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Autumn 2020 Recital Series

Tuesday 13 October - 13.00

piano

Wednesday 21 October - 12.30

organ

Tuesday 10 November - 12.30

soprano

Wednesday 25 November - 12.30

organ

Tuesday 08 December - 12.30

flute and clarinet

Wednesday 16 December - 12.30

organ

Free of charge

Donations encouraged (pay as you feel)

For more information, and to access our live stream, visit
bradfordcathedral.org/music/autumn-2020-recital-series

Dean's Briefing

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From the Dean



Over the last few months of 'lockdown' and 'semi-lockdown' in Bradford, I have taken to reading poetry. I have to confess this has not been one of my strong points over the years but suddenly poetry started to appear on the Radio 4 morning news programme and I was quite taken by some of it. This built on Diane Pacitti's Centenary poems which I found inspirational. They are now published and thanks to sponsorship every copy that you buy from us will be a contribution to Cathedral funds... presents for Christmas anyone?

In the slow read tradition I am taking one poem, or a part of it every day. Alice Oswald's glorious poems on creation in 'Falling Awake' and the Archbishop of York's insights on the pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela have both been a particular delight. Two Irish poets, generations apart, Michael O'Siadhail and W. B. Yeats have also been on the book table.

Poets paint pictures with words. Through their own style we see

differently. We are drawn into beauty, suffering, joy and agony. The gift of language opens windows, expands our horizons and taps into profound matters.

Of course, the Bible has its poets. The Psalms, included in the daily services of Morning and Evening Prayer, as well as other parts of the Wisdom literature.

In 2019 Diane Pacitti was Poet in Residence. Over the next twelve months we shall have a Photographer in Residence, Kate Abbey. Hopefully, we may also have an Artist in Residence in the future. May I encourage you to accept the gift of the poet and other artists in these wearisome days of global pandemic. They can speak to us. I leave you with these wonderful words from Psalm 90.

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth
and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you
are God.

You turn us back to dust,
and say, 'Turn back, you mortals.'
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

The Season of Advent



The season of Advent begins on Sunday 29th November and the theme this year from the Church of England is 'Comfort and Joy'.

Comfort and Joy holds together the hope that Christmas will bring joy and celebration after a uniquely difficult year with an acknowledgement that – for those who have lost loved ones or livelihoods, or who are potentially still not able to be together with loved ones – it may be the Church's role, both nationally and locally, to provide consolation, rather than assume everyone will be ready to join in jubilation.

During Advent we'll be holding services and events, as well as bringing you daily videos covering music, reflections, poetry, children's activities and more, alongside lots more to be announced.

Upcoming Highlights

On Sunday 29th November, Advent Sunday, we have a live-streamed Advent Carol service at 6.00pm.

We will be launching an online Advent Calendar including a surprise guest.

Comfort and Joy



Advent Book Study Course

The Diocesan Lay Training team is running a four-week long Advent book study course focusing on Bishop Nick Baines' new book 'Freedom is Coming: From Advent to Epiphany with the prophet Isaiah'.

The course will be taking place online via Zoom during the Advent season. The course will run across four online sessions on Wednesday evenings between 25th November - 16th December at 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

While you will be encouraged to read the book in your own time during Advent the course will provide an opportunity to build on, learn more, and discuss the contents of the book in greater depth. Ideally participants will purchase or have access to the book in advance of the first session and will read the book in parallel to the course.

You can find out more information about the book and register a



place for free on Learning Leeds at learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/advent-book-course-nick-baines-freedom-is-coming/

Advent – God, liturgy and life

On Tuesday 15th December, 7pm – 8pm join the Dean online for an hour exploring the varied meanings of the Advent season. Sign up on ChurchSuite.

For more information on our Advent - and Christmas - programme, and all the links, please visit bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/advent-christmas

Worship Update

This is the briefest worship update that we have put out in the last few months! The current lockdown is subject to government review by 2nd December. I think the best thing to say at the moment is that we will be in touch as soon as we know what will happen after that date.

You can catch up with our recent online services - including 3 Before Advent, 2 Before Advent and our Civic Remembrance - as well as all our recent sermons, at bradfordcathedral.org/worship/online-services/

Volunteers Needed

The Cathedral - Live-streaming and Artspace Secretary

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the cathedral and help us bring our services, events and activities to life.

We're currently looking for volunteers to help us live-stream our upcoming services and events, as well as someone to support Artspace at Bradford Cathedral as a secretary.

If you can help with either of these opportunities, or would like to explore volunteering elsewhere at Bradford Cathedral, please contact us via our website at bradfordcathedral.org/support-us/get-involved/application-form/

TLG Bradford (Education Centre)

Do you have some extra time and want to help out the next generation?



