK

Monday-Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer (online)
	10am-4pm	Cathedral Open
	12noon	Midday Prayer (Lady Chapel)
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer (online)
Monday	AM	Secondary education visit
	7pm	Carols for All (fully booked, also livestreamed)
Tuesday	AM	Education visit
	5:30pm	Choral Evensong
	7pm	Practicing the Way
Wednesday	8:15am	Holy Communion (CW, St Aidan's Chapel)
	10:15am	Holy Communion (CW, St Aidan's Chapel)
	1pm	Organ Recital
	4:30pm	Grace Notes (Song Room)
Friday	1pm	Advent Meditation
	7pm	Black Dyke Band and Bradford Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert (ticketed)
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Congregational Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
	11:15am	Just a Minute
	6pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (booking advised)

NOTICES

JOIN US & GET INVOLVED If you would like to explore becoming more involved in our community then please complete a welcome card that are available at the back of the Cathedral. We are looking for people to serve in several ministries across our community, including with our children and to operate the livestream during our 10:30am Sunday Service. Find out more from a member of the clergy or a steward.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING A range of festive items are now available to buy in the Cathedral shop, including advent calendars, cards, and a nativity tealight.

CHRISTMAS E-CARD Send a Christmas greeting and save on printing and stamps. Find out more here: <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/ecard>

MINCE PIES We are now in Advent and our usual hospitality for special services at this time includes mince pies. We are asking for donations of mince pies to be brought

to the Cathedral kitchen as early as possible in December. If they are shop bought please bring in their original packaging, if they are homemade please supply a list of ingredients. Many thanks for all your help at this busy time.

BLUESKY For those who are using the new(ish) social media channel, you can now follow our account at bfdcathedral.bsky.social

WHAT'S ON BOOKLET You can pick up a copy of our new what's on booklet for January – April 2025 from the welcome desk, or view it online (alongside all the services and events) at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/featured-events

CHANGES TO OUR STAFF TEAM Over the course of the past year, members of the verger team have been working on either fixed term contracts or temporary addendums to their existing contracts. All members of the team have shown forbearance and commitment during this time and continued to provide great support in facilitating the Cathedral's ministry. Following confirmation of Sam Fletcher's permanent appointment as Head Verger, the following changes will take effect in the new year - with a view to establishing more permanent arrangements.

- The verger team will comprise; Head Verger 40hpw, Senior Facilities Assistant 25hpw, Facilities Assistant x2/ 12hpw
- Following a recruitment process, Mike Vickers will join us from 13/01/2025 as Senior Facilities Assistant.
- Sadly, Neil Holmes, who has been working with us on a fixed term contract, will be leaving us shortly. His last working day will be 20/12/2024. Neil has been a valuable member of the team and we wish him well for the future.
- Ian Price and Dave Robinson will take up the Facilities Assistant roles from 01/01/2025.

On other staffing matters, our new Head of Fundraising, Liz Purchase, started work on 09/12/2024, and in the new year we will also be joined by Robin Morton, Section Lead & Lay Clerk, and William Campbell as Sub-Organist & Assistant Director of Music. Our current Sub-Organist & Assistant Director of Music, Anthony Gray will be leaving at Christmas, as will Daisy Widdicombe, our Music Education Officer. Both have made significant contributions to the Cathedral's musical life and leave with our thanks and best wishes for the future.

FIND CALM THIS CHRISTMAS A series of eight short videos have been released by the Church of England, with five of them including one of our choir families, members of our clergy and congregation, and some scenes filmed here in the Cathedral. Watch them on Church of England social media channels or here:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcc_HT5TeqjrqnEO6-Qgh0bK4QTi5KC

CHILDREN'S SPACE Today' Children's Space will be the final session before Christmas, and will return on the 12th January.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

ORGAN RECITALS Wednesday@One organ. The recitalist this week is Darius Battiwalla (Leeds City Organist). The recital is preceded with a buffet lunch at 12:30pm (£4). See <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals> for further details.

CAROLS FOR ALL This event is now fully booked but you can still join us online for it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34dR2pYJw88>, or at one of our other services this year, including our Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd December.

ADVENT MEDITATION WITH RACHEL CHAPLIN on Friday 20th December at 1pm. A poetic and musical meditation event to encourage city centre workers to find peace and calm amidst the Christmas rush. Reflecting on Mary's experience of pregnancy, the mixture of hopes and fears, this event will give space for all people; who is this child that is at the heart of the Christmas story?

BLACK DYKE BAND There are limited tickets left for this concert on Saturday 21st December. You can book your places at <https://black-dyke-band.eventbrite.co.uk/>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

Bradford Cathedral will be closed from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th December, and from Monday 30th December to Wednesday 1st January. It will be open for services on Sunday 29th December. Morning and Evening Prayer between Christmas and New Year will take place online at the usual times of 9am and 5:30pm. The Cathedral will be open as usual, from Thursday 2nd January 2025.

BRADFORD 2025 For details of the Cathedral's themes and events (with more to be announced soon) see <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on/bradford-2025/>

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

For full details of services and events, please visit bradfordcathedral.org.uk/advent-christmas or pick up a copy of our Advent and Christmas flyer, or current what's on booklet. Spaces are limited and booking is required for some services and events, so please do sign up online.



Carols for All
Monday 16th December | 7pm
Bringing together the City Carol Service and the Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership Carol Service. Seasonal music led by the Bradford Cathedral Choir and the City of Bradford Brass Band.
This is now fully booked but you can join us via our YouTube channel.

Advent Meditation
Friday 20th December | 1pm
In a special collaboration for this Advent, monologues by Revd Canon Ned Lunn and music by Rachel Chaplin are performed together.
Pay As You Feel

Black Dyke Band and Bradford Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert
Saturday 21st December | 7pm
Booking essential; charged entry

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 22nd December | 6pm
Telling the story of humanity and Jesus Christ through bible readings and choral and congregational carols.