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Advent Greetings

One of my most moving carol services this Advent has been the 'Light Up A Life' service with Martin House, the children's hospice, taking place for the first time this year at Bradford Cathedral. Recognising the need for both more support *for* and *from* Martin House in Bradford, we had been planning this service for several months with families, the chaplain and staff. The poignancy of families remembering a child's death at this time of the year was all mixed up with a powerful sense of togetherness, love and even joy. We were families and individuals from different backgrounds, cultures and faiths, but always the child was at the centre.

As we come towards the end of our Advent time of waiting for God and on God, aware of so much chaos around us not least in our political life, I thank God for so many individuals, families and congregations across this Episcopal Area. Your giving of yourselves in such a variety of different ministries – in and out of church – makes the good news of Christmas real and tangible, lighting up lives and communities. May you know the presence of Christ with you even as you share his light with others.

+ Tony



During Advent I've been thinking particularly about how we help to prepare the way for what the Lord is waiting to do among us. Luke 3:4-6, quoting Isaiah 40, speaks of making paths straight, smooth and flat so that everyone can see the Lord's glory.

In this edition of the Bean it's great to be able to read about some of the ways that churches in our Episcopal Area are working hard to make it easier for God's work to be seen among us: making their buildings more welcoming and accessible; launching new mission activities; and helping people to grow in confidence to show more of God's work in their lives.

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THE ELDWICK CHURCH BUILDS AND REMEMBERS

The 'Sponsor a Slate' scheme involves both church members and the local community in their current building project. The slates were blessed at a family service held just after Remembrance Sunday, so it was decided to also include the names of the 21 local servicemen who gave their lives in the two World Wars. . To date around 200 slates have been inscribed with the names of the loved ones, families and friends of the sponsors. They will be placed on the church roof as it is refurbished



FLOURISHING CITY Improving Life Chances in Bradford

Anne-Marie Canning, Director of Social Mobility and Student Success at Kings College London and independent chair of Bradford Opportunity Area, will be coming to Bradford Cathedral on 11th March at 7pm to talk about social mobility and will focus on the key priorities for Bradford:

- Strengthening school leadership and the quality of teaching
- Improving literacy in Bradford's primary schools
- Improving access to rewarding careers through raising aspirations
- Using evidence and research to remove barriers to learning

Anne-Marie says:

"I am passionate about working with others to make Bradford's social mobility aspirations a reality. I grew up in one of the poorest postcodes in Yorkshire. My life was transformed by a university summer school and the brilliant education it unlocked for me."

Further details can be found on [Bradford Cathedral website](#)



MISSIONAL COMMUNITY IN MANNINGHAM

On the 1st July 2018 the new Parish of Girdlington, Heaton and Manningham was formed: a parish which brings together four congregations. From the outset plans for the governance and mission of the new parish include a missional community (MC) placed in Manningham. We have imagined that ultimately this community will carry as much weight with regards to the mission of the parish as each of the existing congregation

On 15th October 2018 two members of St Paul's congregation moved into the vicarage: these two, and one young family who live in Manningham, have committed to being a 'fledgling' MC. Their plan is to pray; worship; learn; eat; work;

and do mission together. The aim of such an adventure is to plant and re-plant, developing a pipeline of disciples who make disciples, and leaders who grow leaders. The aim is mission, not community. It will take time to seek God as to the details of the way forward, but there is already a sense that two key features of the MC will be hospitality and the development of a creative prayer space: both as vehicles for mission.

Watch this space...

Revd Sue Jennings

December 2018

WORK STARTS AT ALL SAINTS ILKLEY

All Saints Ilkley has started work on its ambitious project of re-ordering with new floor, new heating and lighting, and new seating. A new Link building will connect between the Church and Church House. This is creating a more flexible and more inviting place for worship and mission, and there will also be creative heritage interpretation and activities to tell the ongoing story of the church in



its community from the Anglo-Saxon Crosses through medieval and Victorian periods up to the modern-day. In recent weeks pews and floors have been lifted and old ironwork pipes are being replaced; stained glass is being renovated by York Glaziers Trust. During this period of works, services and mission groups are meeting in various community locations around Ilkley

Derek Twine, All Saints Ilkley



SHELF WITH BUTTERSHAW AND WIBSEY – THE FIRST MONTH

Revd Jane Trenholme reflects on her first month in post

The plan is that I join in where God is working to help build up a new Christian Community on the estates. Discerning where this is comes from lots of prayer support. I already feel very much at home and everyone is really welcoming. It seems that God's timing is perfect as all groups have said it is the right moment to start working together and my arrival has given them the excuse. One wonderful example is that 10 years ago St Aidan's had their coffee morning in the Community Room between the Church and the Doctor's Surgery cancelled by the owners of the building but this week they asked us to start it again ASAP. Organisations in the area are queuing up to add to it. One of our 84-year-old church volunteers said it was if all her Christmases had come at once

WELFARE REFORM IN BRADFORD CONFERENCE

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Thursday 24th Jan 10-4 at Thornbury Centre, Leeds Old Rd,

(please bring your own lunch)

Programme:

am: What is the current situation in Bradford?

pm: Looking to the future

Open to all. To book a place contact:

Richardpaley48@hotmail.com

OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Rev Canon Gordon Dey will be leading various trips to Oberammergau with other places in 2020:

31st July to 7th Aug: Luther and J S Bach

20th to 26th Aug: The Black Forest

13th to 20th May: St Francis of Assisi

You can download the brochure detailing all these trips

<http://www.maramatha.co.uk/canon.gordon.html>

or [contact him direct](#)

REACHING POTENTIAL. LEADING WELL: PERSONAL GROWTH PILOT



Personal growth and leadership development are very much linked to our being increasingly confident Christians who grow churches and transform communities.

What if we could create a space for us as lay and clergy where we can learn, share and put into practice some key principles? We have!

A pilot course underway in the Outer Bradford Deanery explores proven principles of personal growth that can be acted on and modelled, and which will help release our potential further. The course looks at biblically-based principles of leadership shown to work across cultures and differing environments. These are helping to resource lay and clergy together for ministry in the parish, workplace and home. The course goals are to set God's people free to reach their full potential and to Build Leadership Pipelines. This is not a 'tick box' course. We are already seeing real examples of changes in our minds and lives which are impacting us – our homes, workplaces and churches. The pilot will be evaluated in April 2019.

THE FRIENDS OF QUEENSBURY CEMETERY have placed a memorial in the community cemetery to remember still born babies and those who died at a young age. On Tuesday 18th September, I was invited to say a few short prayers to offer the area to God and for the community. It was such a privilege and pleasure to be invited to lead a short service for those to whom this is and will be a special place. The Lord Mayor joined us and the Queensbury councillors, as well as members from the community.

It was a lovely way for us to share in something that is important for the community. They are raising money to add some granite benches and to make the area even more pleasant and conducive for people to come and sit to remember.

Stephen Gott, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Queensbury

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Events and Training opportunities

6th Jan Licensing of Area Dean of Inner Bradford, 6pm St John's Great Horton

24th Jan WRIB Conference, Thornbury Centre, Bradford 10-4

26th Jan Bible in a Day training course at St Margaret's Ilkley 10-4

13th Feb Sharing Faith Naturally: training course at St John's Clayton 7:15-:9:15pm

23rd Feb Lay Eucharistic Minister Training, Bradford Cathedral 9.30am

11th Mar Flourishing City: Improving Life chances in Bradford. Talk with Anne-Marie Canning, 6.30 for 7pm at Bradford Cathedral...

23rd May BEAF, 7 for 7.30 venue TBC



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