



16th to 23rd January 2022
Second Sunday After
Epiphany

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.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Sung Eucharist
Hymns	90, 281, 278, 166
Reader	Mike Vineall

Please Pray For

Margaret Raymond, Lindsay Dickson, John Ward, Graham Umpleby

The Collect for The Second Sunday After Epiphany

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 4. 1-17 NRSV

Elisha and the Widow's Oil

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead; and you know that your servant feared the LORD, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves." Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "Your servant has nothing in the house, except a jar of oil." He said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbours, empty vessels and not just a few. Then go in, and shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside." So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." But he said to her, "There are no more." Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest."

One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, "Look, I am sure that this man who regularly passes our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls, and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us."

One day when he came there, he went up to the chamber and lay down there. He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him. He said to

him, "Say to her, Since you have taken all this trouble for us, what may be done for you? Would you have a word spoken on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?" She answered, "I live among my own people." He said, "What then may be done for her?" Gehazi answered, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is old." He said, "Call her." When he had called her, she stood at the door. He said, "At this season, in due time, you shall embrace a son." She replied, "No, my lord, O man of God; do not deceive your servant."

The woman conceived and bore a son at that season, in due time, as Elisha had declared to her.

The Gospel: John 2. 1-11 NRSV

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Rector's Message

This Sunday is the Second Sunday after Epiphany when we hear about Christ's first miracle when he changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee. No doubt, we would all like Jesus to change water into wine for us and secretly wish we could do the same.

However, although we might discount the miracle today we should not be so hasty. The miracle reminds us all of the transformation that can take place in all our lives through Jesus Christ. It also reminds us of the abundance of God's love at the same time. Through the work of our own human hands, we too can be changed and, such is the nature of God's love, that we too will never run short.

Contactless Collection Plates

As from this Sunday we are introducing contactless collection plates to the Priory. This will allow you to make a donation to the collection using your contactless card; the donation is set at £5. If you would like to donate more you can, of course, swipe your card twice, or more! Donations of cash can be made in the normal way by putting cash onto the plate. There is a rim around the contactless device in the middle of the plate. Contactless payments now account for more than 20% of all purchases on the High Street and young people, in particular, only use cards. It is important therefore that we reflect these changes in our services.

Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM)/Reader

The Leeds School of Ministry (LSoM) have advised that they currently have several students studying on the LLM/ Reader pathway. They are now looking forward to receiving new applications and welcoming a new cohort of students in September 2022. If you are interested in training for lay ministry please speak to the Rector or send him an email rector@boltonpriory.org.uk and he will provide further details.

January Magazine

Please note this is the joint December/January Magazine which is available, please pick yours up today.

COVID-19/omicron variant Update

Although infections seem to be levelling off they are still high and we do need to take extra care when attending Church. It must be remembered that there may be some especially vulnerable people in the congregation. It is now compulsory to wear masks in Church. Although you may, legally, remove masks for the purpose of singing, the new Church of England guidelines state that people should be encouraged to wear masks when singing as this will limit the aerosol effect. You are also asked to hand sanitise on entry as well as sitting only in designated pews. Please do not sit in a pew marked with a red cross. There are 2 metre socially distanced pews in the North Aisle. It would also be sensible to take a Lateral Flow test before attending worship. Thank you for your continued patience.

The Priory is looking for people to replace those who have retired over the past two years when coffee, cleaning and serving have not taken place. Please read below and if you feel you can help in any way to keep the Priory Church ticking over like clockwork, as it always has, please contact the person in charge:

Servers

We are looking for new servers at 8 am and 10.30 am. If you would like to do this or would like further information please have a word with Mike Vineall 01756 753013.

Cleaners

Pippa Ridley has agreed to take over the Cleaning Rota and we thank her very much. We still need some more people to join this rota, if you would like to help keep the Priory 'spick and span' please have a word with Pippa on 01943 462182 or pipparose@etempa.co.uk

Coffee on a Sunday Morning

It would be very helpful if we could find a few more people to join the coffee rota. This is an important part of church life so please offer to help if you can. Carole Dawson 01943 600281.

Bradford News

The box for you to mark, when you come to a Church service will be out each Sunday, please sign your card. There is a new list of things you can help with in the Tower for you to pick up. At the moment you can help with Sidesmen, coffee, Liquid Worship and cleaning. Please see the article near the beginning of these notices.

Some of the Charities We Support:

Afghan Refugees

The Children's Society

The Food Bank

After a busy Christmas period where demand for parcels has been high, our donation points are open again and we are in need of the following:

UHT milk

Porridge oats

Teabags

Shampoo

Microwaveable rice pouches

Custard

Rice pudding

Pasta sauce

Many thanks from the Skipton Food Bank team.

Nazanin Zaghari-Raticliffe

We must not forget Nazanin who continues to be prevented from leaving Iran and who has yet to serve her latest one year sentence which was imposed at the end of her five year term of imprisonment. You may be interested to know that the Liverpool pop band The Christians have just released a new single 'Naz Don't Cry'. Download proceeds will go to support REDRESS and the work they have done to seek Nazanin's freedom since 2016.

Diary for the Week Ahead

Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion

6.45 Choir Practice

Services next Sunday

The Third Sunday After Epiphany

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist