



**13 January to
20 January 2019**

Welcome

All are welcome at Bolton Priory! We hope that you feel at home in this community of Christians.

Who we are

Bolton Priory is in the Church of England Diocese of Leeds, but we are ecumenical in spirit and welcome you from whatever tradition you come. The Priory is more than a building. It is a Christian community committed to welcome, worship, and witness, gathered around Christ in prayer, and seeking to live well with God. Our doors are open every day, and our work and worship continue through the year. Wherever you are from, and for however long you are with us, this is your church and you+ are very welcome.

The Baptism of Christ

- 08.00** Holy Communion
The Revd Ruth Harris
- 10.30** Sung Eucharist
The Revd Barry Overend
- 12.30** Holy Baptism
Isla Goodair

Please Pray For

Edwyn Joseph

Please remember the Church Wardens and PCC in your prayers during the interregnum.

Anniversary of Death

Mary Liddle (2018), Pat Davidson (2012), Stan Gray (2009)

Notices

The New Rector

The Reverend Nicholas Mercer will become the next Rector of the Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey, in Spring 2019. He is currently the Rector of the Falkland Islands, a parish which includes South Georgia and the British Antarctic Territories, and is based in Christ Church Cathedral, Port Stanley, the southernmost Anglican cathedral in the world. Prior to this position he was a Chaplain at Sherborne School, and previously served his curacy in Gillingham, Dorset.

Nicholas was born in Yorkshire, graduated with a BD from St Andrews, and has subsequently gained LLM and MTh degrees from the universities of Cardiff and Oxford respectively. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1990, and in 1991 joined the Army Legal Services as a Captain. He served the next twenty years in Northern Ireland, Bosnia Herzegovina, Germany, Iraq and Cyprus. His army experience included directing and prosecuting Courts-Martial, and he was also on the teaching staff of Bielefeld University and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

He was the Command Legal Advisor for the HQ 1st (UK) Armoured Division during the Iraq war in 2003. As a result of his stand against the inhuman and degrading treatment of Prisoners of War in Iraq, he was named as the Liberty Human Rights Lawyer of the Year 2011-2012. He has lectured extensively on the Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights. Prior to his ordination, he retired from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Nicholas is married, with three teenage children. His interests include music, shooting, fishing, deer and ferrets.

The Institution and Induction Service will take place on Monday 1 April 2019 at 19.00 at Bolton Priory. Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley will be officiating.

December/January Magazine

The December/January Magazine is ready for you to collect from the Tower.

Parochial Church Council Minutes and Agenda

The minutes of the meeting on 27 November are on the notice board in the Tower. There is a list of names of those on the PCC who you can speak to about any matters which have been discussed.

Church Cleaning Teams

I am very grateful to those who have responded to the need for more people on the cleaning teams. We welcome Anna Wray, Jen Lewis and Liz Hornby, to Team three. Andrew Wade

Brass Cleaning Team

The brass cleaning teams are separate individuals/couples who undertake to polish Brass plates etc monthly, twice during the year. At the moment we have two vacancies, if you would like to volunteer please contact Andrew Wade at awade@awade.co.uk

PCC

The next meeting of the PCC will be on Tuesday 22 January.

Giving a Helping Hand

During the next few months we may have funeral services etc for parishioners from All Saints, Ilkley. This is to help them out during the next few months whilst they are having extensive renovation done. They are very grateful to us.

Skipton Food Bank

Items needed regularly are rice pudding, tinned meat and coffee. At the moment they urgently need tinned fish and tinned vegetables. Please ensure your donation is in date. Skipton Baptist Church operates five mornings a week and your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you would prefer to give money instead that is just as useful. Website: skiptonfoodbank.org

Baby Basics Project

Baby Basics aims to support new mothers who are struggling to meet the financial and practical burden of looking after a new baby. Please support this church project by contributing to their starter packs. Items needed are clothes 0-3 months, blankets, towels and Moses baskets. With thanks, Mary Vineall, 01756 753013. Do take a look at the article in the October Magazine.

Diary for the Week Ahead

Wednesday

10.00 Holy Communion

06.45 Choir Practice

Friday

09.15 Finance Committee meeting in the Boyle Room

Services next Sunday 20 January 2019

Second Sunday After Epiphany

08.00 Holy Communion
The Revd Barry Overend

10.30 Sung Eucharist
The Revd Barry Overend
Preacher: John Kirkby CBE, Founder of Christians Against Poverty

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

Next Sunday we welcome, as our preacher, John Kirkby the founder and leader of CAP, a remarkable international organisation started in 1996. He became a (Baptist) Christian in 1996 and embarked on debt counselling. In that year he remarried and started CAP. This involved firstly talking to desperate people, many on the verge of suicide, assessing their indebtedness persuading them that there was a way out and then negotiating with creditors. CAP bought a derelict property that is now Jubilee Mill in which, in a modern workspace near Bradford Cathedral, some 300, mainly young people are employed on various aspects of this effective manifestation of Christian Charity. The building houses Central Debt Management, Training, Fund-raising, Modern IT and communications as well as head office for what is now an international organisation. John was awarded a CBE in this years Birthday Honours. CAP needs 'Life Changers' to commit to regular monthly giving, £3 - £50 a month, to pay salaries and sustain its continued existence. It would be good if the Priory could join the list of UK Churches already supporting CAP. John's story is available in paperback priced £6.99 from CAP and contains a Life Changer form. Full details in the Dec/Jan Magazine.

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