

February 2017

# Cathedral News



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I have to confess there is something about a financial target that excites me! We have had a few in the last few years at Bradford Cathedral and every time we have made it. Impressive! I am so grateful to you for the generous way in which together we have risen to the challenges that come our way.

And we will always be faced with new challenges.

During February we shall be having our Annual Renewal of Giving with a special focus on our finances on 12 February. I have produced a new information leaflet with a **response sheet for everyone to complete. This year's challenge is that we need to up the income at the Cathedral by £35,000 – not a one-off but a permanent increase.**

Cathedrals are complicated when it comes to finances because we are resourced **directly by the Church of England's Church Commissioners. Parish churches do not** operate like this. Because Cathedrals are Diocesan churches with a reach that is beyond the local they are resourced appropriately.

So, here is how the finances of Bradford Cathedral look on a daily basis:

Cost

£1,166 per day This covers everything, including salaries.

Income

£736	63%	Grants, like the Church Commissioners and others
£44	4%	Fund Generation eg shop, fair-trade
£35	3%	Other income, including property
£24	2%	Fees
£24	2%	Investments
£863	74%	Sub Total
£288	25%	Congregation and Visitors
£1151	99%	TOTAL

Immediately we can see that there is about a £15 per day deficit (or just over £5,000 per year). We also know that operating costs are rising as well so we need to plan for a £10,000 shortfall. In addition, the Church Commissioners grant, which pays our staff, will decrease by about £25,000 next year. This is because when we have vacancies we **are allowed to carry unspent salaries forward ... but now we have a full staff.**

Consequently, we need to find that money or else we will be making people redundant. At the moment David Robinson and Sandra Heaton are on short-term contracts of a **few months and Amanda Anderson's post is vulnerable.**

This is why we are launching an appeal for £35,000.

We are working to develop all our funding streams but unfortunately there is an irony in that we could probably get funding for an Inter-Faith worker but not a Verger or Admin Assistant or Director of Operations. It is the way the market works.

This is the back-story to our appeal this year and I would ask you to prayerfully consider your response in February please.

Money is of course part of our Christian discipleship. Jesus said more about money **than almost anything else. That's because the way we use our money reflects on the**

kind of human being we are (generous or possessive) and as Christians whether our **lives and pockets reflect the likeness of God's extreme generosity as seen in Jesus. Where your treasure is, that's where your heart really is. Ultimately money is part of** the great project of love that we are called to – love of God, neighbor, enemy and self. WH Vanstone puts it rather beautifully

*Love that gives, gives ever more,  
Gives with zeal, with eager hands,  
Spares not, keeps not, all outpours,  
Ventures all, its all expends.*

So, lets reach out towards this target but more than that, lets grow the faith that reflects that kind of love.

*Dean Jerry*

### Our Purpose

To serve Jesus Christ as a vibrant community of worship and mission enriching the City, the Diocese and further afield.

### Our Values

Hospitality  
Faithfulness  
Wholeness



## Prayers for Persecuted Christians in Yemen

*World Watch List Rank: 9*

There are very few Christians in Yemen – just a few thousand, and most of these are foreign migrants – and indigenous believers must keep their faith secret.

The civil war in Yemen has been raging since 2012. The power vacuum it has created **has enabled extreme Islamist groups such as Da'esh and Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula** to gain a significant foothold. Famine has become endemic and 80% of Yemenis now rely on aid.

The government rarely intervenes in tribal disputes, and Islamic identity is key for Yemeni tribes – meaning that where tribes enforce punishments for those who wish to leave Islam, such as honour killings, house arrest or, for women, forced marriage, the government will not step in to prevent this.

Christians have been killed and abducted by Islamic radicals, including 16 people killed in an attack on a Christian care home for the elderly. Churches have also been attacked and robbed.

Please pray:

- For courage and protection for Yemeni national and foreign migrant Christians;
- For the hearts of extreme Islamists to change;
- For continued aid provision for all Yemeni citizens during the upheaval of the civil war.



Acorn Christian Foundation is entering into an exciting year with new doors opening for ministry both at Whitehill Chase and across England. The offices at Whitehill Chase have long provided residential accommodation for those attending training courses or retreats, but it was felt that more could be provided. In line with the Founder Bishop Morris Maddocks's original vision, a new aspect of Mission is being launched; the development of a community of people who will be resident onsite in the premises at Whitehill Chase. Members will follow a rigorous programme of training and work experience (the 'MxP' programme) **equipping them to become 'beacons of healing and wholeness' in their own communities and in the local community of Bordon and Whitehill.**

Simon, Amanda, Hannah, and Steve are being **welcomed this January to 'MxP', where they** will be a part of the live-in community for one year. They will be joining the Acorn team in ministry and training both at Whitehill Chase and regionally, as well as serving in the office and around the grounds, being provided with a rich ministry training experience which will help them discern their calling and become beacons of healing and wholeness as Bishop Morris Maddocks envisioned.

