



## Diocese of Leeds

**Bradford**  
Episcopal Area  
Spring 2017

# The Bradford Episcopal Area News (The BEAN) has landed

Welcome to the **new Bradford Episcopal Area Newsletter**. The plan for this is to publish it approximately 4 times a year and will give us an opportunity to share stories from around the region and publicise events. There will also be opportunities to advertise items which you wish to sell or to request items which you think other parishes may have. Thank you to all who have contributed to this first edition. Please keep your articles coming.

We are happy to receive feedback on ways we can improve it so don't hold back!

### A New Office Base

Here we are! There is now a new Episcopal Area Office, where, on occasion, you may find Bishop Toby and Archdeacon Andy. You will, however, find Carmel their PA here from Monday to Friday.



We are also happy to be sharing the office with Wellsprings and Faithful Neighbours and it is also a base for Sharon Bavington, the Area Lay Training Officer. The

Centre also hosts children's activities 4 mornings a week run by Strong Close Nursery on behalf of Bradford Council and a Community Midwife service 3 mornings a week. Feel free to pop in and see us.

We have no landline yet (working on that) but you can reach Carmel via email or mobile.

### Archdeacon Visitation

If any Church Warden didn't manage to make any of the Visitations please be in touch and we will arrange a time to get you all sworn in. *Don't forget the training session on 6<sup>th</sup> June here in Bingley 7pm*

### IN THIS EDITION...

Pentecost in the Park...

Good Friday in Keighley...

Tour de Yorkshire in Baildon...

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## Room at the Inn

St Gabriel's Church in Stanbury, the last remaining Bronte church, is having its roof repaired and rather than stop the Sunday service for the duration of the repairs Nicci Black, the landlady of the Wuthering Heights Inn offered to accommodate the congregation in the upper room of the pub before it opened on a Sunday. Appropriate permission was sought from and given by Bishop Toby. As the room had recently been refurbished with some reclaimed church pews the congregation feel quite at home.



## Pentecost in the Park

'A taste of heaven' was how one of the participants described the Pentecost celebration in Lister Park last year. The phrase, reminds us of the picture we see in the Bible in the book of Revelation of 'a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne' worshipping God. Last year people from many backgrounds got together in the park on a lovely summer afternoon to celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and become part of that heavenly experience.

On the 4th June 2017, whether the sun shines or not, and even if

our current life is far from heavenly, Christians in the area will come together to worship God, hear from Bishop Toby, and invite the Holy Spirit to come, and fill us with power and gentleness, so together, we can be better and do good in our families, our neighbourhoods, our communities and our work places; ALL for the glory of God and His church.



## Wellsprings Together

**Bradford** is the Joint Venture between the Diocese and CUF See their newsletter [here](#).

## Bishop Toby Howarth in Keighley for Good Friday

Over 200 Christians from churches around Keighley gathered in the Airedale Centre to tell something of what Easter means to them with hymns, readings and personal stories. Bishop Toby had chosen to spend the day with churches in Keighley and spoke to the crowd of shoppers who stopped to join in. 'God really



loves Keighley' he said 'and this year is going to be a special year for the town. On Good Friday we remember how Jesus gave up his life for us by dying on the cross and we need to respond to that by letting go of things that hold us back.' Town Chaplain Revd Jonathan Pritchard commented 'It was lovely to hear such a crowd singing Easter hymns together and there was a real sense of worship.' During the rest of the day, Bishop Toby took part in services at each of the four churches in the newly formed Parish of Keighley. Bishop Toby said 'I'm really encouraged to see all that is going on in this new united parish and to be part of such a positive witness to the community at Easter.



## What's on at the Cathedral

**SHARON SNAYLAM - TIRLUN:**

**PICTURE OF THE LAND** 2 June to 2 July

**WEDNESDAY @ ONE**

Lunchtime organ recitals at the Cathedral throughout June

**FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL MUSIC: FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION**

Saturday 10 June 12noon.

Behind the scenes of the busy music department

For more details of these and other events at the Cathedral please visit: [www.bradfordcathedral.org](http://www.bradfordcathedral.org)  
@Bfcdcathedral  
[facebook.com/stpeterbradford](https://www.facebook.com/stpeterbradford)

## The Bradfordians Who Never Grew Old

Since the centenary of WW1 a ceremony has taken place at the War Memorial in BGS on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of former pupils who took part in the war. The short ceremony is led by local clergy and attended by present day pupils. Details of forthcoming services can be found on Bradford Grammar School's website.



**Join BEACON's Walk For Justice!** – 21st June 2017, 9.30 am start (Centenary Square).

Part of Bradford refugee Week (19-25 June) this is a sponsored walk from Bradford to Leeds to raise awareness around the issues facing asylum seekers.

To join the Walk for Justice or for more info about BEACON please contact Lizzie: [beacon@beaconbradford.org](mailto:beacon@beaconbradford.org) /01274 727 525 or visit [beaconbradford.org/news/walk-for-justice](http://beaconbradford.org/news/walk-for-justice)

## Bikes in Baildon

The Tour de Yorkshire went 'flying by' St James's Church in Baildon, on 30th April! In the week before the race, we made sure that the garden surrounding the church was duly decked out for the occasion, with brightly painted bikes, banners and bunting in evidence. This was a great opportunity for our congregations in Baildon to join in a community event and as people gathered along Otley Road we spent a good couple of hours handing out free drinks and cakes to the swelling crowds. Over 500 hot drinks were made during the morning with countless cakes and buns and these were hugely appreciated. Although the refreshments were a gift from our churches, by the end of the event, we had had over £150 donated by grateful people in the crowd! Many thanks people of Baildon!



## Bolton St James Community Garden



After two years of hard work, on 14th May Bolton St James church opened its Community Garden. The garden has wheelchair access from Bolton Rd leading to raised flower / vegetable beds for local community use, as well as attractive seating and borders stocked with flowers and shrubs. The site behind the church had been unused for generations and had been a jungle of weeds, rubbish and huge amounts of rock and stones. The garden was planned in conjunction with the staff from Bradford Environmental Education Service (BEES: <http://www.bees-ymca.org.uk> assisted by members of the church and the local community. For more details, contact Will Sutcliffe: [sutcliffe9@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sutcliffe9@yahoo.co.uk) / 07505 053149.

## Dates to Remember:

6<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Churchwarden Training in Bingley . . .

7<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Bradford Episcopal Area forum at St John's Baildon . . .

24<sup>th</sup> June 3pm Priest Ordinations at Bradford Cathedral

28<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Licensing of The Revd Peter Mullins as Vicar of Haworth, St James Cross Roads . . .

1<sup>st</sup> July 11am and 3pm Deacon Ordinations at Bradford Cathedral

11<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Licensing of The Revd Tony Walker as vicar of Morton & Riddlesden, St Luke's Morton 7.30pm

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