

Diocese of York Newsletter

News from
the Church of
England
between the
Humber and
the Tees

September 2015

Acts 435 celebrates 5th anniversary



This summer, Archbishop Sentamu's online giving charity, Acts 435, celebrated its 5th anniversary.

Representatives of churches and charities celebrated at Bishopthorpe Palace, where the Archbishop thanked and encouraged them for their work in helping those living in poverty across the UK.

Executive Director Jenny Herrera said "Acts 435 depends on both advocates to post requests and donors to

respond to these requests so it has been fantastic to celebrate our 5 years of giving with both groups of people and to thank them for helping in our growth and development."

Acts 435 was launched in July 2010 at General Synod by the Archbishop of York and over 5 years has helped over 5,000 people with specific items they needed such as a cooker, clothes and a bed. £500,000 has gone directly to those in need.

The Bishop of Selby's End of Year Exam

Exams rarely excited me in younger days but one exam I find very fruitful is the Examen exercise invented by Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556). I try to use it every day as a prayerful reflection. It has three sections: a) What makes me say 'Thank-you Lord'; b) What makes me say 'Struggles Lord!' c) What makes me say 'Help me Lord!'. As a one year old Bishop I have been doing this as I look back on the past year and look ahead to the next.

Thank-you Lord!

- a) For a wonderful consecration day at York Minster when so many came to support Bishop Paul and me in a glorious service. Revd Sue Bond preached a cracking sermon, the music was heavenly and the Minster pulsed with the Holy Spirit.
- b) For a warm welcome by the Archbishop, fellow Staff and Council members, the Chapters, Deaneries, Schools, the Synods, the Minster, Selby Abbey, parish churches across the York Archdeaconry, Wydale etc. It is great to live near Selby and 'thank-you highlights' include the Tour de Yorkshire and Great Selby Cycle Rides and the £1300 sponsorship from parishes for the latter. Generous Churches indeed!
- c) For wise counsel as I've started working with colleagues on a Rural Mission strategy, on Mission and Ministry support and on renewing our links with the three Dioceses in Cape Town.

- d) For my two Personal Assistants, Jeniffer who has now retired and Fran who has taken on the role, for Diocesan House and Bishopthorpe and the quality service these remarkable people provide.
- e) For Sue my wife who has surfed the wave of change with grace and patience.

Struggles Lord!

- a) Remembering to take my torch with me during the winter months and finding I couldn't see my feet let alone my car!
- b) Getting names of people and places into my fragile memory.
- c) Feeling under educated in rural matters so on a sharp learning curve.
- d) Keeping my head above the role's water line!

Help me Lord!

- a) To improve in my struggle areas!
- b) To produce with others strategies for my areas of responsibility in the service of our Diocesan Vision.
- c) To share in God's mission to this Province and Diocese.
- d) To better anchor myself in a Benedictine balance of prayer, study and work.

Ignatius believed in the examined life. Please join me in using this simple practice to deepen your walk with Christ and thereby nurture your discipleship.

+John Selby

You're invited to... A Season of Invitation

A Season of Invitation began as 'Back to Church Sunday' in 2004, which was an annual opportunity for churches across the UK and abroad to invite people to come with them to church. Ten years on, B2CS is entering a new season, moving from one invitational service to five:

- Back to Church Sunday (September)
- Harvest (October)
- Remembrance (November)
- Christmas Starts (early December)
- Christmas (December)

The reason for this change is that the B2CS team found people are much more likely to come to church and keep coming if they're invited several times. So now there's A Season of Invitation, with five invitational moments coming one after the other.

The Diocese of York is providing local training events to help churches make the most of their Season of Invitation, on Wednesday 9 September. The training will take place at

- Ingleby Cross Village Hall (to the south of Middlesbrough) at 10am - 12 noon

- St Nicholas Beverley at 2.15pm-4.15pm Session 2
- SS Philip and James, Clifton, York at 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Michael Harvey (co-founder of Back to Church Sunday) will provide interactive and relevant training, which will be useful for ministers and any churchgoers interested in making the most of opportunities to invite people to church. Across the 2 hour workshop, you will

- Learn how to produce a unique mission field for your church at any given time
- Be given tools to identify distorted thinking in your church
- Discover the creative power of fear
- Receive a number of emotional mental and physical approaches for developing a culture of invitation
- Learn best practice from Season of Invitation

Book your place on the A Season of Invitation training at <http://yorktraining.eventbrite.co.uk>. The training sessions are free to attend, and Season of Invitation packs will be available to buy costing £25.

