



Idle Upper Chapel
December 2025/January 2026

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

At Christmas, we celebrate the astonishing truth that God stepped into our world — not with fanfare or power, but in the quiet cry of a newborn in a humble stable. The shepherds, keeping watch in the stillness of night, were the first to hear the angel's song: "*Do not be afraid... I bring you good news of great joy.*"

This season reminds us that God's light often comes in unexpected ways. It may not always arrive with the answers we long for, but it always brings hope — hope that transforms darkness into dawn.

As we gather with family, friends, and our church community, may we remember that the same light that shone over Bethlehem still shines for us today. It calls us to be bearers of peace, kindness, and love in a world that longs for them.

So, whether your Christmas is filled with noise and laughter or quiet and reflection, may you know the deep joy of Emmanuel — God with us — and carry that light into the year ahead.

The Revd Peter Poulter- Synod Companion

Can I introduce myself as your newly appointed Synod Companion. My role is to give some care on behalf of the Synod to your church during the period while you are without settled ministry.

I will particularly work with the elders in the process of preparing an application package towards seeking for a new minister.

But I am also available in those circumstances when individuals or groups need the sort of advice and support that you consider should come from an ordained minister.

I am a retired United Reformed Church minister who served in the West Midlands and Northern Synods. I currently live in Gargrave and support St Andrew's parish church — the only church in the village — currently as churchwarden and secretary of the church council.

Please feel free to contact me if there is any way in which you reckon to need my help. Graham will be able to give you my contact details.

Peace

Peter

Charity Coffee Mornings

Many thanks to everyone who supported our coffee morning on 12th October. Together with donations this raised over £800 for Macmillan Cancer Care. Thanks once again to Elaine for organising this event. If anyone else has any suggestions for fundraising events please let us know.

Stamps for the RNIB

Please remember to save the stamps from your Christmas cards and letters as these can be used to raise money for the RNIB.



Bradford North
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Winter appeal

This winter, many people in our local community are facing cold nights and empty cupboards.

But with your help, we can provide essential food and hope to those struggling through the season.

Donate food



Can you donate an item or two from our shopping list to help feed people in your community?

Donate money



Can you help ensure food reaches those in urgent need - as well as supporting sustainable projects?

Shopping list

- Christmas cake
- Selection box
- Biscuits
- Tinned meat
- Custard
- Tinned fruit



01274 292 256
bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk

Scan to donate

Please bring donations to church by 11th December so they can be delivered to the warehouse in time to be sorted and distribute before Christmas.

Thank You

SERVICES

December 7th	Donald Watson	
December 14th	Sam Sagar	Carol Service
December 21 st	Rev Alan Griffith	Communion
December 25 th	Christmas Day Service	
December 28 th	Mike Attenborough	
January 4th	David Kenyon	
January 11 th	Rev Robert Johnson	Communion
January 18 th	Rev Paul Allen	
January 25 th	Edward Craig	

Candle Remembrance

For loved ones who have died

Saturday 13th December
2 pm to 4 pm

We offer you space and time to remember

*There will be opportunity to light candles
in memory of loved ones and to write their names
on a tag and hang it on a Christmas tree.*

Come along for as much or as little time as is helpful.

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