

Regular Opening Times

Our regular opening times are Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm, and for prayer and services (please see below). We are only open on Sundays for services, though our entrances may be open at certain times for worshippers and for the choir to enter. Entry to Bradford Cathedral is free, but donations are welcomed. Please visit our website for all the latest times and for any changes.

Booking Information

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Mon-Thu 10am-2:45pm. We can take cash or card payments



- Regular Cathedral Services

Join us for our regular Cathedral services. Choral services will be said during choir vacation. Please visit our website for the most up-to-date details.

Sundavs

8am - Holy Communion (BCP) Join us for breakfast on the first Sunday of the month

10:30am - Choral Eucharist (also streamed online)

3:30pm - Choral Evensong

All information is correct at the time of printing, but may be subject to change without notice. Additional events and services may be added at short notice.

Monday - Saturday

9am - Morning Prayer (online) 12noon - Midday Prayer (in person) 5:30pm - Evening Prayer (online)

Monday + Tuesday

5:30pm - Choral Evensong

Wednesdays

8:15am - Holy Communion 10:15am - Holy Communion

Thursdays

6:15pm - Chorister Compline

Please visit our website for the latest information, and for any additional events.

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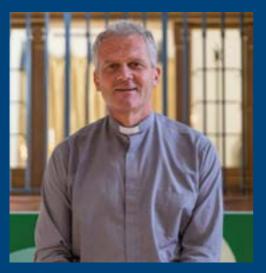
Weaving Stories

May - September 2025

During the UK City of Culture year we will be running three seasons of events, each under a different theme: Creativity Under Pressure (Jan - Apr); Weaving Stories (May -Sep); and Global Connections (Sep - Dec).

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. We will host demonstrations, offer tours around our many links with the wool trade and present art exhibitions on the theme of our woolen history. To accompany 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. This legacy tapestry will represent the countless stories of people's connection to Bradford.





We invite you to immerse yourself in a season of creativity, heritage, and community. This summer's Weaving Stories programme offers a wealth of opportunities to explore, reflect, and participate in something truly special.

From the powerful visual storytelling of The Knitting Pilgrim, a unique blend of theatre, craft, and spirituality, to Woven Lives, a luminous artwork celebrating the rich cultural tapestry of our city, this season is packed with inspiring moments. Music lovers can experience the haunting beauty of Echoes of Eternity, an evening of choral and orchestral music, while those with a passion for craft can take part in Crafting the Cathedral: a hands-on exploration of textiles and tradition.

Alongside these highlights, our Wednesday@One Organ Recitals, guided heritage tours, and thought-provoking talks provide even more ways to engage with Bradford Cathedral as a place of beauty, history, and hospitality. We look forward to welcoming you, whether to add your own thread to the story or simply to enjoy the richness of what this season has to offer.

The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford

Bradford 2025



Weaving Stories

Monday 5th May - Monday 15th Sep
Usual Opening Hours = Free

Weaving stories is an exciting art and heritage project led by Bradford Cathedral as part of our contribution to the UK City of Culture 2025. It has been made possible with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Through a loom installation in the Cathedral, we invite local communities to co-create a breathtaking new tapestry, weaving together the rich, shared stories of Bradford's wool trade - a heritage deeply embedded in the city's diverse, global communities. The loom will be accompanied by a special 'sound tapestry': a recorded collection of voices and stories.

This project is about more than preserving history; it's about bringing people together. By taking part, you will help safeguard an at-risk heritage craft, learn new skills, and build lasting connections with one of Bradford's most significant cultural spaces.

The completed tapestry will go on display in the Cathedral after a launch event on St. Blaise Day, Tuesday 3rd February 2026.

There will be an official launch on Saturday 10th May at 3pm



The Knitting Pilgrim

15 years of knitting. 90 pounds of yarn. One man's artistic and spiritual journey.

A one-man multidisciplinary show that combines personal storytelling, image projection, and three huge hand-knitted panels called 'Stitched Glass'.



Airedale Stitchers: Our Bradford

Monday 12th May - Friday 20th June
Usual opening hours Free

Our starting point was thinking about what makes Bradford home for us. Our ideas were diverse, memories of growing up and working in the area, to the love of the landscape and the historical industrial heritage. These are represented in a variety of textile techniques.

