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**PRESS RELEASE**

**FAMILIES INVITED FOR EASTER ACTIVITIES  
FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL HALF-TERM LAUNCH**



*Some of the artwork created by children attending the February half-term activities; a family exploring the Cathedral and its history; and the latest flyer for the activities.*

Bradford Cathedral will once again open its doors this month for two more days of family activities following a successful and busy launch back during February half-term.

On offer over the two days will be guided tours, which will reveal fascinating details about Bradford Cathedral's history, as well as the pelican trail for children, which is an interactive way for the younger members of the family to discover the history of the building.

For those keen on more hands-on activities there will be paper craft workshops, where children will be able to create beautiful stained glass windows or heraldic shields, alongside colouring

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activities for younger children.

Maggie Myers, Director of Education and Visitors, spoke about the popularity of February's family activity days:

"The Cathedral is such an inspiring space, and has so much potential for children and families to come and explore. Opening up [in February] at half-term seemed like a great opportunity that we couldn't miss! Feedback was very positive from those who attended the half-term events.

"The children that had been here before on school trips were really proud that they were explaining things to the other members of their family. There were new things to see, such as the new exhibition. Many people who came were not Christians or familiar with churches and they were really interested in learning more about Christianity, and also the history of the building.

"A big thing we get from visitors who haven't been in before is that they didn't know how important this building is, and has been, to Bradford's history, not just in terms of Christianity but to the city itself.

"People find that so interesting and inspiring; even the parents took a lot away from the visit, and enjoyed themselves. Many don't know how much there is to see and learn about in the Cathedral.

"Because we're teachers and know a lot about the building we're able to interpret the Cathedral for whatever age group or combination of family members that we've got coming, from very young children, to grandparents who are interested in different things. There's enough expertise between us to answer lots of questions.

"It's always a very interesting trip out. If you want to do something different, come here. If you've lived here a long time but you've never been in the Cathedral you'll be pleasantly surprised by what you find."

A visit to the Cathedral can also form part of a day out in Bradford, located as it is close to both train stations and the city centre, as well as the beautiful architecture of the Wool Exchange and the Broadway shopping centre. “Bradford Cathedral is a lovely stop on the way. You can spend a few hours here doing the activities, going on a tour, or reading about the Cathedral, and then explore even more of Bradford.”

*Family activities are free to come along to and take place on Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April between 10am and 2pm. For more information e-mail Maggie Myers, Director of Education and Visitors, on [educationandvisitors@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:educationandvisitors@bradfordcathedral.org) and to book a place and be sent the latest information visit <https://www.bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/family-activities>.*

## **ENDS**

### 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.

#### **About Family Activities**

These are run by Bradford Cathedral during the holidays (see above for the dates). A range of activities and tours are put on by the Cathedral for families to do together.

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