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**PRESS RELEASE**

**BRADFORD CATHEDRAL MARKS THE START OF  
LENT WITH A SHROVE TUESDAY LUNCH AND ASH  
WEDNESDAY SERVICES**



*Bradford Cathedral is busy with everyone enjoying the two-course pancake lunch on Shrove Tuesday.*

The season of Lent began with a series of services on Ash Wednesday that saw the traditional

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ashing taking place as well as the launch of Louise Carr's new exhibition 'Stations of Lament', which opened its doors at the 7pm service on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March and runs until the 21<sup>st</sup> April. This Artspace exhibition is an interactive prayer pilgrimage, and the artist will be leading a pilgrimage on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm as part of the Cathedral's monthly 'Monday Fellowship' group.

The season of Lent was preceded at Bradford Cathedral by its annual Shrove Tuesday lunch which saw over 80 people enjoy a two-course meal, including a main course with a selection of savoury pancake options followed by a dessert with a series of choices. The meal was opened up by Canon Mandy Coutts who talked about the importance of Shrove Tuesday and Lent alongside an appropriately pancake-themed poem read out by a member of the congregation, before a more formal welcome by the Very Revd Jerry Lepine, Dean of Bradford.

At the close of the meal entertainment was provided by a short piano recital.

Alongside the events and services a cross has also been installed in the Cathedral for the season of Lent as well as the building's cloths being changed to purple, which form part of the many things to see for visitors coming to Bradford Cathedral.

Future events this month related to Lent include a special course for the Cathedral's Centenary with Bishop John Pritchard. Previously Bishop of Oxford and author of many books, Bishop John will explore how people live a Christian faith when it feels like a struggle. Taking place over the course of three Wednesdays, each session will end with a Night Prayer.

*The season of Lent is now being marked at Bradford Cathedral with a series of events, classes and services, which you can find out more about at [bradfordcathedral.org/worship/lent](http://bradfordcathedral.org/worship/lent) or through their social media sites.*

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## Notes for Editors

### **About Bradford Cathedral**

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. Bradford Cathedral celebrates its centenary in 2019.

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