



BRADFORD
CATHEDRAL



Events & What's On

May - August 2026

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to the Cathedral

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Welcome to Bradford Cathedral



Welcome to Bradford Cathedral!

Bradford Cathedral is open to everyone – whether for a service, an event or if you come to discover our history and heritage. We wish to serve you in any way we can, whatever your background, faith or spiritual beliefs. As we seek to weave Jesus into rich fabric of this city and beyond.

Maybe this guide will prompt you to join us in person, whether that's to discover more about the Bradford stories within our walls, to light a candle and to pray, or to join us for worship. You'd be most welcome.

Perhaps we will see you at one of our many events and exhibitions. Whatever the reason, we'd love to share Bradford Cathedral with you soon.

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"Weaving Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond"

What's On this Season

Bradford Cathedral has always been shaped by movement; of prayer, of people and of possibility. Rooted in nearly 1,400 years of worship, we remain a place where heritage and imagination meet: local yet outward-looking, grounded yet open to change. This cathedral is not simply a backdrop to the city's life, but a space where its deepest questions can be held with honesty and hope.

Throughout 2026 we are exploring three connected themes:



Borders and Belonging



Transcendence and Technology



Soil and Spirit

Transcendence and Technology will help us to reflect on how technological advancements impact our lives in positive and more challenging ways. **Soil and Spirit** explores how the environments we inhabit and steward, shape us. We'll also continue to ask how we can develop sustainable habits of hope.

Our big conversation this season will follow Refugee Week in June and sits within our **Borders and Belonging** theme. Bradford is a city formed by migration, and so we will be gathering to Re:Imagine Migration. Bringing together lived experience, artistic response, and thoughtful debate, this event will ask what it truly means to belong: beyond headlines and hardened positions. How are borders drawn? Who feels at home? And how might we imagine a more generous future together?

We invite you to join us — to listen, to question, and to help shape a shared story of belonging for Bradford and beyond.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's business.

Bradford Cathedral is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. This commitment is shared by our staff and volunteers.

As such, the cathedral has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout its activities.

To view our policies and commitments and for details of how to report a concern, please visit:

bradfordcathedral.org.uk/safeguarding/

Re:
Imagine



Headline Event this Season

Re:Imagine Migration

In a world shaped by migration and contested borders, what does it truly mean to belong... together?

See event details on page 9.



Special Services

The Cathedral hosts a number of special services throughout the year and you are welcome to join us.

Sun 10th May	Christian Aid Service	10:30am	p6
Thurs 14th May	Ascension Day	7pm	p6
Sun 24th May	Pentecost	10:30am	p7
Sat 27th Jun	Ordinations of Priests	3pm	p9
Sat 4th Jul	Ordinations of Deacons	11am	p10
Sun 5th Jul	Patronal Festival with Full Choral Foundation	10:30am	p10

Regular Services

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

Monday - Saturday

9am - Morning Prayer (online)
12noon - Midday Prayer
5:30pm - Choral Evensong (Mon - Tues)
(also online)
5:30pm - Evening Prayer (online)

Wednesdays

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

Sundays

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

For more information about our services please visit:

bradfordcathedral.org.uk/worship-music/worship/

To book tickets to our events:

 bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on/featured-events/

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Music and Arts

Bradford Cathedral has a vibrant programme of concerts and recitals, and is host to a range of exhibitions and cultural events that explore our themes for the year.

Weekly	Wednesday@One Organ Recitals	1pm	p15
Fri 1st May	The Music of John Williams vs Hans Zimmer	6/8:30pm	p6
Sat 2nd May	The Music of The Lord of The Rings	6:30pm	p6
Sat 23rd May	Bradford's Craft and Flea Market	11am	p7
Sun 24th May	Visiting Choir - Pocklington Singers	3:30pm	p7
Sat 13th Jun	Hayao Miyazaki's Dreams by Mystery Ensemble	6:30pm	p8
Fri 19th Jun	Delius in France Free Lunchtime Recital	1pm	p9
3rd - 12th Jul	Bradford Literature Festival		p10
Fri 10th Jul	The Music of George Michael	7:30pm	p10
Sat 11th Jul	The Music of Whitney	7:30pm	p11
13th - 19th Jul	Bradford Heritage Festival		p11
Sat 18th Jul	Enchanted - The Ultimate Princess Concert	7:30pm	p11
Sat 15th Aug	The Music of James Bond	7:30pm	p13
Sat 22nd Aug	Visiting Choir - Choir of Hexham Abbey	3:30pm	p13

Tours, Talks and Meetings

We have a busy schedule of tours, talks and group meetings that you can join to explore our community, history, or themes for the year.

