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Bradford Cathedral to mark 40 days since Christmas with a Candlemas Eucharist



Bradford Cathedral will be holding a Candlemas Eucharist on Sunday 2nd February at 4pm.

The Eucharist, on the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, marks 40 days since Christmas and is a pivotal point in the Christian Year.

During the service, all are welcome to join a procession with candles around the building.

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The Candlemas Eucharist includes the cathedral's choir and will also feature a sermon preached by the Reverend Canon Phil Stone.

The Reverend Canon Paul Maybury, Bradford Cathedral:

"Candlemas recalls the presentation of Christ in the temple as a baby and concludes the season of Epiphany. Traditionally it is the time in the year when all the candles to be used during the year are blessed.

"All who attend are invited to join a candle-lit procession around the cathedral, led by the choir."

The Reverend Canon Phil Stone:

"Candlemas is that pivotal moment where we look back at the cradle and when our gaze moves forward towards the cross

"The Temple would have been so busy, loud, animal noises, smelly - let's not think that the Temple would have been like a Cathedral evensong. Yet as everybody was doing the business of God, it was the elderly Simeon and Anna that were 'God noticers'. They saw the Christ in this vulnerable baby; What could it mean for us today to be 'God noticers'?"

The Candlemas Eucharist at Bradford Cathedral takes place on Sunday 2nd February at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. Doors open from 3pm and entry is free, with advance booking not necessary.

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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.

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