A Season of Invitation



Two new ministers for Hull Estates



The Diocese has appointed two new Pioneer Ministers to two of Hull's outer estates. The Revd Ben Norton has been appointed as the first minister for the new Kingswood Estate, and the Revd Trisha Wick has been appointed as the first pioneer minister on the Longhill Estate. Ben is currently Pioneer Minister at St Cuthbert's, Marton in Cleveland, and Trisha has just returned from ministry in South Sudan with the Church Mission Society.

Ben Norton was ordained as a Pioneer Minister in 2007, was curate at Emmanuel Church, Bridlington from 2007 to 2012, when he moved to Marton in Cleveland. During his time in Bridlington, Ben created Fresh Expressions of church including XY Church, a lads' church that met in a pub, St Max's church, and the Beach Hut Advent Calendar on the seafront in December. When Ben moved to Marton in Cleveland, Ben drew on his past career as a hairdresser, and worked every Monday at Jargon hairdressers in Coulby Newham as a way to get to

know people in the area.

The Revd Ben Norton said, "Starting in September, I will be taking up the role as Pioneer Minister for Kingswood in Hull. I am looking forward to this for many different reasons, but especially because I will have the privilege of serving the people in the City of my heritage. I was born in Hull, as were my wife and my children, and I am proud that I can once again call it home.

"The role that the Diocese of York have created in Kingswood is one of great vision and in many ways one of great risk. My hope and dream for this role is that it will allow people living in and around Kingswood to find a safe space to explore their own faith journey and that as a result of this Fresh Expressions of church will begin to develop."

Trisha was ordained as a Deacon in 1987 and a Priest in 1994, and moved to Hull in 1991 where she started the church on Victoria Dock. While in Hull she was also part time

Chaplain at Dove House Hospice and Chaplain to the Lord Mayor for a year. From 1998 to 2015 Trisha was a Mission Partner with the Church Mission Society and served in South Sudan, where she was involved in theological education and training.

The Revd Trisha Wick said, "I am delighted to have been appointed as Pioneer Minister for Longhill in Hull, where a new and different phase of ministry is beginning. I will be exploring how to develop church in a new way on Longhill and I am excited to see what will emerge. I will be involved in the management of the Community Centre at St Margaret's but most of my time will be spent out in the community getting to know people, sharing in the ups and downs of life in the Longhill community and discerning what is God's plan for this new

phase of ministry. I am so happy to be returning to Hull and look forward to making new friends and renewing old ones. Hull is buzzing with life, God is at work and I look forward to sharing in this."

The Archdeacon of the East Riding, the Ven. Andy Broom said, "I'm really excited that Trisha and Ben will be coming to Hull to start new types of church in Longhill and Kingswood. In both of these estates, there are no traditional church buildings, but Ben and Trish will build up teams to work with and start a congregation. That could be in a pub or café - who knows! We believe that God loves everyone who lives in Longhill and Kingswood, and Trisha and Ben are just the right people to share God's love with the communities."

Archbishop's Diocesan Pilgrimage of Prayer and Blessing

Archbishop Sentamu is to embark on a Pilgrimage of Prayer and Blessing throughout the Diocese of York starting on Advent Sunday (29 November 2015) and finishing on Trinity Sunday (22 May 2016).

Archbishop Sentamu said: "My prayers have led me to consider such a pilgrimage. St Aidan and St Cuthbert in their time told the people of the north the good news of Jesus Christ. Praying for others who come to know Christ is a great privilege and a joy. During this pilgrimage, I would like to encourage everyone who I meet to commit

themselves afresh to pray in whatever shape this brings and for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

The Archbishop is to spend six days including a Sunday in each of the 21 Deaneries starting in Archdeaconry of Cleveland, followed by the Archdeaconry of the East Riding, and finishing in the Archdeaconry of York.

More details on the Pilgrimage of Prayer and Blessing will be added to the Diocese of York and the Archbishop's websites nearer the time.

Join us on the road to Paris

Schools, churches and individuals are being encouraged to show their support for a 250-mile pilgrimage from London to Paris aimed at encouraging world leaders to agree a fair, ambitious and legally binding deal at the United Nations Climate Change Conference.

