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**PRESS RELEASE**

# **Events and services to be held in Centenary Square and Bradford Cathedral to mark Pentecost 2024**

You can join Bradford Cathedral on Pentecost (19<sup>th</sup> May 2024) – and the following Sunday – for themed events and services.



Bradford Cathedral will be celebrating the day of Pentecost with services and events,



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including a gathering in Centenary Square and ‘An International Pentecost’.

The Revd Pete Gunstone says:

“The Feast of Pentecost marks the conclusion of the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide. Easter celebrates that Jesus Christ, once the suffering, crucified and dead one, is now risen, ascended and glorified.

“On Pentecost Sunday, the crowning glory of this season, the Church celebrates that the Holy Spirit has been poured out on all believers, enabling them to be the presence of God in the world, to be the people of his Kingdom.”

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May there are services at 8am, 10:30am and 3:30pm. All are welcome to join at Bradford Cathedral, and the 10:30am service is also streamed online.

Also that afternoon – from 2-4pm - the churches of Bradford will come together for praise and witness in Centenary Square, at an event called ‘Pentecost Praise’.

This unity event for Christians across Bradford will include evangelism, prayer ministry, worship, and children’s activities.

The Revd Canon Ned Lunn says:

“This will be a wonderful display of unity in worship and witness. It will be a wonderful, colourful, lively, and fun event, which proclaims the love of Jesus and the life of the Church in Bradford.”

Finally, on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May, ‘An International Pentecost’ – at 6:30pm in Bradford Cathedral – will be a time of thanksgiving and prayers for the unity of the Church, with people from many cultures and nations.

The Revd Canon Ned Lunn, says:

"We have committed to seek to better reflect our city's many cultures and ethnicities within our community life. As part of this work we want to be a place which gathers Christians from all nations and languages together for intercultural worship. Building on our successful Christmas event, we will sing together multi-lingual songs and pray in different languages being led by one another from across the global Church. This is what Pentecost is all about!"

For those interested in finding out more about Pentecost, free school resources are also available on the Cathedral website.

**For more information on all the services and events taking place around Pentecost, please visit the Bradford Cathedral website.**

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## Notes for Editors

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- Yorkshire Post Tourism Awards Outstanding Contribution to Tourism (Finalist, 2022); Culture Award (Finalist, 2023)

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