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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 22nd December 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am	Choral Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
<i>President</i>	Ned Lunn
<i>Preacher</i>	Myra Shackley
<i>Reading</i>	Hebrews 10.5-10 (NT p.221)
<i>Gospel</i>	Luke 1.39-55 (NT p.54)
<i>Hymns</i>	27, 38, 432 & 362
<i>Music</i>	<i>Brahms</i> Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, Op. 122, No. 8; <i>Muhly</i> O Adonai
6pm	Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
<i>Music</i>	<i>Bach</i> Wachet auf, BWV 645; <i>Messiaen</i> Les bergers, Desseins éternels (La Nativité du Seigneur); <i>Ord</i> Adam lay ybounden; <i>Bairstow</i> Let all mortal flesh keep silence; <i>Farrington</i> Nova, nova; <i>Wilby</i> The Word made flesh; <i>Wilberg</i> Ding dong merrily on high; <i>Mulet</i> Carillon-Sortie.

COLLECT God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, 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)
	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (online)
Monday	10am	Brathay children's visit
	7.30pm	Maddy Prior and the Carnival Band: Carols and Capers
Christmas Eve	1pm	Annual Lunchtime Carol Recital
	3pm	Messy Cathedral Crib Service
	11pm	Midnight Choral Eucharist with Carols
Christmas Day	8am	Holy Communion BCP
	10:30am	Christmas Day Choral Eucharist with Carols. Led by Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds
	3.30pm	Said Evening Prayer (online only)
Thursday-Saturday		Cathedral Closed. Please see above for online services.
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10:30am	Congregational Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
	11:45am	Just a Minute
	3:30pm	Said Evening Prayer (online only)

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 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>

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

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-Qglh0bK4QTi5KC

JOB VACANCIES: WEAVING STORIES As part of our major project for City of Culture 2025, we will be helping people to explore the rich heritage of Bradford through the historic threads of the wool trade that go back to our foundations 1,400 years ago and bind our global city together. As part of this we will be placing a large loom in the Cathedral and inviting everyone to add a piece of wool to a large tapestry that will hang in the Cathedral after 2025. We are recruiting for three roles to undertake this project: a visual artist, a sound artist, and a project evaluator. Full details, and how to apply, can be found at <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on/job-vacancies/>. The deadline for applications is Thursday 23rd January 2025.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

MADDY PRIOR AND THE CARNIVAL BAND – CAROLS AND CAROLS

There are limited tickets available for this final date of their 'Fortieth Anniversary & Farewell Tour 2024' on Monday 23rd December at 7:30pm. You can book yours at <https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/maddy-prior-and-the-carnival-band>

ANNUAL LUNCHTIME CAROL RECITAL The Cathedral Choir presents its annual recital on Christmas Eve at 1pm. Music, poetry, witty Christmas stories and the best-loved Christmas carols come together in this yearly sing-a-long celebration. Places are filling up – book your free spaces at <https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/6jbcfgef>. All are welcome to join the choir after the recital at **THE CORN DOLLY** on Bolton Road for sing-a-long carols.

MESSY CATHEDRAL CRIB SERVICE Messy Crib returns for another interactive service involving storytelling, craft, music and prayers, at 3pm on Christmas Eve. Follow the star and meet some of the people who were there at the first messy Christmas in the messy stable and found Jesus in his messy crib. You are encouraged to come dressed as one of your favourite nativity characters. To book your free places please visit <https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/qnlijlk8>

MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST Come along for 11pm on Christmas Eve for one of the highlights of the year. The music is by the Cathedral choir and there will be a number of congregational carols.

CHRISTMAS DAY All are welcome to our services on Wednesday 25th December, at 8am and 10:30am, with the 10:30am service also streamed online.

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/>

EPIPHANY Epiphany is the second festival of the Church's season of Christmas. In this festival, Christians celebrate the drawing of the nations to worship the Christ child. Services will be held on Sunday 5th January at 8am and 10:30am.

ORGAN RECITALS The free Wednesday@One organ recitals return on the 8th January, with the theme of 'Music in Times of War'. Our first organist will be Michael Haynes from Hexham Abbey, and you can read an interview with him now at <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/2024/12/17/notes-from-an-organist-michael-haynes-hexham-abbey/>. The recitals are preceded with a buffet lunch at 12:30pm (£4). See <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals> for the full line-up.

CHORAL EVENSONG Sunday Evensong will return on the 12th January at 3:30pm, and weekday Evensong will be back at 5:30pm on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th.

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP All are welcome to attend, whether you wish to come monthly, as a one-off or dip in and out. All talks are followed by refreshments and the meetings begin with a prayer and hymn. The first meeting, at 2pm on Monday 13th January at 2pm, will see Elaine Appelbee giving a talk on her time walking the Camino de Santiago.

HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE On Saturday 18th January we will be holding two pilgrimages around the Cathedral. As we travel together around the building, the story of Bradford and its cathedral will unfold in words and music. We will hear the prayers, poetry, stories, hymns and music of former times and there will be opportunities for reflection and contemplation as we experience movement and stillness, sound and silence, symbols, story and song in this beautiful, spiritual place. You can book your place for the 4:30pm session at <https://historical-pilgrimage-2025-1.eventbrite.co.uk/> and the 7pm session at <https://historical-pilgrimage-2025-2.eventbrite.co.uk/>

ALPHA COURSE Are you or someone you know curious about the Christian faith? Then our Alpha course is for you. Come and join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. It will run on Wednesdays from 29th January 2025 at 7:30pm in the de Lacy Centre. If you are interested email: alpha@bradfordcathedral.org