



1st December 2024
Advent Sunday

Welcome

Welcome to Bolton Priory in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales. We are a Christian community, made up of a multitude of individual persons, living in unity and submitting ourselves willingly to God's grace.

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
9.15 am	Liquid Worship
10.30 am	Sung Communion
Reader	Helen Weir
Hymns	27,37,29 and 396
Introit	Wait for the Lord - Taize
Anthem	Creator of the starry night
4.30pm	Advent Carol Service

Please Pray For: Anne Clarke, Colin Richards, John Ward, Margaret Pratt and Robert Thornton

The Deceased: Brian Haggas, Ang Chapman, Heather Collinson and Terry Nelson

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us with great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament Reading,

Micah 4, 1-7 KJV

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk everyone in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

Gospel

Matthew 21:1-13 KJV

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, who is this? And the multitude said, this is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, it is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Rectors message

This Sunday is Advent Sunday which marks the beginning of Advent. In the season of Advent, we await both the coming of Christ at Christmas and the second coming of Christ at the end of time. Advent marks the beginning of a season of joy and expectation as well as a time of self-examination and repentance as we ask ourselves whether we are ready for Christ's coming into the world? Above all, however, we should remember all those whose lives are in darkness at this time and for whom the light of Christ at Christmas may be the most welcome gift of all.

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.

WANTED - Persons to help Live-Streaming

Since cameras were introduced to the Priory in 2022, we now have a sizeable following on-line each Sunday. If you can help and would like to learn to live stream, please contact the Rector at rector@boltonpriory.org.uk

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.

For Better For Worse

If you haven't been to a wedding meeting, the next one is on Saturday 8th February at 9 am in the Boyle Room. Please contact the parish office if you wish to attend.

December Eco Tips

Celebrate a greener Christmas. Find ways to make your Christmas festivities both a joyous celebration of Christ's coming and environmentally conscious. Explore A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas.

Water Feeders

In our quest to achieve Gold Eco status we are encouraged to provide several water feeders for wildlife around the graveyard. This is as part of our Land Management Plan including caring for wildlife. If you would like to donate a birdbath or ground-level water feeder contact Elaine Lambert.

Recycled Used Candles

We collect used candles for recycling, any residue wax will be used to make new candles. Please help us by bringing any spent candles from home and put them in the container in the vestry. The company we send the candles to no longer accept spent candles in glass containers.

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.

Weekly sheet

Please note that the weekly sheet will now be available on the website every week and will not be sent out by email.

FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY

OTLEY BRASS BAND - A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER AT 2PM
IN THE PRIORY CHURCH, BOLTON ABBEY



Please join us for a very special Family Festive Christmas Celebration
Tickets priced £15, under 12s free, includes refreshments
Tickets are available from Try Booking
www.trybooking.com/uk/ECWI
and from committee members in the Priory Tower each Sunday in
November before and after the 10.30 service.

Tickets are available for the Brass Band Concert being held at 2pm on Saturday 7th December from Richard Watson, Katherine Hague and other Friends Committee members on each Sunday, before and after the 10.30am Service. They are also available online from Try Booking www.trybooking.com/uk/ECWI.

Diary for the Week Ahead

Wednesday 10.00 am Holy Communion

4.00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday 2.00pm Otley Brass Band concert in aid of the Friends of Bolton Priory

Services Sunday 8th December

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist – preacher Inderjit Boghal – City of Sanctuary

2.30 pm Harrogate Ladies College concert in Priory ruins and Priory Church



Christmas Appeal

Christmas is a time to spread love and joy.

At Skipton Food Bank we make special festive food parcels for those in our Craven community who are struggling

financially

Can you help us this Christmas?

WE NEED DONATIONS OF

TOILETRY GIFT SETS FOR MEN AND WOMEN

CHRISTMAS CAKE BARS

★ BOXES OF NICE CHRISTMAS BISCUITS

CHOCOLATE SELECTION PACKS

SMALL BOXES OF CHOCOLATES 200-300G

TINNED HAM/CHICKEN

STUFFING PACKETS

GRAVY GRANULES

★ CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS SMALL, MEDIUM & LARGE

MINCE PIES (check best before is after Dec 25th 2024)

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS (to pull!)

NO TOYS OR GIFTS PLEASE

WE START PACKING ON 27/11 , PLEASE GET DONATIONS TO US SOON. LAST DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS 06/12/24

WE ARE OPEN FOR DONATIONS MON, TUE, WED, FRI 9-11AM AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, NEWMARKET STREET, SKIPTON, BD23 2JE,

For more information, including other donation points please visit www.skiptonfoodbank.org

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