



10th to 16th October 2021
Trinity 19

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.

This month we see the start of the COP 26 Conference in Glasgow under the joint presidency of the United Kingdom and Italy. Be under no illusion however, this is not just a climate conference, but an *emergency* conference. As our most distinguished naturalist Sir David Attenborough has said, "*if we have not taken dramatic action within the next decade we could face irreversible damage to the natural world*". This is an enormous challenge not just for politicians but for all of us too. As Christians, we are stewards of God's creation. It is our planet to preserve not plunder. We must all play our part now.

God of all creation,
at the beginning of time
you placed a single mandate on humankind:
to be stewards of creation;
to replenish and nurture through all generations
What you have made.
We kneel today amid that same creation.
Help us renew the world that supports us.
So we may once more know creation
as it was in the beginning.
Amen.

Please Pray For: John Ward

The Departed: Rosemary Mitchell

Anniversary of Death

Katrina Jeffery (2020), Joyce Deery (2018), John Fearnley (2014), Michael Curtis (2012), Peter Walker-Sharp (2011), Edna Gill (2010), John Haigh-Lumby (1983)

The Collect for Trinity 19

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18. 23-32 NRSV

Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The Gospel: Matthew 9. 1-8 NRSV

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town. And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven.” Then some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” But Jesus, perceiving their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he then said to the paralytic—“Stand up, take your bed and go to your home.” And he stood up and went to his home. When the crowds saw it, they were filled with awe, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to human beings.

Notices

Rector's Message

On this nineteenth Sunday after Trinity we are reminded of one of Christ's healing miracles. It is one of many in this Gospel and reminds us all of Christ's healing ministry to those on the margins of society. It is perhaps a timely reminder for *us* to remember those on the margins of our own society. The next few months are likely to prove tough. With rising energy costs, inflation and the cuts to universal credit, many are going to struggle. I am very touched by the donations we have received so far this month for the Food Bank and Afghan refugees. We may not be able to heal like Christ but we can minister to our fellow men and women as he did.

Priory Office

From Monday 10th October I will be moving back to the Church Office and the telephone number will revert to 01756 710238. The email remains the same. Margaret Cody

Harvest Produce Update

Thank you so very much to all those who contributed, in any way, towards the wonderful Harvest Festival displays. The produce has been distributed between St Christopher's Church on the Holme Wood Estate and the Skipton Foodbank. A special thank you must go to the flower ladies for their magnificent displays in such beautiful autumnal colours, Barry Cody and Rosemary Murgatroyd for taking the produce to Holme Wood and Christopher Hall for procuring the straw bales at short notice. The email below from the Revd Garry Hodgson tells us a little about what they do.

'Thank you for including our Good Neighbour's Project again in your Harvest giving, it is always such an encouragement to receive support and interest from you. Here is a little update of how we have been coping during lockdown: Our Good Neighbour's project has been providing support for older people in and around the Holme Wood Estate for over 30 years. Alongside our Community Cafe and different activity groups, our day care provision provides a place of belonging and support, especially for those who live on their own - we call it Home from Home. During lockdown, we were not allowed to continue with our day care provision but we knew that it would be vital to continue to support our elderly and vulnerable people through whatever lay ahead. We contacted the people we support, our Good Neighbours family, each day - Monday to Friday - and we cooked and delivered a hot meal and sandwich tea 5 days a week. We received a number of lockdown grants that enabled us to keep the prices lower than you'd pay for a drink at a coffee shop. We were also able to increase this provision to other older and vulnerable people in the area. Alongside the daily contact and food deliveries, we developed activity sheets, craft packs and ran a number of craft projects to involve people, including making poppies to create a garden of remembrance on the vicarage front lawn, next to the church. Since the summer, we have been able to welcome people back, with reduced numbers, and restart the community cafe. We still continue to deliver hot meals on Mondays and Fridays, particularly to support those who don't yet feel able to return.

Welcome Back

Zoe and Karl Pearman are in our congregation today to celebrate the second anniversary of their wedding which took place at the Priory Church.

Streaming of Services

The PCC has now approved the installation of a streaming system for Bolton Priory. In this momentous new phase of the Priory's history, we will be able to share our distinctive worship with people far and wide, we will be able to join with our congregation even when we are ill or on holiday, and distant relatives and friends who are unable to travel can still watch weddings and funerals. The equipment will be installed during the next few weeks. Just three cameras will be placed at positions along the walkway to provide a range of alternative perspectives and views as the service proceeds, and if anyone does not want to be seen, though it would only be the back of their head, they can sit towards the rear of the nave, or in the North Aisle. There will be a portable control desk, incorporating a touch button panel that will be positioned on part of a rear pew. When the equipment has been installed, we will hold a demonstration session, so that everyone who is interested can see it in action, and even operate the cameras themselves!

