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Catch up with Bradford Cathedral's EcoExtravaganza and help save the planet this October.



A montage of some of the videos, online talks and special events that took place at this year's EcoExtravaganza

Over the final weekend of September, Bradford Cathedral held a four-day EcoExtravaganza, looking to answer the question 'What on earth are we going to do?' about the environmental issues faced by the world in 2020 and beyond.

The online festival saw a series of live online talks, videos and special events delivering a wide programme of interesting topics and subjects, and everything is available to catch-up now on the Bradford Cathedral website.

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This year's EcoExtravaganza began with a special eco/environmental/green themed collaboration with the popular weekly **Bradford Street Market** on the Thursday, followed by key note speakers every day, including **Dr Ruth Valerio**, exploring the topic of 'How to help the planet by living sustainably' and **Rev Ruth Newton and Jemima Parker**, Environment Officer for the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds, looking at the Church of England's ambitions to go carbon neutral by 2030. Recordings of these talks are now available to watch back.

There are also a series of videos launched each day, including local contributions from **Bradford Council, Plastic Free Denholme, Friends of Queensbury High Street, Rethink Food** and **St Stephen's Church, West Bowling**.

You can also find out more about the **environmental work of Bradford Cathedral** with a video presented by Canon Mandy Coutts of the cathedral, and another looking at the **Woodland Project** three years on, which is an exciting tree planting collaboration between the cathedral, Bradford Council and other partners.

The packed line-up also included **children's activities, a Harvest service**, a cooking show-style video about how to **transform food waste**, and a specially recorded Q&A with **Tim Farron MP**.

There was also a book review from the Very Revd Jerry Lepine, Dean of Bradford, and there is still the opportunity for you to read this book - **The Uninhabitable Earth: A Story of the Future by David Wallace-Wells** – and share your thoughts online.

The four-day event culminated in a powerful and emotive streamed **live concert by pianist Ben Comeau**, which included some of his own musical improvisations as well as work by Ravel and Bach, and like everything else can be watched online via the catch-up webpage.

Canon Mandy Coutts, Canon for Mission and Pastoral Development, says of the event: "Bradford Cathedral eco journey reached a real milestone with the eco extravaganza as we celebrated the remarkable work and commitment that so many of our contributors have. For four days we had an opportunity to discover how we can all make a significant difference in

making our world a better place for future generations to live in. We are all united in our desire to act today for all our tomorrows, together we can do this.”

To watch back any of the event videos, talks or events please visit

<https://www.bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/eco-extravaganza/>.

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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.

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