



22nd to 28th November 2020

Christ the King

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.

Still in lockdown, we are again unable to meet together in Church this Sunday. However, we have received the first good news for many months with the hope of a vaccine in the near future. Although there are still many hurdles to overcome, we pray for scientists around the world as they continue their wonderful work. At the same time, we must not lose sight of the fact that we are in midst of the second wave of this pandemic and must continue to pray for all those affected. We continue to pray for all those suffering from Coronavirus as well as those shielding at home. We pray for those who have lost their jobs and businesses, those who struggle to provide for their families and those who are deeply worried about their future. Once again, we pray for our doctors, nurses and care workers and for our wonderful Health Service which provides safety and security for the whole of our country. We are so lucky.

Stir up your power O God,
And come among us
Heal our wounds,
Calm our fears
And give us peace
Through Jesus our Redeemer

Amen

Please Pray For: Isaac Allwood

The Departed: Fiona Parkinson

Anniversary of Death

Kathleen Dunn (2009), Pat Tanner (2011), William Armstrong (1994)

The Collect for Christ the King

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34. 11-16 NRSV

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

The Gospel Reading: John 6. 5-14 NRSV

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

Notices

Rector's Messages

This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in the Church Calendar before a new Church year begins on Advent Sunday. It is perhaps fitting that we should remember and celebrate the Kingship of Christ at the end of the year before we hear the story of his birth unfold in Advent. However, although Christ is 'King of Kings' his Kingship is not like an earthly King, set apart from the world, but rather amongst the thirsty, hungry, sick, naked and imprisoned (Matt 25. 35-40). As we conclude our year in the Church we remember that Christ the King, whom we celebrate, was born to refugee parents, not in a palace but in a stable.

The Priory Annual General Meeting – New Arrangements

Due to the lockdown the AGM will now take place today, Sunday 22nd November, via zoom at 12 noon. We ask everyone attending the zoom meeting to wear a name badge for identification purposes.

There are vacancies for 2 Churchwardens, 4 Deanery Synod representatives and 5 vacancies on the PCC to be voted for. The accounts and AGM documents are on line.

Under Pew heating

Further to the decision of the PCC on the 7th September to seek a faculty to install under-pew heating at Bolton Priory, a Notice of Application was issued on the 6th November by the Diocesan Advisory Committee approving the proposals. Notice of the proposed works has now been posted in the Tower and any objections have to be received by the Diocesan Registrar by the 7th December. A copy of the notice is available on-line

<https://facultyonline.churchofengland.org/FAS/ReportViewer.aspx?reportId=25&id=51743> or alternatively, please email or contact the Rector direct.

Lorna Heatley

Congratulations to Lorna Heatley who has, this week, been recommended for ordination training by the Bishop's Advisory Panel. We are delighted that there is a flowering of vocations at Bolton Priory and wish God's blessing on her new journey.

The New Priory Christmas Card Has Arrived

There is a picture of the card at the end of this weekly sheet. They are £5 for 10 cards plus postage or they can be left somewhere for collection. Just contact the Church Office, 01756 710587.

The Parish Office

The Church Office is again closed for lockdown therefore the office telephone number has reverted to 01756 710587. The email remains the same.

Pastoral Assistant Training – online Spring 2021

The Diocese of Leeds is delighted to announce that their level two Pastoral Assistant Training course will be available to study online in the New Year. The course will run weekly, for ten weeks, on a Wednesday morning commencing on the 13th January from 10 am to 12 noon. For further information please visit:

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/pastoral-assistant-training-online-spring-2021/>

Help Bring Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe Home for Christmas

As some of you may have seen, the desperate plight of Nazanin continues as she now faces a further trial in Iran and an almost certain extended prison sentence. In effect, she is being tortured by Iran and I would ask you all to remember her, and others held unlawfully in Iran, in your prayers. If you could email your MP then our concerns could be further pressed home. There is a link on the Amnesty International Website and if you could help then that would be gratefully appreciated.

<https://www.amnesty.org.uk/actions/help-get-nazanin-anoosheh-home-by-christmas>

Face Coverings and Sanitising of Hands

The Tower will remain open for private prayer. Face coverings must be worn and hands sanitised on the way in and out. 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.

The Weekly Sheet and Parish Magazine

The Weekly Sheet and Parish Magazine are now on the Bolton Priory website with the latest news and updates. If you have anything which might be of interest for the sheet please send it to office@boltonpriory.org.uk

The Weekly Sheet by email

A lot of people receive the weekly sheet directly to their email. Since there was a glitch with the office computer a few weeks ago some people are not receiving it. If you are one of these people or would like the sheet sending in this way please email the church office as I am making a new group list and I hope this will stop the problem.

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 most recent 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

Alma Papworth

Alma has now moved to a care home, if you would like her address to send her a card please contact the Church Office.

The November Parish Magazine

This month we not only have an online version but also a printed one which can be picked up from the Tower or posted to you by contacting Val Middleton 01943 430654.

The Kitchen Table Project

We have recently been advised about the Kitchen Table Project which seeks to assist parents and children to grow in faith at home during this pandemic. Do join them and see what you think? Their website is <https://kitchentable.org.uk/> and their Facebook page: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/ktpcampaign/>

Skipton Foodbank Update

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. Pasta is not needed at the moment. 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

Margaret's Musings

Another email from one of our wedding couples:

Dear Margaret, I hope you are keeping well in these difficult times.

I just wanted to check that you have received our Banns forms and to check whether there is anything further we can be doing at this time? We have been watching the online services via YouTube and keeping up to date with church news through the online Magazine.

We had hoped to come and visit and attend a service in October half term. However, we were unable to travel due to London being in 'Tier 2'. Fingers crossed for December.

With very best wishes, Polly and Nick

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.

Below is the New Priory Christmas Card.

This is available by post at £5 for 10 plus the postage or can be collected from a designated place



Christmas Greetings