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A Piece of Cake? Find out how helping the environment can be made easier at Bradford Cathedral's first annual EcoExtravaganza



Canon Mandy Coutts sits out in the gardens of Bradford Cathedral with her home-made Fairtrade and locally sourced carrot cake, one of the culinary highlights of a packed day of events and attractions this October.

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Bradford Cathedral will be hosting a series of stalls and talks as part of its EcoExtravaganza this October. From sessions about living plastic free, to the life of a bee-keeper, and stalls covering everything from Fairtrade to Christian Aid, there is plenty to do when the event lands on Saturday 19th October.

Things to do

During the event there will be stalls throughout the cathedral hosting lots of different activities, with more to be announced!

- **Bradford Cathedral EcoGroup** – Learn how Bradford Cathedral works hard to make sure it operates with the environment as a main focus
- **Traidcraft stall** – marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Fairtrade logo and the fortieth-anniversary of Traidcraft there will be the chance to try out and buy some great Fairtrade products, including Zaytoun Olive Oil and gifts from Palestine
- **Shared Interest** – A Fairtrade financial co-operative that supports producers and retailers around the world, with truly ethical investing and banking.
- **Plastic Free Bingley** – This local group are a plastic-free community campaign to free where we live from single-use. “It’s not about removing all plastic from our lives. It’s about kicking our addiction to single-use plastic and changing the system that produces it. So we’re on a journey!”
- **Bee-Keeping** – Learn more about how Bradford Cathedral is moving ahead with a plan to make the cathedral grounds more bee-friendly as well as housing our very own hive.
- **Scraptastic** – A Community Interest Company whose aim is to promote and encourage the use of waste materials and resources for creative re-use and play. They collect clean waste from businesses and individuals which is often destined for landfill.
- **Cathedral Wood Project** – Find out more about, and get involved with, this cathedral tree-planting project, which is the creation of new woodland in and around Bradford, and have a go at planting your own acorns
- **Premcrest** – One of the UK’s leading wholesale distributor of Fairtrade, healthy, vegan,

organic, free from, natural and eco-friendly products.

- **Green Journey** – Services that help businesses and places like Bradford Cathedral save on their energy, in an environmentally sound way.
- **Woodland Trust** – The largest woodland conservation charity in the United Kingdom concerned with the creation, protection, and restoration of native woodland heritage
- **Christian Aid** – We hold a vision of a better world, free from poverty and climate change. We, advocate, work and campaign for climate justice – join us!
- **Baildon Community Garden** – A sale of plants grown by volunteers at Hallcliffe Community Garden, Baildon

Top Talks

Alongside the stalls running throughout the day there will be a series of fifteen-minute talks every half-an-hour from a range of speakers covering a wide variety of important topics:

- **Your EcoCathedral** with Canon Mandy Coutts
- **Plastic Free Bingley**
- **Shared Interest**
- **Bee-Keeping** with Canon Myra Shackley
- **Sharow** with Revd Ruth Newton
- **Andy Williams** interviewed by Canon Mandy Coutts about founding the EcoGroup
- **Environmental Books** with Dean Jerry Lepine

...with more to be announced.

Food and Drink

Alongside the talks and stalls there will be opportunities to tuck into food that is LOAF – Locally produced, Organically grown, Animal friendly and Fairly traded. Teas and coffees will be available throughout the event, with soup served from 12noon and homemade cake from 2pm. All food will be available on a pay-what-you-feel basis.



Fun for the Family

There will also be many other interactive activities including a **smoothie bike**, Scryptastic workshops and a **wormery**, alongside a fun **eco-quiz**, **children's busy bee activities**, and much more to be announced. There will also be short films running alongside the event in St. Aidan's Chapel and **Time for Reflection**, a slideshow film in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. You'll also be able to **bring in samples of rubbish** that you're not sure how to recycle and our experts will tell you how you can dispose of it in the best way for the good of the environment.

Canon Mandy Coutts says of the event:

“It is very important that we all invest today in tomorrow’s future, and to help achieve this you can come to Bradford Cathedral to find new ways to explore in engaging, creative and fun ways to love our world and make a real difference in saving our planet.

“You’ll be able to find out how we can make a difference personally, in our homes, our churches and local communities, changes that together will make a real difference in protecting our world for future generations.

“Make sure you come to Bradford Cathedral to become a change maker today!”

The Bradford Cathedral EcoExtravaganza takes place on Saturday 19th October from 11am – 4pm and everyone is welcome. For more information and to book your free places on the talks, please visit <https://www.bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/eco-extravaganza/>, or turn up on the day. Stall holders can apply for a space by e-mailing mandy.coutts@bradfordcathedral.org

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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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