If so, consider volunteering for TLG Bradford. We are a small alternative provision school for some troubling young people in our community. We have lots of different options available for those that want to volunteer such as reading with different students, doing some admin work, playing PlayStation with some of our youth or simply making tea and toast for the students in the morning. If you're interested, please send Maddie, our Centre Manager an email at madeleine.meszaros@tlg.org.uk

Bradford Foodbank

If you have a heart for people and want to help people living in poverty why not volunteer at Bradford Central Foodbank just around the corner from the Cathedral. We have different roles from food sorting through to signposting clients to additional help.

Josie Barlow, Foodbank

Manager, Bradford Central Foodbank:

I'm sure you heard on the news that Marcus Rashford was raising the plight of children who would have gone hungry over half term. We partnered with 4 or 5 schools to help their children who normally receive free school meals. This meant we were able to feed 188 children over half term - plus 202 of their parents!

Thanks to everyone's generous support, together, we've fed a total of 1009 people in 456 families in October.



If you would like to look around the food bank to see what might volunteering opportunities might suit you please, email Josie on manager@bradfordcentral.foodbank.org.uk

MyChurchSuite

Everyone receiving this update should have access to MyChurchSuite. This is accessible from a PC, tablet or mobile phone and gives you information about all forthcoming events at the Cathedral, as well as links to online giving and access to change your personal details, including uploading

a picture of yourself. We particularly encourage you to upload a picture if you have not done so already.

If you have any problems or questions about MyChurchSuite please email churchsuite@bradfordcathedral.org

As you know, we have recently launched a public appeal to raise funds to develop a new digital infrastructure at the Cathedral. This will allow us to build on the many opportunities we have provided during Covid-19 for people to access services, events and pastoral support virtually. **We believe this investment will equip us to grow our Cathedral community, nurture faith in exciting new ways, enrich city life and resource the wider church.**

By 16th October we had raised £7,000. One month later we have raised in donations and Gift Aid:

£15,000

That is 25% of the total cost of the project which will be around £60,000.

Thank you to all those who have contributed. This is a really impressive

response. We are confident that we will be able to secure some significant grants but the more match funding we raise through donations, the better chance our applications will have.

So, please do support the appeal if you can.

You can make a donation:

- By going to bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/fund/xujjkwvi
- By **sending a cheque** made payable to 'Bradford Cathedral' to Reimagining our Ministry, Bradford Cathedral, 1 Stott Hill, Bradford, BD1 4EH
- **By bank transfer**, marked APPEAL - see bank details below

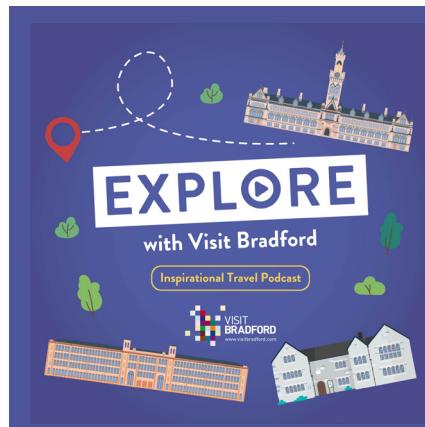
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Escape the everyday with the new Visit Bradford podcasts!

In episode five John Foster explores the industrial and spiritual past of the city and looks at Bradford's bright future through the many and varied places to be found including Bradford Cathedral

visitbradford.com/podcasts





Hope on the Edge: Signs of Hope in COVID-19

Stories to inspire and encourage prayer in troubled times.

Sunday 22nd November at 6:30pm

For more information, and to find how to watch, please visit bradfordcathedral.org/worship/hope-on-the-edge/

Weekly Bible Study

The weekly Bible Study takes place every Monday evening at 7pm, and the group are currently discussing key themes from the book of Genesis. All are welcome!

You can book your place at the next meeting - Monday 23rd November - on ChurchSuite, with links to future sessions also available in the calendar.

Next Autumn Recital

Graham Thorpe will be playing the organ on Wednesday 25th November at 12.30pm, with pieces ranging from Bach to Widor. You can stream it live via YouTube, and watch it back afterwards.

This event is free of charge, but donations are encouraged (pay as you feel). You can find the link to donate in the YouTube video description.

For links to these events, please visit our website at bradfordcathedral.org

Praying the Bible

Praying the Bible next takes place on Wednesday 25th November at 7pm

We take the forthcoming Sunday Gospel reading and prayerfully digest it and allow God to speak to our hearts through it for 30 minutes. The session ends with Night Prayer, and is led by the Clergy from the Cathedral.

