

# Weekly News Sheet

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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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026

The Presentation of Christ at the Temple/ Candlemas

<b>8am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist (CW, also livestreamed)</b>
President	Revd Henriette Howarth, Minor Canon for Congregational Life
Preacher	Revd Canon Ned Lunn, Intercultural Mission and the Arts
Reading	Malachi 3:1-5 (OT p.904)
Gospel	Luke 2:22-40 (NT p.56)
Music	Stanford Communion Service in B flat, Stanford Nunc Dimittis in B flat Dankworth Light of the world, Bach Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin, BWV 616, Hymns: 496, 309, 516
<b>5pm</b>	<b>Candlemas Carol Service</b> Tallis O Nata Lux, Eccard When to the temple Mary went, Handel Lift up your heads, Elgar Light out of darkness, Wood O thou the central orb, Stanford Nunc dimittis in G, Dubois Fiat Lux, Hymns: 44, 'Longing for Light', 513

**COLLECT** Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 with <i>World Reimagined</i>
	12noon	Midday Prayer (Lady Chapel)
	5.30pm	Choral Evensong (Mon-Tue) (Quire/online) Evening Prayer (Wed-Sat) (online)
Tuesday	1pm	Stitching@Bradford Cathedral
	7pm	Alpha (de Lacy Centre)
	7pm	Weaving Stories' Tapestry Unveiling
Wednesday	8.15am	Holy Communion (CW, St Aidan's Chapel)
	10.15am	Holy Communion (CW, St Aidan's Chapel)
	1pm	Wednesday@One Organ Recital
Thursday	AM and PM	School Visits
Sunday	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Prayer for our Life Together (St Aidan's Chapel)
	11am	Choral Matins: The Legal Service (also livestreamed)
	3.30pm	Choral Eucharist with prayers for healing (CW)

## NOTICES

**INTERIM DEAN OF BRADFORD** We are delighted to announce that Revd Canon Jonathan Triffitt, currently serving as Director of Ministry and Mission and Deputy Diocesan Secretary (Bishop's Missioner) in the Diocese of Salisbury, has been appointed as Interim Dean of Bradford for a period of three years. Jonathan and his wife, Joanne, will be moving to Bradford at the end of February and there will be a service of Institution and Installation on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm.

**RON FLETCHER** the husband of Sam, our Head Verger, died this week peacefully at home. This is the answer to our prayers: a release from suffering and a coming to rest. Please pray for Sam, Emily, Jeremy, and the wider family.

**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](mailto:clergy@bradfordcathedral.org) in the first instance.

**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.

**NEW WOMEN'S GROUP** Do you feel called to go deeper in your walk with Jesus? Have you been a Christian for a while and want a community to encourage and challenge you further? This new group runs on Monday, 7.30pm exploring the 'Practising the Way' course, prayer and worship. Speak to Stephanie Creighton if you're interested.

**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.

**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.

## FORTHCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

**THE WORLD REIMAGINED EXHIBITION** From Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. This unique exhibition features a stunning collection of globe sculptures, each painted by Black British, Caribbean and U.K. artists in collaboration with local school children.

**CANDLEMAS CAROL SERVICE** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 5pm. Candlemas is the third and final festival of the Church's season of Christmas. In this festival, we celebrate that Jesus came to save not just his own people, but the whole world. We will be holding a special service (in place of Choral Evensong) with music, poetry and liturgy.

**TRY ALPHA** It's not too late to join the Alpha course, which is for anyone who is curious about the Christian faith, and wants to explore the big questions of life with others. Come along on Tuesday evenings, 7-8.30pm, and see what you think. Invite a friend and bring them along too. Interested? Email [alpha@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:alpha@bradfordcathedral.org)

**WEAVING STORIES TAPESTRY UNVEILING** Join us on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 7pm for the unveiling of the community woven tapestry as part of our National Lottery Heritage Fund project, Weaving Stories. We will hear from the artists who led on the project, as well as community groups who participated.

**WEDNESDAY@ONE ORGAN RECITALS SPRING 2026** This season, we are celebrating 100 years since the birth of Queen Elizabeth II. This week's recitalist will be Kumi Choi from Basel, Switzerland. The recitals are preceded with a buffet lunch at 12:30pm (£5). See <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/organ-recitals> for the full line-up.

**ANNUAL LEGAL SERVICE** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 11am. Join us for the Annual Legal Service 2026, with the Rt Revd Arora preaching for Racial Justice Sunday. Please be seated by 10:45am.

**HEALING SERVICE** Sunday 8th February, 3.30pm. Jesus' ministry of healing continues through the Church today. All are welcome to join us for a service of Choral Eucharist, during which there will be the opportunity to receive prayer for healing, for yourself or for someone else, including anointing with oil.

**MONDAY FELLOWSHIP** Monday 9th February, at 2pm in the de Lacy Centre. This month's speaker is Revd Henriette Howarth, who will be speaking about her life as: "A Dutch Priest in Bradford". All are welcome to attend, whether you wish to come monthly, as a one-off or dip in and out. We would love to see you!

**HALF-TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES** Tuesday 17th February, at 10am and 1pm. At Bradford Cathedral there are lots of things to see, do and discover for children (and adults!) of all ages! We will be doing spring crafts and colouring, there will be family-friendly guided tours of the Cathedral at 11:30am and 2:30pm, or you could do one of the Cathedral Trails with your family, spotting interesting things along the way. All are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Book your places via Churchsuite: Morning: <https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/l8yqzqsd> Afternoon: <https://bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.com/events/zn6jops8>

**THE WORLD REIMAGINED FAMILY ACTIVITIES** Saturday 21st February, 11am. Free family activities revolving around The World Reimagined, our winter exhibition, filled with joyous performances and activities such as face painting, craft making and music workshops.

**LENT RETREAT WITH BISHOP TOBY** Saturday 28th February, 10am. Lent is a time to follow Jesus more closely in our world today and to prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter. This retreat will offer opportunities to reflect, pray, be silent and connect with others.

**WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm. Each one of us was made with care and love by God. When we receive this profound truth, it changes how we see ourselves and others, and changes our relationships. This service will invite us to notice things that we often take for granted.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm. Experience possibly one of the most famous pieces of music ever written, presented by Bradford Cathedral's choir. It is commonly staged during the lead up to Christmas; however, the Ontario's narrative also covers the Lent and Easter stories. Join us for an epic performance complete with spectacular choral and orchestral music. Book at: <https://handels-messiah-bradford.eventbrite.co.uk>