Biweekly	Cathedral Stitches	1pm	p16
Monthly	Monday Fellowship	2pm	p14
Monthly	Bradford Faith Trail	10am	p14
Sat 16th May	Ecclesiastical Textiles' Tours	11am/1pm	p7
Tues 26th May	May Half-Term Family Activities	10am/1pm	p8
Sat 6th Jun	"Modelling the Cathedral" Celebration Event	12pm	p8
Sat 13th Jun	Morris & Co. Stained Glass Tours	11am/1pm	p9
Thurs 25th Jun	Re:Imagine Migration	7:30pm	p9
Tues 28th July	Summer Holiday Family Activities	10am/1pm	p12
Sat 22nd Aug	Ecclesiastical Textiles' Tours	11am/1pm	p13
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The Music of John Williams vs Hans Zimmer

Fri 1st May | 6pm/8:30pm | Ticketed | From £30

Experience a breathtaking celebration of John Williams, Hans Zimmer and the greatest film scores ever written, brought to life by a chamber orchestra. This extraordinary touring production is more than a concert – it is a celebration of two musical legends whose work has shaped the emotional core of cinema itself.



The Music of The Lord of The Rings. Tribute to Howard Shore

Sat 2nd May | 6:30pm | Ticketed | From £22

Experience the majestic and timeless music of the legendary Lord of the Rings films in a breathtaking concert that will transport audiences straight into the heart of Tolkien's universe. Howard Shore's iconic soundtrack has captivated millions worldwide, and now, we bring it to you!

Christian Aid Service



Sun 10th May | 10:30am

At the start of Christian Aid week and as part of our regular Sunday morning service we will renew our commitment to justice and hope. We will also reflect on faith in action and our shared responsibility for a world where no one is passed by.



Ascension Day



Thurs 14th May | 7pm

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 for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. You can see the statue pictured on the South-East corner of the cathedral building.





Ecclesiastical Textiles' Tours

Sat 16th May | 11am / 1pm | Ticketed | £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, and one of which has recently been featured on *Antiques Roadshow*.



Bradford's Craft and Flea Market

Sat 23rd May | 11am - 4pm | Ticketed | £3

Craft & Flea showcases top independent makers, collectors, and creatives. Support small businesses by shopping a curated mix of ceramics, illustrations, candles, jewellery, vintage finds, and more. Every event celebrates quality handmade, hand-designed, and authentic vintage goods.



Pentecost

Sun 24th May | 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.



Visiting Choir - Pocklington Singers

Sun 24th May | 3:30pm

The Pocklington Singers are a dedicated and passionate group of musicians, who are proud to be the musical heartbeat of the historic town of Pocklington. Their Musical Director, with a vast wealth of experience and knowledge, is Mark Wharfedale.

May Half-Term Family Activities

Tues 26th May | 10am and 1pm | Ticketed | Free

Join us for more free family activities during the half-term holiday. With World Environment Day in mind, 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, as well as family-friendly guided tours on offer at 11.30am and 2.30pm.

There is so much to see and do at Bradford Cathedral and everyone is welcome! Places are free but booking is essential. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

June

"Modelling the Cathedral" Celebration Event



Sat 6th June | 12pm | Free

After more than a year of work, Michael Scott has recreated our remarkable landmark building in N Scale. Michael will share insights from the build and what he learned along the way, followed by a live Q&A.

Hayao Miyazaki's Dreams by Mystery Ensemble

Sat 13th June | 6:30pm | Ticketed | From £23

The Miyazaki Dreams concert is an immersion in the fabulous atmosphere of the anime of the world-famous Japanese director and Oscar winner Hayao Miyazaki.





William Morris & Co. Stained Glass Tours

Sat 13th June | 11am / 1pm | Ticketed | £7

Discover more about the stained glass art of Morris & Co., with early works on display in four locations in Bradford Cathedral. The tour will also include an appreciation of works by renowned figures such as Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Edward Burne-Jones and Ford Madox Brown.



'In a Summer Garden' - Delius in France Free Lunchtime Recital

Fri 19th June | 1pm | Ticketed | Free



Born in Bradford but finding his true voice in France, composer Frederick Delius embraced the impressionistic genre, creating his own inimitable musical world. The Frith Rolfe Piano Duo returns the celebrated composer's music to his birthplace, pairing works with those of kindred spirits - Ravel, Chabrier, and Mel Bonis.



Re:Imagine Migration

Thurs 25th June | 7:30pm | Ticketed | £10



Join us for Re:Imagine Migration, featuring Krish Kandiah OBE — social entrepreneur, author, and advisor on refugee integration. In a city shaped by many journeys, we'll explore belonging, responsibility, and community with honesty and respect, creating space for thoughtful dialogue across differing perspectives.



