


NORWICH
CATHEDRAL


Priscilla Bacon
Hospice

REFLECT AND REMEMBER
A SERVICE OF CAROLS
AND READINGS

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020
7.30PM

Foreword

For over forty years, Priscilla Bacon Lodge has delivered specialist palliative and end-of-life care for Norfolk and Waveney. The care in the Lodge is provided by Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust. Those who have had a loved one who has received this care or spent their final days in the Lodge, will know the benefit of this service and value the dedication of the staff and volunteers.

The Lodge was built in 1979, following a county-wide fundraising appeal led by Priscilla, Lady Bacon. Since then, the population of Norfolk has grown by over 220,000. This creates a level of demand that cannot be met in a building which has become inadequate and cannot be extended in its current location.

Despite the excellent work of Priscilla Bacon Lodge and other end-of-life services, the percentage of the population able to receive specialist end-of-life care in Norfolk and Waveney is amongst the lowest of any English county.

Priscilla Bacon Norfolk Hospice Care was created to raise £12.5 million to build a new specialist hospice which will replace the Lodge, and transform the provision of much-needed services across Norfolk and Waveney.

Priscilla Bacon Hospice will be built on an 8-acre site adjacent to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital and will offer 24 inpatient beds. It will also offer improved day care and outpatients' facilities, as well as a coordination centre for the Community Nursing Team, who deliver end-of-life care in the community. The new hospice will also be a platform for education and research into palliative and end-of-life care, supporting improvements in provision locally and nationally.

The appeal was launched in February 2019, and a tremendous response from the people of Norfolk and Waveney, including the Priscilla Bacon Lodge Support Group, has resulted in over £7.1 million in cash and pledges, but there is a long way to go. Our network of retail shops

underpins the cost of fundraising and this means that 93p in every £1 given goes towards the capital appeal.

With continued support, we aim to start building the new hospice in the Summer of 2021, which should enable patients to be welcomed into Priscilla Bacon Hospice at the beginning of 2023.

Forty years ago, the people of Norfolk came together to raise the funds to build Priscilla Bacon Lodge. Now it is our turn to do the same for Priscilla Bacon Hospice.

Thank you for your support.

Robert Carter DL
Chair of Trustees, Priscilla Bacon Norfolk Hospice Care



Artist's impression of Priscilla Bacon Hospice

The Cathedral Choir sings 'Once in Royal David's City'. Please feel free to join in at home.

HYMN

Tune: Irby

**Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that Mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little Child.**

**He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall:
With the poor and mean and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.**

**And through all his wondrous childhood
He would honour and obey,
Love and watch the lowly Maiden,
In whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.**

**For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew,
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew:
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.**

**Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him: but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high,
Where like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.**

Words: Frances Alexander

WELCOME

The Very Revd Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich, welcomes those gathered

In the name of this Cathedral Foundation,
I welcome you in the peace of Christ Jesus.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you
and also with you.

All

We have come together in this holy place, joyfully and gladly to offer praise and glory to God, to remember with thanksgiving his loving kindness, and most especially that which has been shown in the love and concern of Priscilla Bacon Lodge as we celebrate its work, ministry and care and that of the wider hospice movement in Norfolk.

In this particularly difficult year, we come here this evening remembering before God our departed loved ones, who were cared for in their last days by hospice care and devoted nursing. As Christmas draws near, in confidence and humility we bring before God the praises of some of our favourite hymns and carols; and we offer God our lives and our loving service. Conscious of his presence with us now let us come to him in prayer.

*Silence is kept for a short while
The Dean prays the Collect*

Almighty God,
in sending your Son Jesus Christ into the world,
earth was raised heavenward
and heaven stooped to earth;
as we approach this Christmas season,
hear us as we remember in love
those whom we have loved and cherished in this mortal life
and who we have placed into your tender hands;
that we may know ourselves united in prayer and love
with one another, our departed loved ones, and you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING: John I. 1-14

*Read by Lady Bacon, Patron, Priscilla Bacon Norfolk Hospice Care and
Priscilla Bacon Lodge Support Group*

CAROL *My Lord has come* by Will Todd

SECOND READING: *Life* by Anna Lætitia Barbauld (1743-1825)

Verses 1 and 3

Read by Elizabeth Stallwood, Priscilla Bacon Lodge Support Group

Animula, vagula, blandula.

Life! I know not what thou art,
But know that thou and I must part;
And when, or how, or where we met,
I own to me's a secret yet.
But this I know, when thou art fled,
Where'er they lay these limbs, this head,
No clod so valueless shall be,
As all that then remains of me.
O whither, whither dost thou fly,
Where bend unseen thy trackless course,
And in this strange divorce,

Ah tell where I must seek this compound I?

Life! we've been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;
Perhaps 't will cost a sigh, a tear;
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not Good night, but in some brighter clime
Bid me Good morning.

CAROL *The Sussex Carol*

THIRD READING *Remember Me by Margaret Mead (1901-1978)*
Read by Lauren Isaacs, Palliative Care Quality Matron, Priscilla Bacon Lodge,
Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust

To the living, I am gone.
To the sorrowful, I will never return.
To the angry, I was cheated,
But to the happy, I am at peace,
And to the faithful, I have never left.
I cannot be seen, but I can be heard.
So as you stand upon a shore, gazing at a beautiful sea -
remember me.
As you look in awe at a mighty forest and its grand majesty -
remember me.
As you look upon a flower and admire its simplicity -
remember me.
Remember me in your heart, your thoughts, your memories
of the times we loved,
the times we cried, the times we fought, the times we
laughed.
For if you always think of me, I will never be gone

THE ADDRESS

Given by The Dean

CAROL *Away in a manger*

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVING *led by The Revd Helen Garrard,
Lead Chaplain, Priscilla Bacon Lodge*

Almighty God, our beginning and our end,
we give thanks for devoted service to the sick and dying
by all who have served in Priscilla Bacon Lodge.

All **Father of love, we thank you.**

Compassionate Lord and Saviour, we praise you for all those
who have devoted their lives to showing your care and
concern to those in pain and anxiety.

All **Jesus, Lord, we praise you.**

Spirit of love and truth,
we bless you for the hope you kindle in our hearts
that sorrow and sighing will be no more.

All **Holy Spirit, Lord of life, we bless you.**

HYMN

Tune: Adeste Fideles

All **O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
 O come, let us adore him...**

**See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:**

O come, let us adore him...
Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our heart's oblations:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee, with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
O come, let us adore him...

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the Highest:
O come, let us adore him...

Words: XVIII century Latin

THE BLESSING

The Dean gives the blessing

May the joy of the Christ-child live within you;
may the peace of the Christ-child rest upon you;
may the love of the Christ-child flow out from your heart;
and may the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you this Christmas
and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Thanks:

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