



11th May 2025
Third Sunday after Easter



Welcome

Welcome to Bolton Priory in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. We are a Christian community, seeking to live well with God, gathered around Jesus Christ in witness, worship and prayer.

Who we are

Bolton Priory is an Anglican Church, in the Diocese of Leeds, where there has been continuous worship since 1154. When the Priory was dissolved in 1539, permission was granted for the parish to continue worshipping in the nave which is now the Priory Church. The Reformation is a daily backdrop to our lives and, fittingly, worship is centred around the Book of Common Prayer 1662 which, in the Spirit of Pentecost, is used and understood across the world-wide Anglican communion. Bolton Priory is committed to reflecting the glory and majesty of God in its worship and proclaiming the Gospel, particularly by seeking social justice and stewardship of God's creation.

Services Today

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Special Commemoration Service for 80 th anniversary of VE Day
Reader	Jenny Laycock
Hymns	(see service sheet)
Introit	For the Fallen - Guest
Anthem	God be in my head - Wilby

Please Pray For: Anne Clarke, Colin Richards, John Ward, Lindsay Dickson and Jean Sutcliffe

The Deceased: James Whittaker (2023) and Patrick Gale (2025)

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 45: 3-10 KJV

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not: And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

THE GOSPEL

St. John 16.16-22 KJV

JESUS said to his disciples, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; because I go to the Father. Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me; and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while and ye shall not see me; and again a little while and ye shall see me? Verily, verily I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

Rector's message

On this Third Sunday after Easter, we are departing from the lectionary to hold a special commemoration service to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day in 1945 which fell on the 8th May. This Sunday we will give thanks for the end of the Second World War and ask God's forgiveness for the sin and desire to dominate others which leads to conflict around the world, still to this day. Our Old Testament reading today is about Joseph being reconciled with his estranged brothers. If we too can follow the example of Joseph by reconciling our differences and learning to love our neighbour then the world might well be a better place.

Streaming of Services

Bolton Priory live stream various services for those who are unable to attend our worship. By attending services, you consent to being filmed for the purposes of live streaming only. This consent also extends to any minors under your care and control. If you wish to sit in a film free part of the Church, please ask a sidesman. Please be aware that these premises are also protected by CCTV.

Contactless Collection Plate

We have contactless collection plates at the Priory. This means that you can pay by card or donate cash in the usual fashion. If you wish to pay by card, the amount is set at £5 but this can be adjusted manually if you would like to pay more or less. Please note, that if you want to gift aid your donation you can only do this by using a yellow envelope which can be provided by the sidesmen.

Ceramic poppies

The ceramic poppies which are on the stone altar were bought for the Priory by the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire. They were from the Tower of London's 100th anniversary of the end of WWI in 2014 and are fittingly being displayed on the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 this week

Bolton Happy Voices

Bolton Happy Voices will be singing at Bolton Priory this afternoon at 1.30pm in the ruins (weather permitting).

Magazine deadline

All submissions for the next Parish magazine should be submitted by the 31st May to Joyce Simpson djsimp@btinternet.com

New Christian books now available on the sales table.

A couple of people in the congregation have suggested that it would be good to have a small selection of books available on the sales table covering Christian faith, the Bible and the Church. With this in mind, we have ordered and placed a selection of relevant books on the sales table. These include introductions to faith, the Bible and the Church, and include authors such as Rowan Williams, John Stott and John Pritchard. All are very reasonably priced! So do please take a look and maybe take this opportunity to help deepen your understanding of Jesus and the Christian faith. Revd Tony Cantlow'.

Stamp Collection

We are collecting stamps for the RNIB (Institute for the Blind). There is a box out on the table in the tower to put used stamps in. When collecting your stamps please don't include the envelope please cut round the stamps.

Baby Basics

Baby Basics is no longer functioning in Bradford but I have now sourced two other projects. The Biasan Project which caters for asylum seekers with clothes etc and the other is the Bradford Baby Bank. The Baby Bank is a charity dedicated to supporting families in need. Their mission is to ensure that every baby and young child in Bradford has essential items they need to thrive. Through their donations and the support of dedicated volunteers, they are able to provide items such as clothing, nappies, cots and other basic necessities. They are currently supporting over 40 families a week. I am still collecting items for the above projects and, as always, I am eternally grateful for the continued support you give me. Many thanks
- Mary Vineall -01756 753013.

Skipton Foodbank

"It's been a very busy couple of weeks for the Foodbank and the shelves are looking very empty. Items we are most in need of are: UHT milk, instant coffee, Jam and Spreads, tinned Tomatoes and shampoo. Thank you to you all for your continuing support-The Foodbank Team"

Bolton Abbey Show

The 41st Bolton Abbey Show will be held on Saturday, 24th May, from 2 pm in the village hall. There are many classes you and your family can enter, whatever you enjoy doing. Please come along and support this event and meet friends, old and new, and have a cup of tea, homemade cakes and a chat. Schedules are available from the post office and on the free table in church.

May Eco Tip

Say no to the mow. Mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals. Contribute to citizen science and get to know what (and who!) lives in your church's green Space.

Drive to Ukraine appeal

Our son in law Max, his mother Dr Susan Richards with a group of young people have been buying second hand trucks and ambulances which they fit with medical kits and supplies, like good quality tourniquets, and drive to Lviv on the Ukrainian border. In Lviv their contact Maksym has the vehicles painted in camouflage (by street artists!) and taken to the front line where there is an ever-increasing need for transporting injured soldiers to fields hospitals. British

evacuation pickups are precious because their driver is not sitting on the expected side and therefore more likely to be missed by snipers.

I made an appeal in the weekly letter last year to raise funds in support of Driving to Ukraine. The congregation which was small that Sunday responded with extreme generosity but afterwards many said they were sorry they had missed the appeal, so I hope you will forgive me for renewing it.

Any small amount towards the £ 5000 necessary to start equipping a vehicle will be well spent via this initiative run by enthusiastic ordinary young people which bypasses dodgy middlemen and which I understand is unique to Britain. For Maksym, also essential is the moral support this operation brings to the Ukrainians who feel exhausted and abandoned.

Please donate at the Priory or on line. Thank you. Françoise Ainsworth, <https://donorbox.org/bristolukraine>

Diary for the Week Ahead

Wednesday 14th May

10.00 am Holy Communion

6.30pm Choir Practise

Sunday 18th May (Fourth Sunday after Easter)

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

12noon APCM in Church

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