You can book your place on ChurchSuite.

A WRIB 'HOPE ON THE EDGE' EVENT FROM
BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

SIGNS OF HOPE IN COVID-19

*Stories to inspire and encourage prayer in
troubled times*

COMMUNITY HOPE



FUTURE HOPE

HOPE FOR THE PLANET

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22ND 2020 18:30
AVAILABLE BY YOUTUBE & FACEBOOK
HEAD TO WWW.BRADFORDCATHEDRAL.ORG
FOR LINK

Bradford Cathedral welcomes Mirfield Theological College placement students

We are very pleased to be welcoming two first-year students from Mirfield Theological College on placement with us until Palm Sunday 2021.

Kayleigh and Joshua will be around most Sundays and joining in online activities during the week.

The purpose of the placement is to enable them to reflect on different contexts of ministry.

This is the first time that Bradford Cathedral have had students from a theological college on placement with us.

Here are Kayleigh and Joshua giving an introduction to themselves

Kayleigh:

I am really looking forward to getting to know you over the next few months whilst Josh and I are on placement with you. These are strange times, but I hope that we will be able to meet more of you soon – restrictions allowing – and worship alongside you during this period.

I am a first year Ordinand training for incumbent ministry at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield. I am from the Diocese of Oxford, having lived in Witney for nearly 10 years, though will always call Devon 'Home'. My church involvement, before embarking on training,

involved serving as Churchwarden in the Benefice of Witney and co-hosted a group for secondary school students – among other tasks. In my working life, I worked for company that specialised in animal welfare auditing, focussed in the agricultural sector. I worked there for nearly 11 years, before I was made redundant 2 weeks before my BAP; God really does have a plan for you!

The next 3 years of training will fly by and I am grateful of the time we get, both within the College and on placement, to get new experiences which we can take forward into our future ministry.

May God bless you!
Kayleigh

Josh:

I am delighted that I will be joining you on placement over the next few months. I hope to be immersed alongside you fully in the life of the cathedral in praise of God and our saviour Christ; marvelling at all that has been done for us, all that we are called to now and with hope, a glimpse of what is yet to come.

I am a training for incumbent ministry at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. Prior to this, I travelled the globe in command of long-haul airplanes. My career ended quite suddenly with the pandemic putting



the industry, like many others, in jeopardy. I recognise how abundantly God has granted me new life and direction unlike so many who have been left jobless and struggling.

Time at college will be short and just the beginning of a lifetime of learning, serving and continually reflecting as to what God calls of me. I hope to share whilst I am with you something of the beauty of college life. We gain a rhythm of encountering God through prayer and sacramental worship that I know is transformational.

I would be grateful for your continued prayer as I embark on both the academics and formation that will prepare me, God willing, for ministry. When you let go of your own expectations and open up to God, and are prepared to encounter him; he is there. We are all called to something.

Yours in Christ
Josh

Photo by Simon Lee.

Friends of Bradford Cathedral: Nominate a charity to be awarded a £1,000 donation



Ecclesiastical have announced 'Movement for Good':
"We are proud to be giving back to the communities we serve and championing the issues that really matter to them, especially in this time of need – working together to build a movement for good."

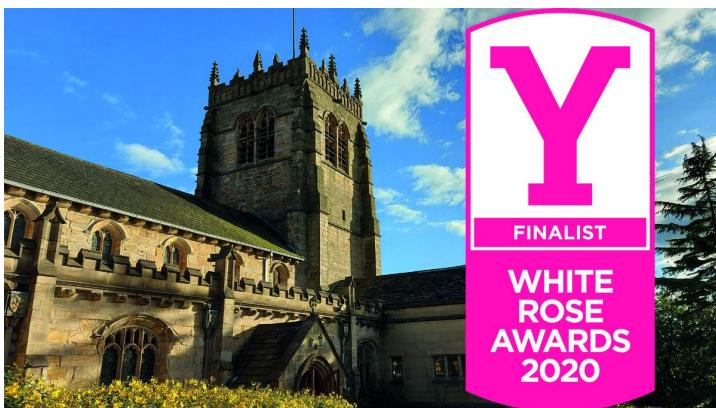
Over 12 days from the 7th December, they are awarding £120,000 to 120 charities and the 'Friends of Bradford Cathedral' are one of those you can support!

For more information and to vote please visit movementforgood.com/12days/#nominateACharity

White Rose Awards 2020

Earlier in the year we were nominated as a finalist in the 'Small Visitor Attraction of the Year' category in this year's White Rose Awards, and on the evening of Monday 23rd November- at a special virtual ceremony - we will find out if we've been successful.

