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Fountains Church Bradford

Easter is fast approaching reminding us again of our hope found in the resurrected Jesus. At the same time new life is springing up all around with the sunshine and warmer weather. Both these thoughts are firmly in the mind of the Fountains Church team formally known as Bradford City Centre Resource Church. This name has been chosen as the church itself will overlook the fountains in City Park. As the team have prayed about Fountains Church a passage which keeps cropping up for us is "See, I am doing a new thing Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Isaiah 43). This is the difference

that we hope to make to our City Centre. New hope and fountains of life that will bless the people of Bradford

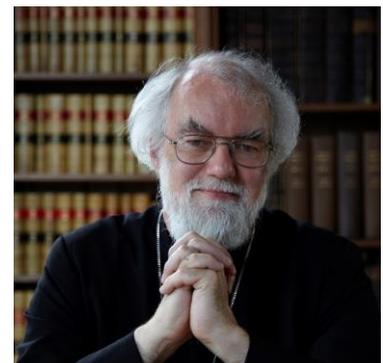
With the announcement of the new name we would also like to invite anyone who is interested in praying for the new church to join us in doing so. We will begin to meet every Tuesday evening at 7pm from May 7th at Glyde House, Little Horton Lane, Bradford BD5 0BQ. Everyone will be very welcome to join us.

www.bradfordfountains.com



DR ROWAN WILLIAMS AT BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

You are invited to Bradford Cathedral for two special lectures delivered by Bishop Rowan Williams, on Monday 20th May 2019. They are the 'Public Square Lecture: What does national identity mean these days?' at 3pm and the 'de Lacy Arts & Theology Lecture: Poetry in the Making' at 7pm. You can book your free place online at bradfordcathedral.eventbrite.com



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BRADFORD CATHEDRAL CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY

As part of its continuing Centenary celebrations Bradford Cathedral will open its doors on **Saturday 15th June** for a day packed with activities, talks and sessions aimed at showcasing everything the Cathedral does and how Bradfordians can get involved with its activity groups, teams and events. Starting at 11am with an official opening there will be activities running from 12noon – 6pm including talks on the Cathedral's architecture and history; family activities; games; an afternoon tea; theatre pop-ups and much more. More information will be released over the next couple of months but you can express your interest, and be kept up-to-date with the latest news, by joining

<https://www.facebook.com/events/280563559536918/>.



JESUS WEEPS FOR PEACE IN PALESTINE & ISRAEL: Inspirational stories of lives changed and communities transformed. Sunday 14th April 2019, 6pm Bradford Cathedral

The event will feature Hedva Haymov and Shireen Awaad who will tell inspirational stories of lives changed and communities transformed in one of the most deeply conflicted parts of our world.. Hedva is a Messianic Believer living on the Golan Heights in Israel, who was born in New York and served in the US Army. Shireen is a Palestinian Christian living behind the Wall in the West Bank, and is the Dean of Students at Bethlehem Bible College



HEATON HUB CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY

On Feb 1st 2018 a new Library opened in the newly refurbished Narthex of St Martin's Church, Heaton, Bradford. Over the past year we have been busy training volunteers alongside managers from Bradford Libraries. And setting up the Heaton Hub to allow other activities to be going on in the Church whenever the Library is open.

The first few months were relatively quiet but then last week 153 people from the community came to celebrate with us. We feel we've "cast our nets" on the right side of the boat! (John 21..) Some of the things we have done in partnership with the Council or with Upper Heaton Working

Together community group include:

- Healthy Heaton Bike Workshop
- Rhythm Time for Mums and Tots
- Primary School Visits
- National Summer Reading Challenge
- Creative writing classes
- Zoo Lab
- Magic Day
- Slimming World
- Great Get Together Lunch

Hoping and Praying that over the next year we can build on all this and see new ways we can bless our community with our wonderful resource.

*Revd Chris Chorlton, Rector of
Girlington, Heaton and Manningham*

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY EVENSONG

On Sunday 14 April at 4pm, during Choral Evensong at Bradford Cathedral, Bishop Toby will be commissioning Canon Paul Maybury as Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator, along with other members of the Diocesan team and the five Episcopal Area Teams. You can find out more about the Prayer and Spirituality team at <http://www.leeds.anglican.org/prayer-spirituality>



ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH, CONONLEY

an Ecumenical partnership with the Methodist Church, is looking forward with anticipation to the start of its building project later this year which will see a redevelopment of the interior to include a meeting room with kitchenette and accessible toilet. 'We're excited about the possibilities,' says churchwarden Janet Clifford. 'We'll be able to offer space for community activities in Cononley, and develop small groups and children's work which is very limited with our current facilities. We're also hoping to be able to open the church up to walkers and other visitors during the daytime'

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WORKING WITH AIR CADETS AS A CHAPLAIN?

