

The B E A N

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Bradford Episcopal Area News

Easter Blessings

Welcome to the Easter Bean!

Reading the Bible through someone else's eyes can be disturbing. Many of us will have watched the Bible Society video of Ukrainians reading Psalm 31 from underground bunkers. Verses such as, "I was beset as a city under siege" or "My strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away," take on a different flavour when we hear stories from the besieged city of Mariupol with its bombed-out buildings and mass graves.

But where the Bible speaks the language of suffering and death, it also speaks of resurrection. Jesus may still bear the scars of the nails and the spear, but it is a risen body that he offers to Thomas to touch so that Thomas might believe.

A Ukrainian pastor spoke movingly of churches in his country that have become, through horrific suffering, "what church was meant to be." They have shone as beacons of hope. We have witnessed extraordinary acts of bravery, kindness and self-sacrifice from people in Ukraine, protesters in Russia and many others looking after refugees, both those internally displaced in Ukraine itself and those who have had to flee to other countries, including our own.

As we journey through Holy Week and Easter, I pray that the familiar stories from the gospels will come alive for us in new ways as we read them through the eyes of Ukrainians and others around the world suffering from war, as well as many in our own

communities who are struggling with and working to alleviate rising levels of poverty.

We have all, in our baptism, been crucified with Christ and raised to life with him. We are what the Bible calls the 'first-fruits' of God's work in restoring all of creation. We can, therefore, as churches and as individual Christians hold out hope for those who need it.

May the Spirit give us all connections and words to share the joy and hope of Easter with those around us.

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Bradford Anglican Council for Social Aid

BACSA is a small Charitable Trust. It exists to enable the Church of England in the Bradford Episcopal Area to meet the needs of disadvantaged people. It is therefore keen to receive grant applications from churches and church-based organisations that are looking for the resources they need to do this.

The Trust will give priority to applications that enable churches and Christian projects in the Bradford Episcopal Area to:

1. Serve the needs of vulnerable people disadvantaged by inequality and social exclusion by enhancing their quality of life
2. Provide services that build community cohesion in disadvantaged areas
3. Meet the needs of those whose lives are blighted due to any form of addiction

Types of grants:

Small grants (up to £500) to encourage the planning of a new project. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Large Grants can be for up to £3000 initially. Capital expenditure is normally only considered when it is presented as part of a clear programme of work that meets the Trust's criteria. In respect of revenue costs, the Trustees may consider further support for a period of up to 3 years, but this is not guaranteed.

Applications forms are available from Mr Peter Capel-Cure petercapelcure@gmail.com and for more info feel free to call on 01423 771179.

Did you know there is an Open the Book resource in the Bradford Episcopal Area?

Open the Book

(OtB) offers primary school children an opportunity to hear key Bible stories told by a



team of Christians from local churches, who present the stories during assemblies or acts of collective worship. Each presentation takes around 10–15 minutes and can be incorporated into a wider school assembly or can stand alone.

In Bradford we have over 63 prop boxes with Old and New Testament stories; each box contains costumes, props and scripts to tell the story in a simple way. The 5 teams who are currently signed up go into their schools either once a fortnight or once month to tell the stories using the Bob Hartman Storyteller Bible. They visit between them 15 schools with 40 volunteers involving 10 Parishes and before Covid approximately 5000 children heard an Old or New Testament Story every month!

If you are short of ideas for school assemblies or looking for a way to get into a secular school why not consider Open the Book?

For further information please contact Lynne Johnson otb.2johns@gmail.com or 07919252025

BYOS (Bring Your Own Story) to BEAF (the Bradford Episcopal Area Forum)!

It has been more than two years since we were able to meet in person at BEAF. Although our Zoom BEAF meetings have been a valuable way of connecting with others from churches across our Episcopal Area, they are not the same as sitting around a table. So please make it a priority to come along to the freshly refurbished Holy Trinity, Idle (Town Lane, Idle, Bradford, BD10 8NS) on Thursday 19 May at 7pm to meet up with old friends and to make new ones. Everyone welcome - it would be great to see as many churches from our Area represented as possible!

For our BEAF this time, we will be practising sharing stories with one another. Our faith is best shared fresh and personal, but we can sometimes lack confidence in speaking about our faith with other people. So, in a light-hearted, friendly and encouraging evening we will hear stories of how Jesus has been at work in each other's lives, and have the opportunity, if we want, to share our own. Have a think about something brief that you could share, and Bring Your Own Story to the party!