There will be an official launch on Thursday 15th May at 2pm.

Bradford 2025



New Music Biennial

iii Fri 6th and Sat 7th June = Free

New Music Biennial is a three-day festival celebrating the best new music across all genres from the country's most exciting composers – and in 2025, for the first time, it's coming to venues around Bradford. The Biennial will be taking over venues across the city centre, showcasing 20 pieces of new music.

Look out for more information about the artists performing in Bradford Cathedral.



Woven Lives

Tue 8th July - Mon 1st September
Usual opening hours

Woven lives is a beautiful and powerful artwork which talks of the lives and stories of the people of Bradford. The woven coloured glass and symbols, lit from within, show how light and dark times are all part of the story of community and connection.



Knit The Stripes

Tue 1st July - Thu 28th August
Usual opening hours = Free

Come and see what happens when you mix Bradford's textile heritage with a vibrant creative community to produce a large-scale art installation, highlighting climate change trends in Yorkshire. Almost 3.5 million stitches have been knitted by volunteers into a 15m warming stripe display that charts our changing temperature from the 1850s to present.

Official launch: Sat 5th July at 4:30pm.



Crafting the Cathedral

Friday 11th and Saturday 12th July
11am - 2pm Free (Tours - £7)

In July, as part of our *Weaving Stories* project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we are holding two days of free events, including hands-on experiences, which will appeal to crafting groups, crafters, general members of the public, and families.

Bradford 2025



Heritage Open Day

Saturday 13th September

12noon - 3pm Free

We will be focussing on some artistic works in the Cathedral created by women, including renowned embroiderers May Morris and Louisa Pesel, and stained glass artist Moira Forsyth.

Global Connections September - December

We are a diverse and distinct place where people have come from around the world and stayed. We welcome people from all nations to call our city home and this season of work will celebrate our international links. From globally significant artworks that engage in interfaith dialogue to young people making new links across



cultural divides, we are engaging in big conversations with our global family.

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Music



Clergy Support Trust: 370th Festival Service

Tuesday 13th May (St. Paul's Cathedral)

5pm == Free

The Service at St Paul's Cathedral is one of the oldest choral music events in the world, and brings together three of the UK's finest cathedral choirs. Lichfield Cathedral Choir will join the choirs of Bradford and St Paul's, under the cathedral's majestic dome.



Visiting Choir: The Hope Street Consort

sunday 17th August

This Liverpool-based vocal ensemble, formed in October 2023, features musicians from both city cathedrals. Last year they visited Bradford Cathedral, which was a great success. The consort are looking forward to returning as a visiting choir this summer, singing both the Eucharist and Evensong.

This year the Choir are going on tour to Shropshire from the 24th - 28th May. Look out for more information online.

Wednesday@One Organ Recitals Summer 2025

Our weekly organ recital series showcases top-class performers playing beautiful music from across the centuries in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The season is themed around Bradfordian Organ Music - music from composers with a connection to the City and District.

Admission is free (Suggest donation of £5) Buffet Lunch (£4) at 12:30pm Recitals at 1pm

7th May - Robert Poyser (Beverley Minster) 14th May - Jeffrey Makinson (Lincoln Cathedral)

4th June - William Campbell (Bradford)

11th June - Tom Winpenny (Freelance Organist)

18th June - Milkica Radovanovic (Norway)

25th June - Alex Berry (Great St. Mary's, Cambridge)

2nd July - Polina Sosnina (Brasenose College, Oxford) 9th July - Graham Thorpe (Bradford Cathedral)

There is also a Retiring Collection towards the costs of the recitals.

Read weekly interviews with the organists at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals

We are delighted to host Organ Recitals free of charge; to help us continue this popular programme we welcome donations. Please donate via our website bradfordcathedral.org.uk/donate, or text the word SEED followed by the amount you wish to give (maximum £20) to 70450.

To discuss other ways you can donate to our Organ Recitals programme, please get in touch with Liz Purchase, Head of Fundraising, via email at liz.purchase@bradfordcathedral.org.