The Royal Air Force Air Cadets is one of the UK's leading youth organisations with some 45,000 cadets and about 15,000 adult volunteers. Young people can join from ages 12 and stay until aged 19. The honorary chaplain will be appointed from among the clergy, lay readers and others with an authorized church ministry. Air cadet chaplains do not wear uniform but they receive the chaplain's badges along with a sweatshirt and polo shirt showing their role. The role is voluntary (with expenses) and would normally take up 2 evenings a month

If you are interested and want to find out more please contact [Fr Darren Percival](mailto:FrDarrenPercival@rafcadets.org)



BISHOP TO SPEND HOLY WEEK IN ILKLEY

Bishop David Thomson, who until very recently was the Bishop of Huntingdon, is spending Holy Week this year at St Margaret's, Ilkley. "I'm going to be walking with you in the steps of St John, as he himself follows Jesus to the cross and beyond". He will be preaching every day from Palm Sunday until Easter Day. 'Anyone is welcome at any of our services to hear and meet Bishop David' said Revd Philip Gray. More details can be found on the St Margaret's website www.stmargaretsilkley.org or tel.01943 607015.

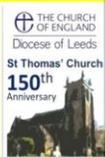


'GAMES & GRUB' AT ST THOMAS' SUTTON IN CRAVEN

In January 2019 a new initiative was launched at St Thomas' Church Sutton-in-Craven. 'Games & Grub' is a fortnightly drop-in club for those who want to simply meet up with others for a cuppa, chat and play their favourite board games. The event has proved popular from the start and there have regularly been around 25 people coming into church from throughout the Benefice and even beyond! Helpers and members share a simple lunch of soup and a roll at half time before its back to games or jigsaw solving!

2019 is the 150th anniversary year for St. Thomas Church and through this new event the church seeks to continue to be a welcoming place for the local community as we go forward. We are enjoying sharing stories of life and faith over the years at St. Thomas' Church and aim to share these wider at a separate event in May as we lead into a number of other related activities to mark the 150th anniversary.

G ₂	A ₁	M ₂	E ₁	S ₁
R ₁	SPRING DATES!			
U ₁	11am to 1pm on Thursdays:			
B ₃	Apr: 4 th , 25 th	May: 9 th , 23 rd	June: 6 th , 20 th	FREE cuppa, soup and a roll!


SUPER STITCHERS AT BRADFORD CATHEDRAL

The Bradford Cathedral stitching group have been busy at work for over three years completing the designs for the kneelers which will be displayed later in the year at the Cathedral. The team are now starting work on the next part of the project: kneelers to go in St. Aidan's Chapel, based on newly created designs inspired by the current fabrics in the space. Jill Wright, member of the stitching team writes: 'Stitching the Cathedral' is open to anyone and everyone to take part in, no matter what level of experience, with those interested encouraged to come along and try it out and help make the on-going stitching project a success.'

The 'Stitching the Cathedral' group meets every alternate Tuesday at Bradford Cathedral. For more information and dates visit bradfordcathedral.org/whats-on/weekly-events/stitching-the-cathedral/



PERSONAL GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP

Clergy and Lay Leaders from the Outer Bradford Deanery came together on six Saturday mornings between September and March to learn together about Personal Growth and Leadership. The aims of this pilot course were; to increase confidence in those attending, to build a stronger sense of team and to create a supportive identity across the deanery. Using the John Maxwell principles of growth and leadership clergy and lay teams from 8 churches explored areas such as; intentionality, consistency, trade-off, inner circle, empowerment, connection and legacy.

Comments on how the course has helped included;

"I've grown in confidence to help grow others".

"Being clergy and lay together was most valuable, and as churches together feeling less parochial, less isolated, more encouraged and affirmed"

Taster Sessions for the next Episcopal Area wide PG and L course will be happening on July 2nd 7.30pm and July 13th 9.30am, venues to be confirmed. We encourage you to come along and find out more as a team of clergy and lay together. Please contact [Carmel](#) to register your interest



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DATES FOR THE DIARY

10-12th May 7:30pm to 4pm
Learning Healing Ministry, St John's Bowling

11th May Big Turnaround Day, Halifax Minster 10-4

15th May 6.30 for 7pm start
Church Warden Declarations, St Paul's Church Shipley

16th May 10-3 **Bishop's Study Day**, Bradford Cathedral...

21st May 6.30 for 7pm start
Church Warden Declarations, St John's Great Horton

22nd May 6:30-9:30pm **Seeds of Silence**, St John's Bierley

23rd May BEAF, 7 for 7.30 start to 9pm, Thornbury Centre

11th June 7-9pm **Church Warden Training (New)**, Trinity Centre Bingley

15th June from 11am **Bradford Cathedral Festival**

15th June 10-3:30 **Seeds of Silence**, Holy Trinity Bingley

22nd June 10-4 **Discovery Course – Exploring Spiritual Gifts**, St Mary's Oxenhope

24th June (and 1st, 8th, 15th July) **The E Word: Reimagining Evangelism**, Pudsey Parish Church

5th Oct 10-12 **Church Warden Training (Experienced)**, Trinity Centre Bingley



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