As well as MxP and the Acorn Community beginning to take form, Acorn has seen the following:

- Regular training in healing and wholeness across the UK, with a strong training presence in Midlands and North of England where a number of new

'Listening Centres' are being established within local church communities. There has also been an increase in interest from the healthcare sector

- increased interest in reconciliation programmes for churches and communities
- Regular training and workshops at Whitehill Chase with new courses being introduced
- New and strong connections being made with the local community
- Plans for development of an onsite **prayer walk, labyrinth, and prayer chalet's** at Whitehill Chase
- Blessed by an amazing team of volunteers **in all areas of Acorn's ministry**
- Development of West Wing for live-in community.
- New website and branding

Acorn are so grateful for our prayers and financial support as we enter into a new year. To keep up to date with Acorn see the website or find them on Facebook, Twitter @AcornChristianHealing, their website [www.acornchristian.org](http://www.acornchristian.org) or 01420 478121.

*Alex McLelland*

## If you are new to the Cathedral ... Welcome

Please make yourself known to one of the Churchwardens, Alex or Maggie. If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, find out more about the congregational life of the Cathedral, including social events, or if we can help in any way, please ask one of the stewards at the door, who will find us for you.

We look forward to meeting you.



The Community Committee has chosen toilet twinning as one of the charities to support this year.

Here at the Cathedral we are blessed with an abundance of toilets, but 2.4 billion people in the world do not have a safe, clean and hygienic place to go to the loo. The statistics from Unicef make for heart-breaking reading; poor sanitation is one of the world's biggest killers, every day 900 children under the age of five die of illnesses linked to unclean water and poor sanitation, more than half of primary schools in developing countries don't have access to water and sanitation. Without toilets, girls are forced to drop out of school at puberty. In Africa 40 billion hours every year is spent just walking to collect water; women and girls carry two-thirds of this burden and the lack of a loo makes women and girls targets for sexual assault as they go to the toilet in the open, late at night, and many get bitten by snakes as they squat in the grass.



**In Matthew 22.39 Jesus calls us to “love our neighbours as ourselves”. Here in our country it is easy sometimes to overlook the very real wealth we experience in terms of our basic needs, a home, food on our table, clothes to wear and yes a toilet with hand washing facilities. Toilet twinning gives us an opportunity to extend our love to a stranger we will never meet in a very practical and life changing way. Many of you have already twinned your toilets and maybe 2017 is the challenge for everyone to twin. It costs £60 to twin a toilet, which includes building and education and £240 to twin with a school block or toilets in a displacement camp. The Community Committee has twinned with two schools and hope over the next few years to twin every toilet in the Cathedral. To find out more pick up a leaflet at the back of the Cathedral or <http://www.toilettwinning.org>**

**God's heart is for the poor and sick throughout the earth.**

*Canon Mandy*



## Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February to 12 March

Following the success of last year's LOAF breakfast, the Ecogroup is to serve another on Sunday 5 March between the morning services. Check the forthcoming weekly notices for further details.

## STOP PRESS

We are now recycling pens (all sorts, including marker, felt tip, and correction fluid) for the Gambian Schools Trust. These are recycled into watering cans and waste bins.

So please bring all your pens in and pop them into the special recycling on the gallery.

For more information - or to support this wonderful project in other ways - please go to: [http://www.gambianschools.org/Gambian\\_Schools\\_Trust/welcome.html](http://www.gambianschools.org/Gambian_Schools_Trust/welcome.html)



## Eco Tip of the Month

- Recycle, Recycle, Recycle

Recycling is so important if you can't reuse an item. For the items that are not collected from your doorstep and can't be taken to a recycling centre, there can be other options. Here at the Cathedral, we have a number of recycling initiatives:

- Postcards and foreign stamps can be put in the box near the sound desk, to be sold on to collectors and raise money for the Leprosy Mission.
- Spectacles can also be donated for reuse in Africa.
- Coffee foils from the kitchen and other scrap materials often go to Scrap Magic for children's educational workshops and scrap store.

## Extended Membership

Please remember in your prayers the following members of the Cathedral fellowship who, through illness or incapacity, cannot attend in person:

Pat Baly

Bill Pirie

Heather Wright

Dorothy Low

Joan Simpson

Hazel Naylor

Dorothy Walsh

If anyone you know would appreciate being added to this list, please speak to one of the clergy or churchwardens, Alex McLelland or Maggie Peel.