Ordinations of Priests

Sat 27th June | 3pm

Curates who have completed a year of being a Deacon will gather in the cathedral to be ordained Priest by the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and Acting Bishop of Leeds.



Patronal Festival

Sun 28th 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.

July



Bradford Literature Festival

3rd - 12th July | Various times and prices

Bradford Literature Festival brings speakers, poets, artists, musicians, and more together for 10 days of events on poetry, faith, art, politics, food and drink, history, nature and the outdoors, and many more themes.

Visit bradfordlitfest.co.uk to learn more and book tickets.



Ordinations of Deacons

Sat 4th July | 11am

Deacons are ordained by the Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford and Acting Bishop of Leeds at Bradford Cathedral on this day. As we gather, let us pray for the pouring out of God's Spirit on all those to be ordained and on his church through their ministry.



Full Choral Foundation

Sun 5th 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 sing all together for the end of the choir year.



The Music of George Michael - the Candlelight Concert

Fri 10th July | 7:30pm | Ticketed | From £35

Prepare to be swept away by an extraordinary evening of music, atmosphere and pure emotion. This is more than just a tribute – it's a stunning live experience that honours the legacy of one of the greatest voices in pop history, performed in a setting that will leave you breathless.



The Music of Whitney- the Candlelight Concert

Sat 11th July | 7:30pm | Ticketed | From £35

This spectacular tribute brings together a world-class live band and one of the UK's leading Whitney Houston tribute artists, delivering her greatest hits with stunning authenticity, passion and power.



Bradford Heritage Festival

13th - 19th July | During opening hours

Visitors are invited to discover Michael Scott's beautifully detailed N Scale model of Bradford Cathedral. Explore the building's architecture - from tower to transept - at a scale that reveals details often missed at full size. Also on offer is an architectural tour of the building on Thursday 16th July at 11am.



Enchanted - The Ultimate Princess Concert

Sat 18th July | 7:30pm | From £25

A heartwarming and magical musical experience that brings the beloved songs of fairy tales to life in a truly enchanting candlelit setting. This concert features beautifully arranged music from timeless classics such as Frozen, Tangled, Moana, Wicked, The Lion King, and many more.



Summer Holiday Family Activities

Tues 28th July | 10am and 1pm | Ticketed | 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!

There are also family-friendly guided tours on offer at 11.30am and 2.30pm. There is so much to see and do at Bradford Cathedral and everyone is welcome!

Places are free but booking is essential. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Black Dyke Band and Bradford Cathedral Choir Christmas Concert

Friday 19th December 2026



Tickets on sale now at black-dyke-bradford.eventbrite.co.uk
Early Bird tickets available for a limited time

August



The Music of James Bond

Sat 15th Aug | 7:30pm | Ticketed | From £30

From the moment the first chord strikes, audiences are transported into the mysterious and thrilling world of James Bond. This incredible Chamber Orchestra brings the legendary music of James Bond to life in a way that is bold, elegant and utterly unforgettable.



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Visiting Choir - Choir of Hexham Abbey

Sat 22nd Aug | 3:30pm

There has been a Choir Director at Hexham ever since the year 709, making the post the most ancient in the country. The Abbey Choir is divided into two teams: Mainly Boys (trebles and adult ATB) and Mainly Girls (trebles and adult SATB).

September



Heritage Open Day 2026: "Everyday Histories"



Sat 12th Sept | 12pm | Free entry

This year we'll be highlighting the 'everyday' Bradfordians of the past who knew, used and loved this building and site: ancestors, builders, craftspeople, workers, worshippers and supporters.

BRADFORD FAITH TRAIL

Celebrating fifteen years

First Saturday of every month

March - October | 10am | Ticketed | Free

The 2026 Faith Trail season continues.

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.

The Faith Trail starts at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Leeds Road at 10am.

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 (preferred) or call 01274 77 77 20.

NB: The July Faith Trail will not visit Bradford Cathedral.



Monday Fellowship

Second Monday of every month | 2pm | Free | de Lacy Centre

A series of thought-provoking talks on a wide range of subjects. All are welcome.

Are you free on Monday afternoons? Would you like to spend a few hours once a month in the company of others, listening to interesting and informative talks on a wide range of topics?

Why not join us for Monday Fellowship. New faces and old friends are very welcome, whether you come once for a particular talk or whether you come every month.

Topics May - August

11th May: Mary White
"I'm only here for the T-shirt and the free lunch. My year as a City of Culture volunteer."

