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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 29th December 2024

The First Sunday of Christmas

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10:30am	Choral Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
<i>President</i>	The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford
<i>Preacher</i>	Revd Pete Gunstone
<i>Reading</i>	Colossians 3.12-17 (NT p.199)
<i>Gospel</i>	Luke 2.41-52 (NT p.57)
<i>Hymns</i>	Hymns 67, 74 & 57
<i>Music</i>	Thorne Gloria (Mass of the Trinity)
3:30pm	Said Evening Prayer (online only)

COLLECT Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THIS WEEK

Monday-Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer (online)
	5:30pm	Evening Prayer (online)
Thursday-Saturday	12noon	Midday Prayer (Lady Chapel)
Sunday 5 th	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
January	10:30am	Choral Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
Epiphany	3:30pm	Said Evening Prayer (online only)

Weaving Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond

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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.

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

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.

PLAY THE ORGAN YEAR 2025 The Royal College of Organists has announced 2025 as 'Play the Organ Year', a year designed to inspire a year-long effort by the whole organ-playing community, not just to increase the number of people learning to play the organ, but also the number enjoying live and recorded organ music. You can find out more at <https://www.rco.org.uk/play>, and see a video recorded here with David Pipe, their North of England ambassador, on our social media channels.

CATHEDRALS CYCLE RELAY BATON Ahead of the start of this year's relay at Bradford Cathedral later this year, you can now see the baton – and some associated memorabilia – on display in the glass cabinet in the Cathedral shop. You can find out more about the Cathedrals Cycle Relay – and this year's launch – at <https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/oglgbmnx>

NEW STARTERS We welcome Will Campbell as Sub-Organist and Assistant Director of Music and Robin Morton as Tenor Section Lead and Lay Clerk. You will be able to find out more about them shortly on our website news page.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES Bradford Cathedral will be closed 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. Weekday Evensong will be back at 5:30pm on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th.

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP All are welcome, 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/>

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE 2025 marks 1,700 years since the Council of Nicaea, which led to the formulation of the Nicene Creed. In a form of service prepared by the ecumenical community at Bose, Italy, and used worldwide in this week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we will reflect on the story of Martha's confession of faith in Jesus and his question to Martha: "Do you believe this?". All are welcome to this special service on Sunday 19th January at 6pm.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE This Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. All are invited to mark the occasion at a special service of Choral Evensong, led by the clergy and choir of the Cathedral, on Sunday 26th January 2025 at 3:30pm.

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

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29th January - 26th March

Interested?
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