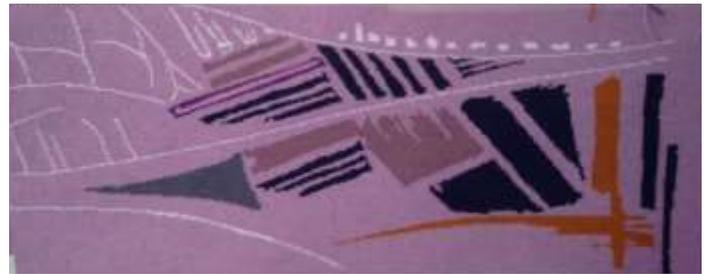


## First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund

For the fourth time the First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund has generously given money to the Cathedral. On this occasion it is for the sum of £25,000 towards the infestation treatment and repair of the tower roof and belfry floor.

This work is likely to be conducted during the summer when the weather should be better and it will have the least impact on the congregation, residents, visitors and staff.

We will keep you informed about the scheduling for this work.



## Stitching the Cathedral

We are a year old!!! **It's almost** exactly a year since we began the project to complete a set of kneelers for the high altar in the Cathedral. We are about half way through completing the two large, front kneelers. We have one of the small side kneelers completed already and work goes on apace on the smaller, central front kneeler.

We need you!

Come and join us on one of the Tuesdays or Saturdays - pick up a leaflet for full details. Come whether you are experienced or an absolute novice – we **promise that you'll enjoy yourself and we'd love to see you ... .. there is cake!**

Just turn up, or for further details please contact Gill Davis (01274 777720 or [gillian.davis@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:gillian.davis@bradfordcathedral.org)).



## Cathedral News

If you would like a full-colour electronic copy of the Cathedral News please email me [sandra.howard@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:sandra.howard@bradfordcathedral.org) and I will ensure you get your colour copy every month.

## Shoebox Appeal - thank you!

Swapping kickboxing for shoe boxing, Jo Middleton said it is a pleasure to assist with something locally that will give something to Bradford children who would struggle to get anything at this special time of the year.



Terry Pearson Trustee of Bradford Cinderella Club said he was overwhelmed at the generosity and kindness from across Bradford with donations and gifts that have been donated. "Gifts have come from Schoolchildren at Wycliffe CE Primary School, Baildon Juniors Football Club, as well as Team Fulinkazan, Keighley and Worth Valley Rotary and many many more. It really is appreciated that we get the support we do."

The full list of donors included:

1. Keighley and Worth Valley Rotary
2. Broadway Shopping Centre
3. Westfield House Job Centre
4. Bingley Juniors football club
5. Bradford Sea Cadets
6. Environplumb company
7. Fulinkazan Gymn including Joanne Doyle the IMMAF (International Mixed Martial arts Federation) European Gold Featherweight

8. Wycliffe C of E primary school in Saltaire
9. PIN Property Consultancy in Manchester
10. Members of the public and Cathedral congregation
11. Bradford Alhambra who donated 20 pantomime tickets



Canon Mandy Coutts from Bradford Cathedral said it was sad that there is still so much need for this kind of event, providing gifts to children who for whatever reason would not get anything **at Christmas.** "With the combined help of all, we want to ensure that those less fortunate at Christmas will have a little **something to smile about.**"

*Article courtesy John Carter  
Diocesan Communications Officer*



Invitation to  
Jesus Shaped People  
Celebration and Launch of a  
New Charitable Trust

Saturday 18 February at 3.00pm

**Worship ... Stories ... Vision  
Dedication ... Prayer ... Tea**

All welcome to the Cathedral as we celebrate all that God has been doing, and embrace the future

Jesus Shaped People (JSP) is moving on. Having begun life in the Parish of Tong and Holme Wood in Bradford in 2005, in the past four years it has been adopted by other churches, and generously supported by the Diocese of Leeds and the Church Commissioners. Now a new Charitable Trust has been established that will oversee future development.

Canon Gordon Dey, who has overseen **the development of JSP, comments: 'The event will be an important landmark in JSP's progress as it expands its horizons** and develops new capacity to meet growing interest from the wider church. It will be wonderful to bring together a host of people from churches that have adopted JSP, and give thanks for all that God is doing. We warmly invite all those who are interested in Jesus Shaped **People to come along and join us.'**

The new Board of Trustees is to be chaired by Bishop Paul Slater, Bishop of Richmond, who has followed the story **of JSP's development over recent years** and warmly encouraged its development. Churches that are interested to know more about JSP can go to the website: [www.jesusshapedpeople.net](http://www.jesusshapedpeople.net), or contact Gordon Dey on 01274 499781, or at [gordondey1@gmail.com](mailto:gordondey1@gmail.com)

## Children's Sunday Space

In January, we looked at Jesus' baptism and the gathering of his disciples. This month, we'll be learning about the things he taught his disciples and how we can apply them to our own lives.