We will only need one person to operate the system at each service, but we will need a small team of three or four people to be in a rota. We already have one volunteer, in addition to me, who will operate the system, but we could ideally do with two or three more. If you are interested or would just like to know more of what is involved, I would be glad to hear from you. Paul Middleton, 07906 082037

What next?

Further guidance has been received from the Government in their so called 'autumn/winter plan'. The guidance is far from clear and it is still not certain whether there will be an 'autumn surge' of infections or whether we are, finally, over the worst. In this climate of uncertainty we still have to remain vigilant. However, as from the beginning of this month, the numbers who are able to attend Holy Communion at Bolton Priory will increase from 60 to 80. Details of those attending will be kept and you are requested to book in through Margaret as before although you can give your details on the day. All those who come to a service must still sanitise their hands on entry and exit and social distancing is encouraged. It is requested that masks should be worn in Church at all times but this is voluntary. Communicants do not have to socially distance when seated but every alternate pew will remain empty 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. Communion in one kind will remain. Mid-week Communion and choir practice in the Boyle Room on Wednesdays will resume as well as the reading rota. Coffee will also be available in the Boyle Room after the Sunday service. The Nave will however remain closed during the week to enable our strict hygiene programme to continue. Current measures will remain under constant review and changes will be announced in the weekly sheet, as required. I anticipate a further review on or around the 25th October.

Midweek Communion

The midweek service of Holy Communion at 10 am on a Wednesday has now resumed.

October Magazine Available Now

The October 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 to be included, without your contributions it wouldn't be the same.

Will You Fill a Shoe Box for Children in Need?

National Collection Week 15th to 22nd November

Each year thousands of people generously pack shoebox gifts for children in need around the world. Please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child receives. Please pack quality items that will last and do not include: toothpaste, lotions and liquids, seeds, gum, chocolate, food items; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items. You need to get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need a shoebox? Pre-printed boxes are available online. Select a quality toy such as a doll, football with a pump or a stuffed animal. Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. You can include a personal note and photograph; this can have a big impact on the child who receives your gift. Website: samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ shoebonline.org.uk Full details were in the September magazine.

Children's Society Boxes Update

It has come to our notice that a few people, who realised that the boxes weren't going to be emptied, kindly sent a cheque to the Children's Society. If you would rather do that why not let us send it with the money from the boxes to add to the Priory contribution. We are now collecting the Children's Society boxes. We didn't do this last year due to the unprecedented circumstances so hopefully we will have a good amount to send. You can bring your box to Church, leave in the Church Office or you can contact Betty Nelmes 01943 602391 or Margaret Cody 01756 710587 and arrange to drop them off at our homes. If you don't have a box and would like one please just contact us and we will organise it for you.

Foodbank Update

The Foodbank has now reverted to their previous opening times of 3 mornings a week as currently demand has levelled out to pre Covid times. There are donation points in Skipton itself and at outlying parts of Craven and also at Tesco's for the Ilkley Foodbank. Thanks to all our donors, our shelves are looking fairly full again this week. needs are biscuits, snacks (crisps and chocolate), male toiletries Please, note that we do not need pasta, cereal, soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned meat, milk, non-dairy milk, tea, toilet rolls, sanitary items and nappies. Financial donations can also still be made via the Skipton Foodbank Website. Lyn Bartlet

Apples

The Rectory is groaning with apples at the moment. If you would like some eating or cooking apples please feel free to come to the Rectory and help yourself. Just ring the door-bell as there is normally someone at home.

Baby Basics

It is with sadness I have to tell you that Lorely has decided to give up Baby Basics after 6 years. The reason being she is now working 3 days a week as an Occupational Therapist at a Doctors' Surgery and, very often, called on to do extra hours. Added to this Nathaniel has just started senior school in Shipley which involves transport and Isaac at Primary School. However, the good news is the Fountain Church is taking over. This Church is situated in a former Nightclub, opposite the Alhambra, and has been set up by Bishop Toby as an Urban Church. At the moment arrangements are still being worked out but I intend to still be involved and will be receiving goods and donations. As soon as I have further information I will let you know. Mary Vineall 01756 753013.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Update

A great big thank you to all those who came, helped and donated for the Coffee Morning. The Hall was full and everyone had an enjoyable time, it was lovely to meet socially again. At the moment we have raised over £850 and this is still rising.