8th June: Canon Ned Lunn
"Weaving Stories"

13th July: Dianne Excell
"Heaton People. Did You Know...?"

10th August: Summer Fellowship - Cream Tea at the Deanery

For more information call 01274 77 77 20 or email education@bradfordcathedral.org

Regular Events



Wednesdays@One Organ Recitals Summer 2026

From Weds 22nd April | 1pm | Free

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

This season, the theme is **250 Years since the American Declaration of Independence was signed.**

Buffet lunch at 12:30pm £5
Programme for the season £2

22nd Apr - Gordon Stewart (Concert Organist)
29th Apr - William Campbell (Bradford Cathedral)

6th May - Anthony Gray (St. Wilfrid's Church, Harrogate)

13th May - Geoffrey Woollatt (Bradford Cathedral)
20th May - Peter Dyke (Hereford Cathedral)

10th June - Philip Rushforth (Chester Cathedral)

17th June - Sebastian Johansson (St. Mary's Church, Sigtuna, Sweden)


24th June - Philip Crozier (Canada)

1st July - Luke Jones (Chingford Parish Church)

8th July - The Bradford Cathedral Organists

To book tickets to our events, scan the QR code or go to:

 bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on/featured-events/

 01274 77 77 20 (Mon - Thurs, 10am - 2:45pm)

 1 Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH (Mon - Thurs, 10am - 2:45pm)

Please note that some tickets are hosted by external event partners.



Friends

Join The Friends of Bradford Cathedral, an independent charity that works to:

- Care for the Cathedral and its upkeep
- Bring like minded supporters together in fellowship
- Raise funds to support Cathedral projects, education, and community

Friends regularly join together at the Cathedral, and £15 annual membership includes invitations to special outings and social events.

Stitchers

The Friends are currently leading the Stitching the Cathedral project that is working on kneelers and cushions for the Lady Chapel and the Sanctuary. They have already completed kneelers for the High Altar and for St Aidan's Chapel. Hundreds of people from all walks of life have joined the regular crew who have woven thousand of hours of fellowship, companionship and prayer into this element of Polly Meynell's vision for the Sanctuary of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Stitchers meet to work on the kneelers biweekly on Tuesdays at 1:30pm, and refreshments are provided.

To find out more please email Jane Thompson on
friends@bradfordcathedral.org





Patrons



Join us

Why not become a Patron today? You will play an important role in cherishing our beautiful Cathedral now, and helping to secure its future.

Join like-minded, passionate supporters at events in the Cathedral and at the Deanery, and enjoy special benefits throughout the year such as VIP receptions and special music events. Membership starts from just £20 per month.



The Gift of Giving - you can also make a gift of membership for a friend or loved one; they will receive full membership benefits all year round and be part of caring for a special building at the heart of Bradford's story. Speak to us today to find out more.



To find out more go to the Patrons page on our website at bradfordcathedral.org.uk/patrons or contact Liz Purchase on liz.purchase@bradfordcathedral.org or 01274 777720

Plan Your Visit

Bradford Cathedral welcomes visitors from all faiths and none, whether you're interested in history, prayer, architecture or art there is something here for you. Plan your visit and find out more about us below:

Regular Opening Times

Our regular opening times are Monday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm, and for prayer and services. Last entrance is 15 minutes before we close. 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 any changes.

Get in Touch and Book

These details can be used to contact us, or to book your tickets at our events. Our office is open Mon-Thu 10am-2:45pm to receive calls or assist visitors in person with bookings or any other enquiries. We can take cash or card payments.

 bradfordcathedral.org.uk/whats-on/featured-events/

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Guided Tours

We offer group tours on Mon-Thurs 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 of a group guided tour is £5 per person.

There is also the option of a stained glass window, architecture or ecclesiastical textiles' tour of Bradford Cathedral. The cost of the specialist tours is £7 per person.

Photography

Photography is welcome at Bradford Cathedral during our visiting hours and at certain events. Please speak to a member of the team about photography when you arrive. If you share any images on social media, please tag us in and use #BradfordCathedral.

Please note that we request that you don't take photographs or film during a service or activities involving children.

Leave your Reviews



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

If so, we'd like to invite you to leave a review about your time here on Facebook, TripAdvisor, Google, Trustpilot, or Yell. Just search for 'Bradford Cathedral'.

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

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!

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It costs over £2,850 each day to run the Cathedral and we are very reliant on the kindness and generosity of our congregation and public donations to help us continue our work. You can donate online at bradfordcathedral.org.uk or by contacting us by phone or e-mail.

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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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Booking the Cathedral

You can also book Bradford Cathedral for your events, meetings, conferences, concerts and much more - visit our website for full details.



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