



12th to 18th September 2021
Trinity 15

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.

Over the summer holidays we have seen the tragic events unfold in Afghanistan and the plight of thousands of men, women and children who have attempted to flee their country where they are in fear for their lives. This event has lifted the curtain on refugees around the world and we especially remember them throughout the month of September. May we particularly recall the words of our Lord who said in Matthew's Gospel "I was a stranger and you welcomed me".

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your
Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Departed

Margo Firth, Julia Flack

Margot's funeral will be held at Skipton Crematorium on Thursday 16th September at 10.50 am.

Anniversary of Death

Andrew Sharpe (2019), Brian Holme (2016), Andrew de Jong (2012),

Michael Parkinson (2011), John Riley-Schofield (2005), Marjorie Hothersall (2003)

The Collect for Trinity 15

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24. 14-25 NRSV

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Gospel: Matthew 6. 24-end NRSV

Do Not Worry

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly

Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Notices

Rector’s Message

The message this week from Jesus is “do not worry”. I suspect that the vast majority of us spend most of our time worrying. However, as Jesus points out “can any of you add a single hour to your span of life by worrying?” He is quite right. He also points out that so much of what we worry about is not important at all. He asks us to look at the lilies of the field and how beautiful they are. They don’t need time and money lavished upon them. God has made them beautiful in their own right. The important thing is to seek the Kingdom of God. If we keep our hearts and minds on this, then all else will follow.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Full Details in the September Magazine

‘The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning’ is one of the most successful fundraising events in the UK. It will be held on Wednesday 22nd September in Bolton Abbey Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Tickets are £5 and available from the Church Office, before the 10.30 am Sunday service and on the day of the coffee morning. If you unable to come we would appreciate donations. There will be homemade cakes and preserves on sale and a raffle, donations towards these can be left in Church or the Church Office. Any leftover garden produce will also be gratefully accepted. The response to this charity in Bolton Abbey has always been extremely generous. Let us try to match the magnificent total from last year of £1,299.70!! Some people had coffee mornings in their own home, this could be repeated and involve just a small group of neighbours or friends. You can hold yours whenever you care to. If you would rather just give a donation please send a cheque made out to The Priory Church, Bolton Abbey and send to The Church Office, Bolton Abbey, Skipton BD23 6AL or if you are booked into Church before that they can be left in the Macmillan box. Margaret Cody 01756 710587.

Generosity Week

Sunday 26th September - Sunday 3rd October is Generosity Week in the Leeds Diocese, with a programme of services, events and activities focusing on God's generous provision for us, and living generous lives marked with Christ-like love and sacrifice. Church congregations are being invited to use the opportunity of Generosity Week to 'fan the flames of love and generosity' in their own communities. Great generosity towards the Priory Church is shown by members of the congregation, including those who have already enrolled in the Parish Giving Scheme - so vitally important for our financial well-being. If you have not yet joined PGS, please consider this very worthwhile method of supporting the Priory as we approach Generosity Week. If you would like to know more about PGS or for an enrolment form, please contact Peter Loweth (Gift Aid Sec) on 01756 711129 or peterloweth@yahoo.co.uk

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed from Monday afternoon to Sunday evening. We have plenty of places at Church so please come along and just give your name to the sidesman on duty. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dear Bolton Abbey Priory

Thank you to all involved, who worked to ensure that we could have the most magical wedding day. On our visits back from Italy we hope to be able to attend services and continue our new relationships with the Church.

All our love, Reece and Lexi

The card will be at the back of Church on Sunday and then in the Verger's Vestry.

The Boyle and Petyt Show at the Boyle and Petyt School

Saturday 18th September from 2 pm to 4 pm

Everyone is very welcome.

Cream Teas – Cake Stall – Face Painting

Games – Pet Show and many other attractions.

Schedules will be available from Bolton Abbey Post Office.

Do come along and support our local school and see the marvellous array of exhibits from the school, children and adults. Entries to arrive from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Harvest Festival Sunday 3rd October

Your gifts of fruit, preserves, tins and non-perishables are eagerly anticipated. The Skipton Food Bank is always one of our beneficiaries. If you know of any other good homes please let Margaret know. Non perishable harvest produce can be left in the Church and Church Office nearer the time and everything else can be left on Thursday 30th September or Friday 1st October. The Church will be decorated for Harvest on the morning of **Friday 1st October**. Please be generous with your gifts. They are much appreciated by the recipient.

Warm Clothing for Refugees from Afghanistan

At our recent editorial meeting our thoughts turned to the plight of those fleeing from Afghanistan. Newspapers have reported that families arriving from Afghanistan found, on arrival in the United Kingdom, that the weather was cold after the warmth of their homeland. We discussed whether a collection could be made of coats and cold weather clothing by the Priory community or perhaps we could start a COAT FUND for any monetary donations. The editorial team would be happy to take any donations of clothing to an authorised collection centre. Details of our idea need to be finalised. Please check the weekly sheet and next month's magazine. *The Editorial Team*

The September Magazine Available Now

The September Magazine is now available in Church from the Tower, Bolton Abbey Post Office and on line. Thank you to all those who send in items. Without your contributions it would be hard to fill.

Would You Like to Help With Priory Flowers?

Due to retirements etc more people are needed to help with the Priory flower arrangements. You don't need to have arranged stands of flowers before as there are other jobs associated with this very rewarding task. Lots of help will be given as you will be part of a team with experienced arrangers and others. You will be on a rota and will be asked approximately three times a year. During Lent and Advent, when there aren't any flowers in Church the teams stand down. If you are interested and would like to come along and observe or join up please have a word with Lorna Freegard 01943 607907.

Thank you – A Message from Amelia and Mattias

Thank you so much to everyone who sponsored us in the London Landmarks Half Marathon. With your help we raised £965! Your contribution has helped to promote justice for victims of torture around the world. Redress is a small charity but does amazing work so your contribution has gone a long way. If you want to learn more about Redress' work visit their website at: <https://redress.org/>
From Amelia and Mattias

Introduction to Theology Course

The Diocese of Leeds have recently announced an Introduction to Theology Course for the forthcoming academic year. The course will be running on three separate occasions in 2021-22 at: Mirfield, Autumn term 2021, Bingley, Spring term 2022 and Online, Summer term 2022. Each course will cover the same topics and is run on a very similar format but the dates and locations are different. The course costs £80 and there are limited spaces available for each. If you are interested in attending one of these courses, please contact the Rector.

What next?

Guidance has been received from the House of Bishops regarding the opening and managing of church buildings in step 4 of the roadmap out of lockdown. It is a lengthy document but stresses that the responsibility for safety has now passed from the Government to individuals and organisations. The numbers who are able to attend Holy Communion at Bolton Priory has increased from 40 to 60 but individuals will still be required to book in through the Parish Office. It is requested that masks should be worn in Church at all times and all those who come into the Priory must sanitise their hands on entry and exit. Communion in one kind has been re-introduced and hymn singing is now permitted. Communicants do not have to socially distance when seated but, above all, are asked to show consideration for their neighbour. Every alternate pew will remain empty to increase distancing and the North Aisle will be exclusively for those who are cautious about returning to the Priory and wish to have 2 metre distancing with their neighbour. **These current measures will remain under constant review and will remain in place until the 11th September when there is a further Government review.**

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Although it was wonderful news that Nazanin was released from jail she has not been allowed to leave the country as anticipated and has now received an additional sentence of imprisonment though she is currently at home. Please keep Nazanin and her family in your prayers at this critical time. We will continue our vigil until Nazanin is allowed to return home to the United Kingdom.