

Date: 15th April 2019

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESS RELEASE

BRADFORD CATHEDRAL TEAM CONTINUES TO GROW IN ITS CENTENARY YEAR WITH APPOINTMENT OF NEW INCOME DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.



The team at Bradford Cathedral continues to grow with the appointment of Andrew McCarthy to the newly created post of Income Development Officer. Recent new appointments of Chief Operations Officer; Communications, Marketing and Events Officer; Director of Education and Visitors; and now an Income Development Officer reflect the Cathedral's ambition to grow and continue to serve the diverse community of Bradford and the Diocese of Leeds in a multitude of ways.

When asked about joining the Cathedral team, Andrew said:

“I’m very much looking forward to joining the team at the Cathedral. It’s a very special place and the diversity and richness of what it does - as a place of worship; as a heritage attraction; an education centre; a venue for the arts; and a place of welcome to people from near and far - is remarkable.

“It’s an exciting time for the Cathedral and for Bradford, and I hope to be able to play a part in helping the Cathedral to continue to grow and develop, enriching the city and touching the lives of people living in and around it.”

|

HOSPITALITY. FAITHFULNESS. WHOLENESS.

Fellow new recruit Philip Lickley, Communications, Marketing and Events officer, who joined the team at the end of 2018, said of his time at the Cathedral:

“2019 is such an exciting year for Bradford Cathedral as we celebrate the Centenary and it’s been a great experience to be involved in learning more about the huge range of events, services and groups that happen here and helping promote them to Bradford and beyond.

“Already in the first three months we’ve had such positive response to events like our Singing Day with John Rutter CBE; Flourishing City with Anne-Mare Canning MBE; and our big Centenary launch in January, as well as celebrations of the success of our groups like the Stitchers and the hard work of our Education and Music departments working with the community.

“There’s also lots more to come including events with Bishop Rowan Williams and the Sixteen, alongside our Centenary Festival in June and I’m relishing the opportunity to meet more people who are discovering, or re-discovering, Bradford Cathedral in 2019, whether that’s by coming to our services, exhibitions and events or enjoying our new video and photography content on our website and social media.”

Both of the posts have been funded by the Church Commissioner’s Cathedral Sustainability Fund for two years. This recognises that for our Cathedrals to continue to be pivotal to our heritage and available for future generations, they require teams with very particular skills and expertise.

The Dean of Bradford, the Very Revd Dean Jerry Lepine said of the team:

“We are very grateful to the Church Commissioners for making this funding available. It really helps us to up our game. Our aim is to be financially sustainable in the long-term and, to that end, we need special skills that can help us, such as marketing and fundraising.

“The work we do here at the cathedral has a real significance, not only for the City of Bradford, but

for the wider Diocese and Church of England. These new appointments will enrich our offering.”

The Cathedral has a packed calendar for the rest of its Centenary Year so please visit Bradford Cathedral, or follow our online accounts, to see what Andy, Philip and the rest of the team at the Cathedral will be doing for the rest of the year.

You can find out more about the work of Bradford Cathedral by visiting the website at bradfordcathedral.org. There you can also find links to the various social media accounts.

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.

For further information please contact:

Philip Lickley
Communications, Marketing and Events Officer
t: 01274 777720
e: commsandevents@bradfordcathedral.org