Dates for your diary:

Sunday 5 February

- this is the Legal Service starting at the later time of 11am. There will still be a session for the children, but in another room.

Sunday 26 February

- no session during half-term.

If you are new to Children's Space, please do complete a registration form, just ask one of the team.

*New volunteers are always welcome, so please speak to Emma Towers or Canon Mandy if you are interested in joining us.*

## Could you become a Cathedral Welcomer?

We invite you to come and share in the valuable ministry of Welcome, by joining our rota for just a couple of hours each **month. You don't need to be a tour guide, or have a theological degree – just a friendly and caring manner, and a willingness to help.** For further details contact the Cathedral Office.

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# Bring Back Great Knits

*Remembering St Blaise Patron Saint of Woolcombers*

An exhibition of handmade knits and their stories submitted by Bradfordians, as part of a weekend of events celebrating the life of the martyred Bishop Blaise, commemorated in a carving in the Cathedral.



**2 to 5 February 2017**

Bradford Cathedral, Stott Hill BD1 4EH

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## Monday Fellowship

Monday Fellowship meet in the Parish Room at 2.00pm on the second Monday of each month. The afternoon begins with a bidding prayer, ends with a cup of tea, and all are warmly invited to attend.



*Debby with her daughter and two friends - you may recognise one of them!*

**This year's programmes includes visiting** and home-grown speakers. This month Debby McLelland talks about her visit to **Potter's Village, the Child Crisis and Medical Centre** in Kisoro, South West Uganda: and next month Nora Whitham tells us her story of a Chinese woman growing up in South Africa during Apartheid.



All welcome - please do join us!

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch

The Community Committee will again be organizing a pancake lunch in the Cathedral on Shrove Tuesday, which is 28 February this year - 12 for 12.30pm.

**We're delighted that Sally and Paul**

Brodie will be offering a main course of savoury pancakes and a desert of sweet pancakes. Afterwards there will be tea and coffee and some entertainment.

Tickets are £7.50 with under 12s going free, and these are available in advance from members of the Community Committee and the Cathedral Office.



## Toddler Group

The Action for Children Toddler group meets every Friday in the Parish Room. Starting at 9.30am and running through until 11.00am it is open to everyone from the local community, so please do encourage anyone to come along for whom it would be a blessing.

*For more details please speak to Gill Davis.*

# Rhythm of the Dales

12 to 23 February 2017

**A video installation by Sarah McWhinney**

Sarah's films explore the natural beauty of Yorkshire Karst limestone gorges through moving image and sound inspired by the underground systems and caves, which famously punctuate the landscape of Yorkshire.

**Opening event with live music at 11.45am  
following the morning service on  
Sunday 12 February**

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- Wednesday 1                      1.00pm              Wednesday @ One Organ Recital  
The autumn season continues with John Hosking from St Asaph. Pick up a flyer for full details.  
*Recitals are free with a retiring collection, preceded by a light buffet lunch at 12.30pm (£3 minimum donation).*
- 2 to 5 February                      Bring Back Great Knits  
An exhibition of handmade knits and their stories as part of a weekend of events remembering St Blaise - Patron Saint of Woolcombers. Please see page 10 for more details.
- Wednesday 8                      1.00pm              Wednesday @ One Organ Recital  
The season continues with Jeremy Lloyd from York.
- Sunday 12  
to 23 February                      Rhythm of the Dales: Sarah McWhinney  
Sarah is a final-year student at Glasgow School of Art. Her installation explores the natural beauty of Yorkshire Karst limestone gorges through moving image and sound. The exhibition opens following the morning service with Sarah providing live music. Please see page 12 for more details.
- Monday 13                      2.00pm              Monday Fellowship  
This month Debby McLelland talks about her trip to **Potter's Village. Please see page 11 for more details.**
- Tuesday 14                      11.00am              Coffee Concert - Galina Gale  
Flamboyant Ukrainian-born guitarist Galina Vale opens the new season of monthly concerts.  
*Concerts are preceded by coffee & cake from 10.30am.*
- Wednesday 15                      1.00pm              Wednesday @ One Organ Recital  
The season continues with Oliver Hancock from Portsmouth.
- Wednesday 22                      1.00pm              Wednesday @ One Organ Recital  
The season continues with Jonathan Hill from Stoke.
- Tuesday 28                      12.30pm              Pancake Lunch  
Join us on Shrove Tuesday for pancakes savoury and sweet. Please see page 11 for full details.
- Wednesday 1 March                      Edge of Darkness  
An exhibition of photographs by Ian Beesley with poems by Ian McMillan. More details to follow.