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You can e-mail liz.purchase@bradfordcathedral.org or phone 01274 77 77 20

Concerts



Art of Andalucia | Flamenco Dance

Friday 16th May (1) 7:30pm (2) £29

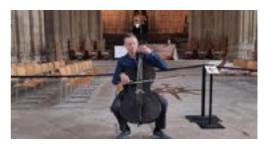
② Daniel Martinez Flamenco Company

This show shifts the focus entirely to the art of flamenco dance, offering audiences an immersive experience where the dancers take centre stage, bringing the passion and energy of Andalucia to life.



A Night at the Opera by Candlelight

Experience the passion and power of opera's greatest arias and overtures from Puccini, Verdi, and Mozart, including iconic pieces like *Nessun Dorma* and *O Mio Babbino Caro*, performed by the soaring vocals of four exceptional singers and the world-class ensemble, London Concertante, in a breathtaking candlelit setting.



Pilgrim Cello -Meditation on the Seven Last Words of Jesus

Friday 23rd May () 3pm
Pay as you feel (2) Kenneth Wilson

The Meditation consists of JS Bach's beautiful solo cello music, interspersed with poems of reflection on Jesus's last words from the cross.



The Magic of Whitney - The Candlelight Concert

Saturday 31st May (7:30pm Various (Xperience Live

Prepare for an electrifying night, bringing you the unforgettable music of Whitney Houston in a tribute like no other! This breathtaking show by candlelight will feature a world-class live band & Taryn Charles, Britain's Got Talent Golden Buzzer Winner, delivering Whitney's greatest hits with an amazing passion and energy.

Concerts



Echoes of Eternity: Music for Choir and Organ

- Saturday 14th June
- O 6pm □ Various
- Bradford Festival Choral Society

A powerful celebration of choral grandeur, from Parry's resplendent *I Was Glad* and *Blest Pair of Sirens* to Vierne's magnificent *Messe Solennelle*, written for the spectacular surroundings of Notre Dame. The ancient Gregorian chant *Ave maris stella* meets Judith Weir's vivid reimagining and Anna Thorvaldsdottir's *Heyr pú oss himnum á* offers an otherworldly moment of contemplation.



Fauré Requiem

- Saturday 12th July
 T:30pm £18
- Join Bradford's Chordiality Choir and the National Festival Orchestra for a summer evening of choral and orchestral classics featuring Gabriel Faure's famous Requiem and much more.



Music from the Movies by Candlelight

- **a** Saturday 28th June
- 🕓 7:30pm 🖃 Various
- London Concertante

Experience the magic of cinema's greatest soundtracks in a breathtaking candlelit setting. From the sweeping themes of *Jurassic Park* and *The Godfather* to the adventure of *Superman* and *James Bond*, London Concertante's world-class musicians bring these legendary scores to life in an unforgettable evening of music and atmosphere.



For most of our concerts we offer a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments, and snacks, and accept card and cash. Please see our online listings for further details.



Ascension Day (Congregational Eucharist)

Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and ascends into heaven We gather on this day to celebrate his kingship, to pray for his kingdom to come, and to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

You can see the statue above on the South-East corner of the building.

Pentecost

聞 Sunday 8th June ○ 10:30am

Pentecost is one of the great Christian festivals and crowns the celebration of Easter. It celebrates that Jesus, who has risen, ascended and is glorified, lives in his Church through the Holy Spirit. All are welcome to join us as we explore together what that looks like in 21st century Bradford.





Self Supporting Ministry Celebration Service

i Sunday 1st June

O 2pm

Self-supporting ministers (those who receive no stipend) form about one quarter of clergy who have formal pastoral responsibilities in the Church of England. Led by the Bishop of Kirkstall, the Rt Revd Arun Arora, this service celebrates the generosity of their service in many parishes and ministries across the Diocese of Leeds.

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 15th June

(10:30am

Trinity Sunday marks the beginning of what is known as 'Ordinary Time' in the Church, which lasts until Advent.

Whilst the time from Advent to Pentecost has told the story of the life of Christ, Ordinary Time tells the extraordinary story of the presence of Jesus in his Church.

There will be no choral services today as the choir are singing in Carlisle Cathedral for the installation of our very own Revd Pete Gunstone as Canon Precentor at 3pm there. All are also welcome to that service.

