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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 7th December 2025

Second 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> Revd Jude Smith, Diocesan Director of Church Revitalisation <i>Preacher</i> The Very Revd Andy Bowerman, Dean of Bradford <i>Reading</i> Isaiah 11:1-10 (OT p.650) <i>Gospel</i> Matthew 3:1-12 (NT p.2) <i>Music</i> Vierge Messe Solenne, Stanford A Song of Peace, Carter Toccata on Veni Emmanuel, Hymns: 26, 591, 58
3.30pm	Choral Evensong (BCP) <i>Woollatt</i> Responses, Psalm 11, <i>Gibbons</i> Second Service, <i>Gibbons</i> This is the record of John, <i>Bach</i> Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 661, Hymns: 34, 31
6pm	International Christmas

COLLECT O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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)
Monday	2pm	Christmas Fellowship (de Lacy Centre)
Tuesday	AM/PM	School Visits
	1pm	Stitching@Bradford Cathedral (de Lacy Centre)
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)
Friday	7pm	Black Dyke Band concert
Saturday	7pm	Tim Burton's 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	Blue 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.

MINCE PIES 'Tis the season for mince pies! Donations are much appreciated for our many Advent and Christmas events. If you would like to donate some pies, these can be left in the Cathedral kitchen with one of our usual refreshment staff, or at the office. Many thanks.

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 on Sundays at 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.

DEAN ANDY'S FAREWELL Dean Andy's final service will be on January 18th 2026. After this there will be a lunch, speeches and presentations. Lunch will start at 12.30pm. The churchwardens, Jenny Price and Jackie Vickers, are organising a leaving gift for him and Ali. If you wish to make a contribution, you can use this QR code to do so, or else leave your gift in a sealed envelope with a churchwarden or Julie in the Cathedral office.



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 Grace Middleton, Wakefield 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.

ADVENT GROUP Wednesdays, 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

INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS Tonight at 6-8pm in 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>