The Friends of Bolton Priory Advent Supper

The annual Advent Carol Service will take place at the Priory on Sunday 28th November at 4.30 pm. This will be followed by the Friends Advent Supper in the Boyle Room. Everyone at the service is most welcome to attend, tickets are £8 each. Please apply to the Church Office, Bolton Abbey, Skipton BD23 6AL and include your cheque and a SAE. Tickets may be reserved by telephone, 01756 710587, and paid for on the door.

Jill Riley

Afghan Families

Please note clothing is no longer need for this appeal but Mary Vineall has spoken to St Paul's, Manningham and they will take any clothes that we already have.

These families are staying in temporary accommodation before moving on to longer term accommodation in different parts of the country. All the staff at Horton Housing are making sure people have access to any support they need, including money and health care. At the moment three hundred have come to Bradford and are staying in three hotels and they are expecting another three hundred and fifty. I am happy to receive donations for Afghan families. Items needed are - feminine hygiene products, nappies sizes 3 plus, educational toys, colouring books, crayons, pens, pencils, paper, prayer mats, outdoor toys, including bikes, trikes and other ride on toys. If you would like to give money you can either use Horton House giving page and reference Afghan families at: <https://hortonhousing.co.uk/donate-make-a-difference/donations-for-afghan-families/> or send a cheque, made out to the Priory Church, Bolton Abbey to The Church Office, Bolton Abbey, Skipton BD23 6AL. When we have received them our treasurer will transfer the total amount. All donations can be left at the Priory and I, with the support of Val Middleton, will deliver them to Horton Housing. We do hope you will be able to donate something, however small, to help ease the trauma they have endured. With many, many thanks. Mary Vineall 01756 753013

Afghan Appeal Message

A big thank you to the tremendous response we have had and I am making arrangements to deliver them. I am wondering if I will get them all in one load in the car! Mary Vineall 01756 753013

Margaret's Musings

As a bin wagon left the Devonshire Arms Hotel at Bolton Abbey, it spilled cooking oil in the car park and on the road and drove off probably not realising this had happened. The spill happened on a bad bend of a public highway and the road was very slippery. Estate workers Mark Whitehead (who lives at the Bothy opposite the Church) and Matt Beecroft, together with another colleague, stopped as they were passing to make the road safe. Matt collected sand to spread over the oil and Mark alerted traffic as to the situation. Their quick thinking and positive action prevented any accidents that could easily have happened, especially to cyclists or motorbikes.

School Governors Boyle and Petyt School

The Boyle & Petyt Primary School at Beamsley is recruiting new governors as a result of those retiring as they reach the end of their four year terms of appointment. If you would like to know more or are interested in applying, please contact the school office in the first instance on 01756 710378 or by email to admin@boyle-petyt.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe

Although it was wonderful news that Nazanin was recently 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. The appeal against her latest conviction is shortly to be heard but it brings with it the possibility of a return to Evin prison which will place enormous pressure on Nazanin and her family. Please keep Nazanin and her family in your prayers at this critical and stressful time. We will continue our vigil until Nazanin is allowed to return home to the United Kingdom.

Priory Groups Needing More Volunteers

Cleaning – Andrew Wade, 01943 862614

Sunday Coffee – Carole Dawson, 01943 600281

Flower Rota – Lorna Freegard 01943 607907.

Artisan Market in Bolton Abbey Village Hall

Local friends Anita, Julia and Zoe are launching a Yorkshire Artisan Market on Sunday 17th October in the idyllic setting of the Bolton Abbey Village Hall, the aim of the market is to promote local designers, makers and small businesses. All the stands have been handpicked and represent a selection of gift items from gorgeous woollens, individual pottery, floral arrangements, stunning photography and cards, unique home wares, handcrafted jewellery, vintage treasures, as well as some delicious home bakes, handmade fruit liqueurs and the purest of dog treats! There will even be a wood carving demonstration. We truly hope to offer something for everyone. Why not call in on your way home after the service.

295 - Deck thyself, my soul with gladness

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendour,
There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded
Hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth,
Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.

Jesus, Bread of life, I pray thee,
Let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited,
Be thy love with love requited;
From this banquet let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give me,
As thy guest in heaven receive me.

183 - Holy spirit, come, confirm us

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
In the truth that Christ makes known;
We have faith and understanding
Through your promised life alone.

Holy Spirit, come, console us,
Come as Advocate to plead,
Loving Spirit from the Father
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
Come yourself to make us live;
Holy through your loving presence
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us
You the Love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father
Holy Spirit of the Son.

305 - I come with joy a child of God

I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
To find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
In Christ's communion bread.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
Unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound
By all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world
The love that makes us one.

81 - Lord for the years your love has kept and guided

Lord, for the years thy love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.