Worship



Bradford Episcopal Area Priest Ordinations

i Saturday 21st June 🕓 11am

Curates who have completed a year of being a Deacon will gather in the cathedral to be ordained Priest by the Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford. Want to know more about what a priest is, does and looks like? Come along, but don't forget that God calls all his baptised people to be a part of the royal priesthood!



Patronal Festival

i Sunday 29th June 🕓 10:30am

As a cathedral church dedicated to St. Peter, we celebrate our patron on the Sunday on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul

All are welcome to the Sunday Eucharist, our focal act of worship for the Cathedral.



Full Choral Foundation

i Sunday 6th July 🕓 10:30am / 3:30pm

Since September the girl and boy choristers, the youth choir, and the adult choir have been singing separate choral services on Sundays, Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and on special occasions.

Come and hear them celebrate the end of the choir year, and express their appreciation for their outgoing and outstanding Organist & Director of Music, Graham Thorpe, who moves to a role at Norwich Cathedral this summer.

For full details of all our upcoming services please visit bradfordcathedral.org.uk/worship-music/worship/

More Events



National Walking Month

Throughout May

Look out for various walks, pilgrimages, and more that you can take part in over May, including the Yorkshire Heritage Way, the Fairtrade Way walk, and much more.



Cathedrals Cycle Relay

i Saturday 24th May 🕓 10:30am

42 cathedrals. 42 days. 2000 Miles: starting from Bradford, the UK City of Culture 2025.

Join us for the opening event for speeches, music and more - and then join us, if you wish, for the 20-mile cycle ride to Wakefield Cathedral via Dewsbury Minster!



Re:Imagine Faith Conversations

i Saturday 5th July 🕓 7:30pm 🖃 £15

Baroness Sayeeda Warsi in conversation, will explore the shifting and contested landscape of interfaith relations in the 21st century. How is this playing out in places like Bradford and what can we, as City of Culture, learn from our good and more challenging experiences of the past?



European Festival of Latvian Culture

friday 18th July 4pm

A concert of Latvian music performed by talented young musicians from Latvia, the UK and Germany. Featured composers include Vasks, Renāte Stivriņa, Pavasars, Plakidis, and Alberts Jērums.

More Events



ACT Shakespeare: The Tempest

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th July
7pm (Fri) / 2:45pm (Sat / Sun)

 \equiv £12 (Friday) / £15 (Matinees)

Years after being abandoned at sea in a leaky vessel, Prospera conjures a terrifying tempest against those who usurped her position as Duchess of Milan.

The Tempest explores love, loss, revenge and redemption in the magical environment of a mysterious island.



Let's Walk the Bradford Canal

Friday 29th August

Rediscover the abandoned Bradford Canal with a 3-mile walk through the industrial landscape of Bradford as part of our BD25 celebrations



Bradford Cathedral Choir will be available soon

Family Events



Half-Term Family Activities

Tuesday 27th May

① 10am-11:30am or 1-2:30pm 🖃 Free

With World Environment Day and the half-term holidays coming up, Bradford Cathedral will be holding free family activities based around animals and nature, with lots of crafts, colouring and quizzes! There will also be the opportunity to make a Father's Day card.

Summer Holiday Family Activities

Tuesday 29th July

① 10am-11:30am or 1-2:30pm = Free

Celebrate the British summer with our free family activities at Bradford Cathedral. There will be summer crafts and colouring for younger children, as well as quizzes, information, colouring, sketching and crafts for older children. Parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to join in with the fun as well!

Family-friendly guided tours take place at 11:30 and 2:30. There is so much to see and do at Bradford Cathedral and everyone is welcome!

Booking is advised in order to ensure a place. Children must be accompanied at all times by an adult.



Churches Count on Nature

iii Saturday 7th June

Join us at Bradford Cathedral for our third Churches Count on Nature event, where we'll be running some great activities to get you connected with nature, including:

- Decorating bug hotels with camouflage
- · Creating a cathedral bug banner
- Going bug, bird, insect, and flower spotting in the cathedral grounds using our handy spotters guide - with some Fairtrade chocolate for those taking part!



Tours



Tours of Bradford Cathedral

Monday 5th May, Thursday 5th June, Thursday 31st July

As part of Bradford 2025 activities, we are offering a series of tours of Bradford Cathedral during the course of this year. If you have always wanted to learn more about this beautiful building, its history and its treasures, this is your opportunity! There is no other location in Bradford where you can learn about a history stretching back almost 1,400 years.



