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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 30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Prayer for our Life Together (St Aidan's Chapel)
10:30am	Choral Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)
<i>President</i>	The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford
<i>Preacher</i>	Revd Henriette Howarth, Minor Canon for Congregational Life
<i>Reading</i>	Isaiah 2.1-5 (OT p.641)
<i>Gospel</i>	Matthew 24.36-44 (NT p.26)
<i>Music</i>	Byrd Mass for Three Voices (K), Byrd Mass for Four Voices (SBA), Goldschmidt A Tender Shoot, Bach Wachet Auf, ruft uns die stimme BWV 645, Hymns: 334, 449, 24
6pm	Advent Procession
	Reger Phantasia uber den Choral Wachet auf ruft uns die stimme, Palestrina Matin Responsory, Howells A Spotless Rose, Wise Prepare ye the way, McKie We wait for thy loving kindness, Gray Advent Responsory, Hymns: 32, 24, 26, 29, 31

COLLECT Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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)
	10am-4pm	Cathedral Open
	12noon	Midday Prayer (Lady Chapel)
	5:30pm	Choral Evensong (Mon-Tue) (Quire/online) Evening Prayer (Wed-Sat) (online)
Wednesday	8:15am	Holy Communion (CW, St Aidan's Chapel)
	10:15am	Holy Communion (CW, St Aidan's Chapel)
	1pm	Wednesday@One Organ Recital
	2pm	Advent Group (de Lacy Centre)
Thursday	7pm	The Christmas Orchestra
Friday	7.30pm	G4 Christmas concert
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Prayer for our Life Together (St Aidan's Chapel)
	10:30am	Choral Eucharist
	11:45am	Just a Minute
	3.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP)
	6pm	International Christmas

NOTICES

PASTORAL SUPPORT At the cathedral we care about you and are always ready to offer you pastoral care. If you have any pastoral concerns or want to share prayer requests, speak to one of the clergy or send an e-mail to clergy@bradfordcathedral.org in the first instance.

HEATHER WRIGHT has, sadly, died recently. Her funeral will take place at Shay Grange Crematorium on Friday 12th December at 2.15pm. Please pray for her family, particularly John, her husband and ex-Churchwarden of the Cathedral.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE The Community Committee is a valuable link between our Clergy and Chapter and the congregation. Community Committee members wear blue lanyards to make them more identifiable to the congregation. Please feel free to chat to them and ask any questions you may have.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM As part of Bradford Cathedral's ongoing commitment to safeguarding and community wellbeing, we are supporting the *16 Days of Activism* campaign from 25th November to the 10th December. Learn more at <https://www.unwomen.org/en/get-involved/16-days-of-activism>

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 although our churchwardens are especially looking for people to become stewards for refreshments, Sunday and other services and also events. Find out more from a member of clergy or one of the churchwardens, Jackie and Jenny. Please be aware that you will need to be safely recruited to all volunteer roles.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LIFE TOGETHER Prayer is at the heart of what we do both in our services and personally. During this time of change at the cathedral community, we invite you to join us in prayer weekly from Advent Sunday 30th November 9.30–10.15am in St Aidan's Chapel, and Thursdays 5.30–6pm online during evening prayer.

CHRISTMAS DAY ON THE BBC this year will be broadcast live from Bradford Cathedral. We'd love you to be part of our celebrations. If you would like to join us, please let us know that you are able to come so we can ensure we save you (and any guests you might bring) a space. A sign-up list is on the welcome table at the back. Doors will open at 8.45am and all congregation need to be seated and ready by 9.30am!

COME! SEE THE INFANT KING CD Bradford Cathedral Choir, in conjunction with the world famous Black Dyke Band, have just released a CD of Christmas Music, perfect as a present for your friends and family! If you'd like to buy one, priced at £15, you can order from the website <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/product/come-see-the-infant-king-cd/> , purchase one from the Cathedral shop, or speak to Geoffrey Woollatt, our Director of Music.

GRACE NOTES will be returning in January. This is our children's community choir, which will meet on Wednesday evenings from 4.30-5.30pm. As part of this, your child will receive free singing & musical tuition, become a more confident singer, and most importantly, will have lots of fun. If your child is interested please do get in contact with Geoffrey Woollatt on geoffrey.woollatt@bradfordcathedral.org

FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

ORGAN RECITALS The free Wednesday@One organ recitals this week continues the theme of 'Global Connections'. Our organist this week will be Tim Selman from Lincoln Cathedral. The recitals are preceded with a buffet lunch at 12:30pm (£5). See <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals> for the full line-up.

CAROLS OF THE 7 HILLS 27th November to 6th December. This Advent, Bradford's story is brought to life in six local venues, with a mystery at its heart. Written and directed by top creatives and featuring local talent, each night is unique. A perfect "invite-a-friend" opportunity, with follow-up Advent reflections available. Find a venue near you! Tickets available by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/119937177171>

ADVENT PROCESSION Tonight, 6pm. Advent is a season of expectation, of Jesus' first coming as a baby and of his anticipated second coming to make all things well. Join us for this atmospheric service in which that story is told through movement and music, from darkness to light.

ADVENT GROUP Wednesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th December, 2pm-3.30pm, in the de Lacy Centre. This will be an opportunity to take some time away from the business of festive preparations and gather to prepare spiritually for Christmas as we read Scripture together, reflect and pray. Everyone is welcome to come to as many as you wish to. Let Henriette Howarth know if you are planning to come. henriette.howarth@bradfordcathedral.org 07701 097881

THE CHRISTMAS ORCHESTRA Thursday 4th December, 7pm. The Christmas Orchestra is back! After a wonderful run of sold out shows in 2024 we are excited to bring you more shows and locations in 2025. Get ready to discover the magic of the festive season with our unique concert experience.

G4 CHRISTMAS Friday 5th December, 7:30pm. Ignite your Christmas spirit with a sprinkling of G4's yuletide magic. Nourish your soul with their extraordinary and unique renditions of traditional carols, sacred contemplations, classical favourites and modern festive hits including *Silent Night*, *O Holy Night*, *All I Want for Christmas*, *Walking in the Air*, *When a Child is Born* and *The 12 Days of Christmas*.

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS Sunday 7th December, 6-8pm at the Cathedral. This will be an informal, joyful Christmas celebration with food, music and worship from around the world. Everyone is welcome. Please let Henriette Howarth 07701 097881 or Jane Anikpe 07903 291662 know that you are planning to come and whether you can contribute to the food and worship so we will have a wonderful variety!

MONDAY FELLOWSHIP We look forward to our final Monday Fellowship of the year, our Christmas Fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us for food, carols, poems, stories, reflections and conversation, at 2pm on Monday 8th December in the de Lacy Centre.

BLACK DYKE BAND AND BRADFORD CATHEDRAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT Friday 12th December, 7pm. Join us this December as Black Dyke Band and the Bradford Cathedral Choir perform together at an incredible Christmas concert. This annual concert features a world class brass band and Cathedral choir performing well-loved Christmas tunes. Tickets available at: <https://black-dyke-band.eventbrite.co.uk>