



18th to 24th October 2020
St Luke

Welcome

A very warm welcome to Bolton Priory. We are a Christian community in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park who welcomes everyone and celebrates human diversity.

Who we are

Bolton Priory is an Anglican Church, within 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, not only to reflecting the glory and majesty of God in its worship but proclaiming the Gospel particularly by seeking social justice and stewardship of God's creation.

Please Pray For, Graham Umpleby

As we face a time of national crisis once again we pray particularly this week for all those who are struggling economically as a result of the pandemic. In particular those who have lost their jobs and businesses and those who are deeply worried about their future. We pray for those struggling to provide for their families. We continue to pray for all those recently affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as the vulnerable who are still shielding at home. Make us mindful of others at all times. We pray for our doctors, nurses and care workers as they prepare for the second wave of the virus and continue to pray for scientists around the world that they might develop a vaccine.

Keep us, good Lord
Under the shadow of your mercy
In this time of uncertainty and distress
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful
And lift up those who are brought low;
That we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love
In Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

The Departed, Katrina Jeffries

Anniversary of Death

Ronald Ford (2014), Freda Shaw (2013), Ruth Cordingley (2012), Beryl Cooke (2009)

The Collect for St Luke

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 35. 3-6 NRSV

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

The Gospel Reading: Luke 10. 1-9 NRSV

The Mission of the Seventy

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’”

Notices

Rector's Messages

Today is the feast day of St Luke the Evangelist. Not only did St Luke write one of the four Gospels but he is also credited with writing the Acts of the Apostles at the same time. He is therefore responsible for writing no less than one quarter of the New Testament. It is little wonder that he is often depicted as an ox given the burden he carried. However, in addition, the Gospel reading chosen for this feast day reminds us of the sending out of the disciples to prepare people for the coming of God's Kingdom. We too share the same task in proclaiming the Kingdom of God today. Like the first disciples we find ourselves in difficult times but can take heart from St Luke that, whatever difficulties confront us in our earthly lives, God's work will prevail.

Resignation of Church Warden

Paul Middleton has tendered his resignation as Church Warden to the Bishop of Leeds. His resignation has now been formally accepted along with grateful thanks from the Bishop for all his work over the past nine and a half years, including two Interregnums. I would also like to extend my thanks, publically, for the wonderful service Paul has given to Bolton Priory over so many years and to do so on behalf of the congregation. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Paul and Jonathan Dickson very much indeed for the on-line production of services during the restrictions brought about by the pandemic. I am very pleased indeed that this will continue. In the meantime, Susan Barker, the Deputy Churchwarden will step into his shoes until the APCM on the 22nd November.

The Priory Annual General Meeting

This will now take place at 12 noon on Sunday 22nd November at a venue to be decided.

There are positions to fill on the PCC and Deanery Synod. The PCC Secretary, Sandra Stubbs, will be in the Tower with the forms for you to put your name down if you wish to fill one of the posts. The proposer and seconder will also need to sign the forms. She will be there on the 1st, 8th and 15th November. Sandra will answer any queries anyone has. Please contact the PCC Secretary on 01943 463332 for further information.

The accounts and AGM documents will also be out on those Sundays, they will also be on line or can be obtained by contacting the Church Office office@boltonpriory.org.uk or 01756 710587 with an A4 envelope with a large stamp.

If you wish to go on the Electoral Roll before the AGM, which means you will be able to vote, please contact Rosemarie Fisher the Electoral Roll Officer, 01943 607486, as soon as possible. She can then post you the form for you to fill in and return. The roll will be closed for any changes or additions before the AGM.

£1,275.70

You can't believe how amazed I am at your generosity. We have beaten last year's total of £1,103.15p. A great big thank you to all those who have contributed to our virtual Macmillan Coffee Morning. When at the Post Office in Bolton Abbey this week I met a friend, who always comes to the coffee morning, and we spoke about it, she then thrust a note in my hand so there will be a little more, the appeal will close shortly. We will then send one large! cheque to Macmillan. What a magnificent amount to raise in these difficult times. Margaret Cody. I shall start worrying about next year now!

Remembrance Sunday

This year Remembrance Sunday is the 8th November. We will celebrate this at the 10.30 am service and on line.

Advent Sunday and Lessons and Carols

Both these services will be on line. We would like readers for both of these services. If you would like to do this please contact the Church Office. You will be invited to come to the Priory and record the reading; it will only take about 10 minutes per person.

Update on Baby Basics

As Covid 19 continues to ravage the country Baby Basics continues to supply the needs of the vulnerable Mums to be. Sadly, I am not able to help Lorely fill the baskets but I am amazed how I am showered with Moses baskets, clothes, nappies, beautiful knitted garments and blankets - not to forget generous cheques and cash donations. From time to time I fill the car and take a load to Lorely, who like me, would like to thank everyone who supports us. A big thank you, Mary Vineall 01756 753013.

Face Coverings and Sanitising of Hands

Face coverings must be worn by all those attending a place of worship except for whoever is taking the service. Face coverings are intended to protect both the wearer and other people from COVID-19. They are not a replacement for physical distancing and sanitising which must also be strictly adhered to. We ask you to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church.

The Priory website

Each Sunday there is a recorded Church service on the Bolton Priory website. The service will include the music, readings and hymns for the week and a short sermon. On the first Sunday of the month we record our Liquid Family Service. You will also find the latest Weekly Sheet and Parish Magazine with the latest news and updates.

www.boltonpriory.church

The Friends of Bolton Priory Newsletter

If you would like the Newsletter you can find it online at prioryfriends.org.uk.

Skipton Foodbank Update

The need for donations is once again on the rise and Harvest donations have been much reduced this year. There are still ways to donate food - Morrisons and Tesco in Skipton continue to have donation points as do Booths and Tesco in Ilkley for that area. There are several ways to donate money:

JustGiving - see the Foodbank website for full instructions.

Cheque - made payable to Skipton Baptist Church and sent to:

Skipton Food Bank, Skipton Baptist Church, Rectory Road, Skipton BD23 1ET.

Or you can contact me 01756 752704 or at lynvbartlett@hotmail.com

Shortages this week are: tinned potatoes, fish, rice pudding and custard. Instant coffee and toiletries,. Thank you so much for supporting us! Lyn Bartlett

Margaret's Musings

We have now held our last wedding for this year. In total we have had six instead of the usual 30. The others have all been postponed until next year, a few have even been moved to 2022. These are emails we have received from the last two wedding couples.

We would like to thank you for your invaluable support and assistance in ensuring that our wedding was able to take place and be the success that it was. We had a wonderfully special day and the service was beautiful. We hope to be more regular attendees at The Priory when times allow. With thanks and best wishes, Fiona-Mary and Nigel

We hope you are well. We wish to thank you both for making our wedding happen. It was a charming and memorable occasion for us despite the restrictions. The location and the lovely people that surrounded us made the day as special as we could have wished. We are so very pleased that you were there and part of the day as we brought the 'interesting' process to a great conclusion. Warmest wishes from Bronia and Jim

Bronia and Jim live in the parish and decided it was time for them to get married, but it didn't work out quite like that! Although Jim has lived in the UK for many years and has permission to stay here the rules regarding those not holding a British Passport have changed recently. Instead of just getting a Common Licence, which is quite easy from our Diocesan Registrar, they had to go to the Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths in Leeds, but of course they were closed because of the Covid. When they did eventually open the registrars had to catch up on births and deaths. This whole process has taken 10 months!

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