



**9th March 2025**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

## **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**

<b>8.00 am</b>	Holy Communion
<b>10.30 am</b>	Sung Communion
<b>Reader</b>	Andrew Wade
<b>Hymns</b>	95,385,96,384
<b>Introit</b>	Lord for the tender mercy's sake – Farrant
<b>Anthem</b>	Is it nothing to you – Ousely

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

**Anniversary of Death:** Margaret Hellewell (2023)

## **THE COLLECT**

O LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

## **THE OLD TESTAMENT**

*Genesis 3:1-6 KJV*

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

## **THE GOSPEL**

*St. Matthew 4.1-11KJV*

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an-hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man

shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down; for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

### **Rector's message**

This is the first Sunday of Lent. We marked the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday and this Sunday we are reminded of Christ in the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. The story of Christ in the wilderness is incredibly important for Christians as we will all find ourselves in the wilderness at some point in our lives. It is common to us all but we also know that, like Christ, we will be ministered to by the angels and that, ultimately, we too will proclaim the Resurrection.

### **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.

## **St Cuthbert's Lecture**

The St Cuthbert's lecture this year is being given by the The Very Reverend Canon Professor Martyn Percy on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Bolton Priory at 4.30pm. The title of the lecture is "**The future of the Church of England**". Martyn was formerly the Dean of Christ Church, Oxford and Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon. He will also be preaching at the 10.30am Eucharist on the Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

## **March Eco Tip**

The sights and sounds of the season-breathe in the fragrance of blossoms, observe budding catkins, note different bird song, spot footprints, or use Pl@ntNet to identify spring flowers. Nature can boost our happiness, so spend time in your garden, on your balcony, and in local green spaces. Dedicate quality time to appreciate creation's beauty, and thank God for the hope that spring can bring with Lent resources found at [arochoa.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-overlent](http://arochoa.org.uk/connect-with-gods-creation-overlent)

## **Recycled Used Candles**

Unfortunately, the company which recycles candles has gone into administration and therefore candles are no longer being collected

## **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.

## **Diary for the week ahead**

### **Wednesday 12th March (second Sunday of Lent)**

**10.00 am** Holy Communion

**4.00 pm** Choir Practice

### **Services Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**8.00 am** Holy Communion

**10.30 am** Sung Eucharist



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