*All welcome. Events are free - with donations appreciated - unless otherwise stated.*

## Cathedral Choir News

From the new Director of Music at the Cathedral, Alex Berry:

**“I am delighted to be starting in my new position at Bradford. Having spent the past two years in the hallowed halls of Magdalen College, Oxford, it is great to be returning to cathedral life, and I look forward to serving the community here in Bradford.**

December was without doubt an exceedingly busy period for the Cathedral Choir. I am indebted to my colleague Jon Payne and to all constituent parts of the Choir for the work they did to lead and adorn the worship over the festive season.

Particularly notable was the Once in Royal David's city solo, sung by Thomas Dennill, whose mug shot appeared afterwards in the Ilkley Gazette.

Returning from the holidays, both the boys and girls choirs have made an excellent start, and we have been able to introduce new repertoire to both groups. In the first instance it is my aim to build up the repertoire each treble line sings on Thursdays, in order to build confidence. The repertoire will be varied, including well-known hymns such as 'I the Lord of sea and sky' and beautiful 16th-century alternatim settings by the genius organist, Girolamo Frescobaldi.

On Sunday 15th January the boys, Junior Choral Scholars and adults were privileged to take part in a service to celebrate the re-organisation of the Bradford Deaneries, with the bishops of Leeds and Bradford in attendance. In addition to singing an anthem, the choir joined together with a local worship band to lead the congregational singing

at the service. I was impressed by the choir's willingness to engage with music that is of a different style from what is offered in daily liturgy here, and it speaks highly of the Cathedral that it is able to offer so many musical styles under one roof.

The spring and summer organ recital series got underway on Wednesday 18th January with our 'local' international concert organist, Gordon Stewart. In this series we are pleased to welcome some fabulous recitalists, including Stephen Cleobury (King's College, Cambridge), Winfried Böinig (Cologne Cathedral) and **Adriano Falcioni (Perugia).”**

*We have opportunities for boys and girls who show musical potential, interest and enthusiasm. We would also like to hear from adults with good, flexible voices and strong sight-reading ability. The choirs play an integral part in the life of the Cathedral, providing regular choral worship throughout the year. They are lively, enthusiastic and friendly groups which foster a great sense of teamwork. Choristers benefit from a free, first-rate musical education as well as making great friendships and enjoying a vibrant social calendar.*

*Alex Berry, the Director of Music, is always pleased to meet prospective candidates at any time. Why not get in touch to find out more? Tel: 01274 777732 or [alex.berry@bradfordcathedral.org](mailto:alex.berry@bradfordcathedral.org).*



**Advance Notice ...** please put the date in your diary



Led by John Bell with his iconic and truly inspirational music  
and songs from the Iona Community (Wild Goose)

**SATURDAY 11th MARCH 2017**

**BRADFORD CATHEDRAL**

**13:00 – 17:00**

Participant cost: £6 (incl. refreshment)

As part of the Bradford Area RSCM  
calendar of events.



## CATHEDRAL CLERGY

Dean

Canon Precentor

Canon for Mission and Pastoral Development

Curate

The Very Revd Jerry Lepine

The Revd Canon Paul Maybury

The Revd Canon Mandy Coutts

The Revd Cat Thatcher

## OPERATIONS

Director of Strategic Development and Operations

Safeguarding Officer

Amanda Anderson

The Revd Canon Mandy Coutts

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Organist &amp; Director of Music

Sub Organist &amp; Assistant Director of Music

Music Administrator

Chorister Tutor

Choral Scholars

Alex Berry

Jon Payne

Ann Foster

Joseph Judge

Richard Bracknall

Patrick Dylak

Elizabeth Harborne

Henry Strutt

## VERGERS

Head Verger and Reader

Assistant Verger

Assistant Verger

Jon Howard

John Paley

David Robinson

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Director of Finance

PA to the Dean &amp; the Cathedral Communications Officer

Cathedral Secretary

Administrative Clerk

Simon Dennis

Sandra Howard

Julie Bowyer

Sandra Heaton

## EDUCATION

Education and Visitor Officer

Education and Visitor Admin Assistant

Youth Worker

Gillian Davis

Sandra Heaton

*Vacant*

## HONORARY CHAPLAINS

The Revd Paul Booth

The Revd Dr Barbara Glasson

The Revd Canon Bruce Grainger

The Revd Suzanne Vernon-Yorke