Our neighbours 'Kala Sangam' are also a finalist in the 'Arts and Culture' award. You can see the complete list of finalists on the Welcome to Yorkshire website.



Look out for more next week on social media all about the awards and those who are finalists in each of the categories.

For more information and to see all the finalists please visit wra.yorkshire.com/finalists

The Diocesan Rhythm of Life Project



Bishop Nick writes:

“As Christians, we believe Jesus should be at the heart of our rhythms of life, whatever our circumstances. This will have a far-reaching impact on our own well-being and the good of others – on our loving, living and learning.

“I would like to invite you to join the diocesan ‘Rhythm of Life’ venture. This will involve individual

commitments, accessing resources and mutual support. Some key areas will be given special attention: praying, encouraging, sharing, reflecting, celebrating, resting and creating.”

Discover more about this on the Rhythm of Life website at leeds.anglican.org/rhythm-of-life.

We shall be exploring this more during Lent.

Jenny Green
Thanksgiving for our
Mission Partner



The Church Mission Society are hosting a virtual Event of Thanksgiving for Jenny Green on Thursday 3rd December from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and we'd love for you to join us.

Our aim is to gather together all of Jenny's supporting churches and individuals to say a big thank you to her and pray for her together as she

ends her service with CMS after so many years.

You can book your place for the event, which will be held on Zoom, at eventbrite. [co.uk/e/jenny-greens-event-of-thanksgiving-tickets-126056998877](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jenny-greens-event-of-thanksgiving-tickets-126056998877)

Sudan Emergency Relief Appeal
A Thank You

The Sudan Link working group want to thank all who so generously responded to the appeal, and can confirm that £70,000 was raised.

Denise Poole, on behalf of the Sudan Link working group:

“It has not been possible to thank every donor personally but we want you to know how much your gift has been appreciated and is making a difference to people’s lives. Thank you.”

Congregation member Linda Booth reads prayer at Westminster Abbey Unknown Warrior service



Congregation member Linda Booth was one of five people invited to read prayers as part of a special service held at Westminster Abbey on Armistice Day to mark the 100th anniversary of the burial of the Unknown Warrior.

The five prayers were all based around exploring different aspects of life in the past and present, with Linda specifically praying for those who have faced bereavement.

"I was praying for those who have faced the loss of loved ones, and loss of opportunity or livelihood, which at the moment is very pertinent, and for those who couldn't say a proper farewell to their loved ones.

"The service, although it was commemorating something that happened a hundred years ago, was

still very relevant for today because of the sacrifices that have had to be made during the pandemic."

Taking place during the latest period of lockdown, the Government gave the service special dispensation to go ahead as it was marking such a significant event, and one that had to be marked on the centenary. It was also marking 100 years since the current, permanent, Cenotaph was unveiled.

The order of service was designed to reflect the funeral of the Unknown Soldier held in 1920 and incorporated the two minutes silence at 11am. It also included a reading from Cerys Matthews; a performance of 'Abide With Me' by singer-songwriter Ruby Turner; and an address from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

Linda:

“My first husband was a serving Royal Marine when he died. I belong to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Widows’ Association and they were approached to see if they could send a representative, and they asked me. “I didn’t know at first whether to say yes or no, as it felt quite daunting, but then I realised that I would never get an opportunity like this again.”

As well as reading one of the prayers, Linda was also interviewed by the BBC’s Michelle Ackerley, about her contribution to the service, which was broadcast live on the BBC.

“It was strange being in the Abbey with only 80 invited people there, all

physically distanced, but it didn’t feel isolating. I felt honoured and privileged to be there. It was an amazing experience.”

HRH The Prince of Wales was also present at the event, laying a wreath, “Prince Charles and Camilla were there but I couldn’t see any of that as I was sadly tucked away behind a pillar!”

You can watch the service back on the BBC iPlayer at bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000ph0p/unknown-warrior-100-1-live-coverage, with the interview around the 23-minute mark, and the prayer just after 1:04:30

Cathedral Building Works



We can announce that the cathedral has received a grant of just under £145,000 from the Culture Recovery Fund. This will enable us to attend to some necessary repairs that were itemised in our quinquennial survey by our architect. We shall be attending to the floor in the nave, removal of asbestos in the south ambulatory, roof

repairs and the stonework and mortar around the clerestory windows. This is great news, particularly as it has to be done by 31st March! In addition, we are hoping to start the long-awaited upgrade on the Parish Rooms in the first quarter of next year.

You can read more on our blog.

Last chance to take part in our Stir-Up Sunday video challenge!



