



**03 December to
10 December 2017**

Welcome

All are welcome at Bolton Priory! We hope that you feel at home in this community of Christians.

Who we are

Bolton Priory is in the Church of England Diocese of Leeds, but we are ecumenical in spirit and welcome you from whatever tradition you come. The Priory is more than a building. It is a Christian community committed to welcome, worship, and witness, gathered around Christ in prayer, and seeking to live well with God. Our doors are open every day, and our work and worship continue through the year. Wherever you are from, and for however long you are with us, this is your church and you are very welcome.

Services today, 03 December 2017, Advent Sunday

- 08.00** Holy Communion
- 09.15** Liquid Family Service
- 10.30** Sung Eucharist
- 16.30** Advent Carol Service
Friends of Bolton Priory Advent Supper

Diary for the Week Ahead

Wednesday

- 10.00** Holy Communion
- 10.45** Advent Bible Study
- 18.45** Choir Practice
- 19.00** The Wednesday Nighters Christmas Supper

Thursday

- 19.00** Bolton Abbey Estate Carol Service

Saturday

- 11.00** Live Nativity
- 13.30** Live Nativity

Please Pray For

Barbara Hopkinson, Michael Cain, Edwyn Joseph, Susan Hawkins

Anniversary of Death, Joan Cockshott (2009), John Holt (2009)

Notices

Gift Day

Last year, 2016, we were unable to pay in full our Parish Share of £130,000 – the amount we pay to central diocesan funds to support ministry across the whole diocese. We fell short by £20,000. This year we have benefited from a £10,000 decrease in the amount we have been asked to pay in Share, but we are still going to be unable to pay the full amount from our ordinary income as we have a projected deficit of £10,000. With this in mind, the Finance Committee agreed last month that we should have a Gift Day **next Sunday 10 December**. The whole worshipping community at the Priory is invited to make an *extra* contribution on that day to help us bridge the difference of £10,000. Special envelopes are available to take away today, and will also be available next Sunday. The Priory benefits from two full-time clergy whose stipends, housing, and on-costs exceed our Parish Share contribution. Please bear this in mind and give with appropriate generosity. Thank you.

Skipton Food Bank

The Skipton Food Bank would be grateful for Christmas contributions by **Monday 11 December**. Suggested items that you might consider donating are: tinned gammon/lean ham; stuffing mix; gravy mix; Christmas puddings; custard packets; Christmas cake bars; small boxes of biscuits; savoury biscuits; boxes of chocolates; chocolate selection boxes; hot chocolate; mince pies; toiletries gift boxes (men/women/families). Thank you.

An Occasional Lift to the Priory

The Rector has received a note from a fellow cleric asking if there is anyone in the congregation who might be willing to give his mother the occasional lift to the Priory on Sundays from Abbeyfield in Ilkley. Please have a word with the Rector if you feel you might be able to help.

The Friends of Bolton Priory Advent Supper

The annual Advent Carol Service will take place today, Sunday 03 December, at 16.30. This will be followed by the Friends Advent Supper in the Boyle Room. Tickets are £7 each and available on the door.

December/January Magazine

The December/January magazine is now available in the Tower. Please pick yours up today. There is an insert with all the Christmas services which will be useful to put on your notice board.

Live Nativity

The Live Nativity at the Priory will be held next Saturday, 09 December, with two showings at 11.00 and 13.30. The Bolton Abbey Estate are partnering with us again and have sourced the animals and the stable. There will not be Evening Prayer on that day.

Parochial Church Council Minutes and Agenda

The draft minutes of the last meeting, on 31 October, are on the notice board in the Tower. There is also a list of names of those on the PCC who you can speak to about any matters which have been discussed or if you would like anything mentioned at a future meeting.

Baby Basics Project

Baby Basics aims to support new mothers who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. Please support this church project by contributing to their starter packs. Items needed are clothes 0-3 months, blankets, towels and Moses baskets. Contact Mary Vineall, 01756 753013, for more details. Further details in the December Magazine.

The Priory Christmas Card and Table

The 2017 Priory Christmas Card is for sale on the table at the back of the church. It is a watercolour of a local winter scene by Catherine Bartle. A pack of 10 cards costs £5. There is also a special Christmas section on the sales table. Please take a look at the Christmas ornaments, baubles and ideas for Christmas gifts. New items are arriving all the time so please keep looking.

The Wednesday Nighters Christmas Supper

This will be held on Wednesday, 06 December, in Bolton Abbey Village Hall at 19.00 for 19.30, tickets are still available. Even if you are not a regular why not come along and meet everyone and have a convivial time and delicious supper. Tickets at £12 each are available from Barbara Pickersgill, 01756 710630.

Guiding Team

We are asking for a Guides presence in the Priory on weekends, Boxing Day and New Year's Day to welcome visitors. A smile is all that's needed. For more information please ring Gerry Yates on 01535 610690.

Parcevall Hall

Copies of the 2017/18 Programme of Events for Parcevall Hall is now available in the Tower.

Bolton Abbey Charity Christmas Bazaar Thankyou

Thank you to all who helped and those who came and bought for all the charities represented at the Bazaar last week. The Bolton Abbey WI supplied splendid teas and everyone had a lovely afternoon. Thank you to everyone who helped and those who bought from the charity stalls at the Bazaar. The Bolton Abbey WI supplied excellent teas and everyone had a splendid afternoon. Over £1,500 was raised by all the charities.

Christmas Craft Sale

The Priory stall had a wonderful Christmas display. Carol Wade and Val Middleton who coordinated the stall would like to thank everyone for their support and donations. The table raised £300.50p – so far!! There will be a Christmas Sale in the Boyle Room after the morning service on 10 December.

Alexandra Lowe

Alexandra will present 'A Christmas Concert' of classical song and festive favourites. This will be on Sunday 10 December at 19.30 in the Chapel at Rudding Park. Tickets at £15 are available from 01756 710258. Flyers are on the free table.

Bolton Abbey Calendar

This new 2018 calendar is for sale in the Tower and has a variety of delightful photographs of Bolton Abbey. This has been compiled by John Sheard and is on sale at £7.50 each. Do take a look. They would make lovely Christmas presents. Please put your money in the box over the sales table.

Services next Sunday 10 December

Advent 2

- 08.00** Holy Communion
10.30 Sung Eucharist; Preacher, The Revd Jonathan Cain
Priory Craft Sale in the Boyle Room
15.00 Roaming Carols

There will not be a service of Evening Prayer today

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Advent and Christmas Services 2017

Sunday 03 December

16.30 Advent Carol Service

Thursday 07 December

19.00 Bolton Abbey Estate Carol Service (all welcome)

Saturday 09 December

11.00 Live Nativity (first performance)

13.30 Live Nativity (second performance)

Sunday 10 December

15.00 Roaming Carols (meet at Bolton Abbey Village Post Office)

Sunday 17 December

16.30 Service of Lessons and Carols

Thursday 21 December

18.00 Boyle & Petyt School Carol Service

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December

08.00 Holy Communion

10.30 Sung Eucharist

16.00 Christingle

23.30 First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day, Monday 25 December

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Festal Eucharist