Ecclesiastical Textiles Tours

iii Saturday 10th May, Thursday 12th June, Friday 11th July

(S) 11:30am / 1:30pm (May)

-- £7

11am / 1pm (June / July)

= £7

Bradford Cathedral is fortunate enough to have in its collection a number of beautiful, intricate and historically significant ecclesiastical textiles. Join us as we tour the Cathedral, seeing these stunning textiles in situ – some of which are rarely on display.



William Morris & Co. Stained Glass Tours

Monday 26th May, Thursday 17th July, Saturday 9th August

Discover more about early examples of Morris & Co's work which are on display in four locations in Bradford Cathedral



Craft Tour

Saturday 12th July

This is an opportunity to have a guided tour of the Cathedral, with extra information about some of our beautifully-crafted features, objects and textiles.

Regular Events





First Saturday of each month

(March - October)



Free entry

Ever wondered what's in a church, masjid, mandir or gurdwara? The Bradford Faith Trail offers a unique opportunity to discover a little bit about Muslim. Hindu. Sikh and Christian (Roman Catholic and Church of England) faith buildings, about the faiths within and how they link into Bradford's local community culture and faith heritage. Our Trail also takes us through Little Germany, where we pause to consider Bradford's Jewish history and heritage.

The Bradford Faith Trail meets at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Leeds Road. The trail includes langar (communal vegetarian lunch at the gurdwara), and finishes at Bradford Cathedral around 3:15pm.

Booking is essential. If you would like more information, or to book a place, please e-mail faithtrail@ bradfordcathedral.org or call 01274 77 77 20.

Monday Fellowship

second Monday of each month

(2pm

Free entry

A series of thought-provoking talks on a wide range of subjects. Spend a few hours once a month in the company of others, listening to interesting and informative talks on a wide range of topics. New faces and old friends are very welcome, whether you come once for a particular talk or whether you come every month.

Monday 12th May

Dianne Excell - Yorkshire: The Confectionery Capital of the UK

Monday 9th June

Topic TBC

Monday 14th July

Jane Clark - Antarctica: Wilderness at the Edge of the World

Monday 11th August

Summer Fellowship - Cream Tea at the Deanery

Please visit bradfordcathedral.org.uk/ monday-fellowship for the full programme.

Leave your reviews

Have you visited Bradford Cathedral recently for an event or service, or as a visitor?

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You can also scan the OR code here to leave us a review on TripAdvisor.



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Guided Tours



We offer group tours on Mon - Thu during the Cathedral's opening hours, subject to diary availability. To avoid disappointment, booking well in advance is recommended. To book please e-mail maggie.myers@bradfordcathedral.org. The cost for the general tour of the Cathedral is £5 per person.

There is also the option of a stained glass window (all windows), Morris & Co. stained glass window, or ecclesiastical textiles' tour of Bradford Cathedral. The cost of these specialist tours is £7 per person.

Life Events



We offer the possibility of supporting you and arranging significant life events for you and your family including Baptisms, Weddings, Blessings, Funerals and Spiritual Support. For all enquiries please e-mail the office on info@bradfordcathedral.org or phone 01274 77 77 20.

Pilgrimage



If you are visiting the Cathedral on foot or by bike - including as part of the Cathedrals Cycle Route - don't forget to see one of our staff to get your Pilgrim Passport stamped and stickered - or buy your Passport from our shop and start your pilgrimage journey! For more information, please visit bradfordcathedral.org.uk/pilgrimages.





lt's On In Bradford



How to find us

We are within easy walking distance of Bradford city centre, local bus stops, and the Bradford Interchange and Forster Square train stations. There are three entrances into the Cathedral, from Stott Hill (accessible entrance), Church Bank and via the State Gate steps.

Local parking is available at The Broadway Bradford shopping centre every day from 6am until 1am, accessed via Hall Ings (BD1 1JR).

To find out more, to check our current opening times, and to see a map, please visit our website at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/plan-your-visit

Accessibility

If you have any questions about accessibility or if you require any assistance when getting to our events, please contact us using the details below.

Support the Cathedral

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