What is Interfaith?



On my appointment as Co-ordinating Chaplain I was challenged to work out for myself what “inter-faith” really means in a place like Bradford University where 95% of the student body are “non-white” Ironically, the solution came during lockdown when we had a remnant of estranged and overseas students who were literally locked down on campus. We had an idea to celebrate significant faith days, with culturally appropriate food, as a way to brighten up lockdown and engage with those students who felt a long way from home. To mark each festival we worked with the catering team, and I produced a post-card illustrating the festival or event, providing background information and wishing them well from the University



The climax during lockdown came with Holi, Passover and Easter occurring in the same week. We produced a set of

three postcards, and gave out an Interfaith banquet; Indian hors d’oeuvres to celebrate Holi, a lamb casserole (with halal and vegan alternatives) to celebrate Easter, and Jewish apple cake for pudding! We even managed to give each student an Easter egg!

The post cards have been the significant part of the event, because through them we have learned about each other, and what is being celebrated, and we have shared together in both the joys and the significances. This academic year we have celebrated Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, and Chinese New Year. On January 27th we held 2 minutes silence in the Richmond Atrium) to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. Each time we do this the conversations that I have with students are so encouraging and engaging. Please remember all HE and FE Chaplaincy in your prayers, thank you.

Rev Andrew Howorth. University of Bradford



Bishop Toby is going to be doing a sponsored 5km run in aid of the Millside Centre which celebrates its 5th Anniversary this year. He will be running round Lister Park before heading down to the Millside Centre in Bradford.

The “adventure” is on Thurs 28th April starting at 11:30am .

If you would like to join him please let him know or to sponsor him please click on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/bishop-toby>

What’s On at Bradford Cathedral

Holy Week and Easter at Bradford Cathedral: a busy programme of services and events, including three Holy Week reflections with Prof Ben Quash, a 'Via Crucis' organ meditation, and a Diocesan Confirmation Service

Bradford Cathedral Gardening Group is meeting again every Saturday morning (weather permitting) in the Cathedral grounds from 10:30am onwards. To find out more watch <https://youtu.be/nSdvLVHrX4Y>) and get more details by e-mailing info@bradfordcathedral.org

Archdeacon Andy on Sabbatical

As many of you know, Archdeacon Andy will be taking a well-earned sabbatical from 1st May to 31st July. He will be using this time for some retreat and pilgrimage, and also undertaking some field research on sustainable models of urban ministry.

While he is away we have put some plans in place to ensure that the questions you would usually ask him will get answers!

Revd Cat Thatcher is going to be standing in as Acting Archdeacon, so if you have any questions / queries relating to buildings, permissions etc send them her (or Carmel's) way and between them they will endeavour to answer your questions. For emails, please use the address Archdeacon.Bradford@leeds.anglican.org rather than Andy's usual email (andy.jolley@leeds.anglican.org).

The services for the Admission of Church Wardens will be taken by the Area Deans. Revd Tracy Milne, Area Dean of Outer Bradford, will admit wardens at the service at Fountains Church on 16th June and Revd Canon Sandra Benham, Area Dean of Aire & Worth, will do this at the service at All Saints Ilkley on 21st June. If Church Wardens can't make either of these dates they can attend one of the services in another Episcopal Area – all dates have been sent to Clergy and current Wardens and are on the Diocesan website.

In the first instance please direct any queries to Carmel in the Episcopal Area Office.

We wish Andy a fruitful time away

For the musical among you:

Bradford Cathedral Choir - Adult Recruitment: We are seeking the services of choral singers to contribute to the weekly pattern of sung services. Volunteer adult singers will sing in the cathedral choir when required. For more information about what the role entails please e-mail alex.berry@bradfordcathedral.org

Singing Day with Prof Paul Mealor of Aberdeen University on Sat 21st May 2022. To book please visit <https://bradfordcathedral.org/music/singing-day-with-prof-paul-mealor/>

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Dates for the Diary

BEAF 19th May 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, Idle

Bradford Faith Trail

1st Sat of the month. For details see

<https://bradfordcathedral.org/visit/faith-trail/>

Admission of Church Wardens:

16th June 7pm Fountains Church Bradford

21st June 7pm All Saints Ilkley

Clergy & Reader Study Day 8th June 10-3 Fountains Church, Bradford

Personal Growth & Leadership Course

Saturday mornings: 24th Sept, 22nd Oct, 19th Nov 2022, 21st Jan, 25th Feb and 25th Mar 2023. More details to follow



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