We'll be launching a special video for Stir-Up Sunday this weekend including some familiar faces, both from the cathedral, and from television! But there's still chance for you to take part, and all you need is five minutes,

something to film with and a wooden spoon!

**Find out more and take part at
[bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/
stir-up-sunday/](http://bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/stir-up-sunday/)**



Create one of twenty-four family activities, including the newest for 'The Parable of the Talents', by visiting
bradfordcathedral.org/worship/online-childrens-space/

**difference. The power of faith
in a conflicted world**

difference.

We don't have to navigate a divided and messy world alone. Join the Difference movement to be part of a growing community of people who long to see their faith have an impact.

Sign up for ideas, inspiration and how to get involved.

For more information, please visit difference.rln.global/register-your-interest

Stitching the Cathedral: Textiles and the community of Bradford with Polly Meynell

(8th December, 6.30pm-7.30pm)

Polly Meynell's wonderful designs move us through the seasons at the Cathedral. In this online event organised by the Bradford Textile Society this well known ecclesiastical textile artist speaks about this project.

To attend please visit the website of the Bradford Textile Society at bradfordtextilesociety.org.uk then click on the Eventbrite link to make

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(Please note this link will not be available until Friday 20th November).

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse

Last month this long-awaited report into the Church of England was published. The Archbishop of Canterbury said in response, “To fail on safeguarding casts a profound stain across every good thing we do. I have said this before and I continue to stand by it... The report published today is a stark and shocking reminder of how so many times we have failed – and continue to fail - survivors. Apologies are vital, but they are not enough. We have to listen. We have to learn. And we have to act.”

In addition, the Bishop of Huddersfield, Dr Jonathan Gibbs, the lead safeguarding bishop and the Church’s director of safeguarding, Melissa Caslake, said that “Our main focus in response must be recognising the distress caused to victims and survivors by the Church’s failures in safeguarding. We wholeheartedly endorse the importance of the report’s recommendations for improving our support for victims and survivors, to which we are completely committed.”

We add this cathedral’s voice to the contrition that has been expressed. The damage to lives is beyond words. As a Christian community

we pray for those who have been abused and commit ourselves to the highest possible standards of safeguarding.

The word safeguarding says it all. We are to be a safe community for all ages and to that end we put in place the necessary procedures that will guard that safety.

So, we would like to encourage those involved in the life of the cathedral, in any way, to do the basic training (C0 - online) that the Diocese of Leeds offers so that we can raise awareness because safeguarding is everyone’s business. You can find the online information on the Diocese of Leeds website.

Also, please do read the Church of England’s safeguarding policy document at churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/PromotingSaferChurchWeb.pdf

If you have any questions do please contact our Cathedral Safeguarding Officer, Canon Mandy Coutts, using the details at the end of this update.

You can read the report at iicsa.org.uk/publications/investigation/anglican-church

Cathedral Giving



Thank you

I would like to say a huge thank you to our congregation, friends and supporters who have generously continued to make a regular gift, or have made a special one-off donation, during the past few months. We have had some great success in securing grants from a variety of sources, but your support has been absolutely vital to us in our attempts to respond to the financial challenges posed by Covid-19.

If you make a regular gift to the Cathedral, please do continue to do so. **This can be done in a number of ways:**

- By visiting bradfordcathedral.churchsuite.co.uk/donate/ to donate securely via Church Suite
- By setting up a **standing order** - see our bank details below

- By using a **partnership or donation envelope** when attending a service in person
 - please ask a member of the clergy if you are unsure where to find these.

Some of our regular givers have been placing their gift in a **partnership envelopes** at home each week. Again, a huge thank you! We hope to see you soon, but if you feel it is unlikely you will be able to join us for a service in the near future, you might want to consider forwarding your total gift monies to us as a cheque or via bank transfer. Please send us your envelopes too so that we are able to claim Gift Aid!

Our bank details

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Morning and Evening Prayer

These services can be accessed online and by phone. It is a supportive community as well as a prayerful experience.

This arrangement is now for Monday to Saturday.

Morning Prayer at 9am

Online

<https://meet.google.com/gzg-wryi-fof>

Phone

020 3957 3722 then, when prompted,
key in 255851314#

Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

Online

<https://meet.google.com/zyx-hmcz-xeu>

Phone

020 3937 2140 then, when prompted,
key in 186694145#

Contact Details

If anyone needs **support**, including shopping, please call the Cathedral Office and leave a message.

If you would like **prayer** please email us at prayer@bradfordcathedral.org or leave a message on the Cathedral Office phone.

If you would like to be **in touch with the clergy** please call the Cathedral

Office and leave a message or email us. Our contacts are below.

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