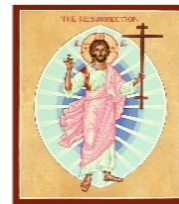




4th May 2025
Second Sunday after
Easter



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 prayer, witness and worship.

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	Sung Eucharist
Reader	Helen Weir
Hymns	145, 612, 311, 160
Introit	In resurrection, tua, Christe - Taize
Anthem	Alleluia, give thanks to the Lord – Fishel
4.30pm	Choral Evensong, Giggleswick School

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

THE COLLECT

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 34.11-16a KJV

For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

THE GOSPEL

St. John 10.11-16 KJV

JESUS said, I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth

the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

Rector's message

The Sunday is the Second Sunday after Easter. In the aftermath of the crucifixion the disciples scatter in disarray and all seems lost. However, their encounters with the Risen Christ bring them back together again. The Church is the embodiment of Jesus Christ here on earth but, as we all know, even today, the flock is always in danger of scattering and dividing. However, the readings from the Gospel remind us that the Risen Christ is also the Good Shepherd of his sheep who protects and guides us to this day.

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.

Choral Evensong – Sunday 4th May

Giggleswick School will be singing Choral Evensong this afternoon at Bolton Priory at 4.30pm. All are most welcome to attend

Sedbergh Prep School concert – Friday 9th May

Sedbergh Prep School Senior Choir will be performing an informal concert at Bolton Priory on Friday 9th May at 2pm (free entrance). They have performed to date in Sedbergh Chapel, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, and alongside the renowned BBC Singers. They are looking forward to sharing their love of music and creating memorable experiences for all who come to hear them sing.

VE Day Commemoration Service – Sunday 11th May

We will be holding a special service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day on Sunday 11th May at 10.30am. This will be in place of our normal 10.30 am sung Eucharist

Happy voices – Sunday 11th May

Happy Voices are a community choir from Bolton that sing Musical Theatre and other popular songs. They will be singing in the ruins of Bolton Priory at 1.30pm on Sunday 11th May and all proceeds will go to Sue Ryder and Bolton Priory.

May Eco Tip

Say no to the mower. 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 - sign up to take part in Churches Count on Nature (8-16 June 2024) at caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churchescount-on-nature-faqs/.

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.

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>

Bolton Abbey Show

The 41st Bolton Abbey Show will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 24th March at 2pm. Entrance £1

Diary for the week ahead

Wednesday 7th May

10.00 am Holy Communion

6.30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 9th May

2pm Informal concert by Sedbergh Prep School

Sunday 11th May

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Special Commemoration service for
the 80th anniversary of VE Day

12.00 noon Holy Baptism

1.30pm Bolton Happy Voices concert

FRIENDS OF BOLTON PRIORY



36TH AGM & LUNCH Sunday 11th May 2025

12.30 in the Bolton Abbey Village Hall
Tickets are £22 per person and include lunch
and a glass of wine.

You will be able to make your reservation with a
Committee Member from the 6th April 2025 either
before or after the Priory's Sunday Morning Service.

Alternatively please ring any of the following:

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***We look forward to welcoming you
and thank you for your continuing support of the Friends.***

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