The Church of England is launching the pilgrimage to Paris with an invitation to participate by walking some or all of the route, cheer on pilgrims as they pass by schools or other local centres, or by holding 'mini-pilgrimages' in local communities and prayer vigils for the success of the talks.

The pilgrimage will begin at St Martin-in-the-Fields in central London on 13 November and finish in the French capital on 27 November as negotiators from more than 190 nations gather for the start of the talks.

The pilgrims will hand in campaign petitions to Christiana Figueres, executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on November 28 before joining an interfaith gathering and a mass mobilisation of prayer in Paris.

The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury and the Church of England's lead bishop on the environment, said, "It is really important we join the journey – and



we can do it in all sorts of ways, either by taking part in all or part of the pilgrimage, or by gathering people to pray within our own communities.

"Through our prayers and our pilgrimage we are strengthening and encouraging those taking part in the Paris talks to reach fair, accountable and firm commitments which will change the way we act and move us towards a low carbon economy."

The group will be joining Christians around the world taking part in pilgrimages to raise awareness of the talks. The pilgrimage also has the backing of major aid agencies, Christian Aid, Tearfund and CAFOD.

It comes after the General Synod, the Church of England's national assembly, last month overwhelmingly backed calls for urgent action to tackle climate change, acknowledging that global warming is already hitting the poorest of the world the hardest.

For more information and to sign up for the pilgrimage to Paris, visit www.pilgrimage2paris.org.uk.

Baked Alaska - time to change the temperature

Riding Lights Theatre Company comes to York to serve up a sharp and deliciously comic slice of Baked Alaska - bringing interconnecting stories of the wild and unpredictable effects of climate change from the four corners of the earth.

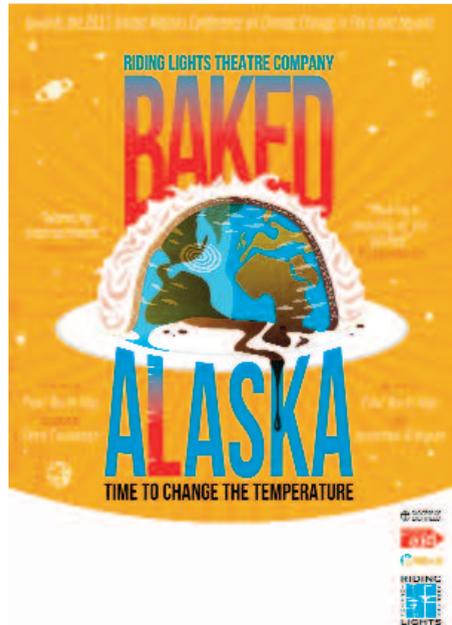
Scientists, farmers, oil magnates, climate warriors, prophets, mothers, journalists and others just like you and me - we're all in the mix and hungry for a recipe of hope. In the struggle over power, some sound the warming bell, some blow hot and cold, while others make a pudding of the planet.

In the 'seriously funny' style for which Riding Lights is well known, Baked Alaska presents the reality of climate change like you've never heard it before, in a show fizzing with music and wit.

Baked Alaska will be on Tuesday 15th September and Wednesday 16th September, 7.30pm, at Friargate Theatre, York. Box Office: 01904 613000 Tickets: £12/£9 (concs)

We'd like to encourage young people to engage with issues surrounding climate change - groups of 8+ under 18s tickets £7.50 per person

The show is presented in partnership with Christian Aid, Operation Noah and the Diocese of Litchfield, hoping to raise a compassionate voice in the



run-up to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Paris this December.

Ann Burden of Christian Aid commented: "This year is a crucial one, ahead of the Paris summit in December. Climate change hits the poorest the hardest. We'd like to encourage everyone to get involved, raise concerns with local MPs and be part of the answer. "

For more information and a full tour schedule visit www.ridinglights.org/baked-alaska

York School of Ministry

As part of the Diocese's training opportunities, the York School of Ministry offers courses for lay and ordained ministries that are biblically based and mission-focused.

YSOM provides ministerial formation rooted in both sound theological learning and practical ministerial experience in local churches and mission contexts, so that people are equipped for ministry in the contemporary world.

The York School of Ministry is based at the Diocesan Office in York, but courses take place across the Diocese, focused on three hubs at York, Beverley and Middlesbrough.

The staff team at YSOM are also drawn from across the diocese, both lay and ordained, bringing together a wealth of experience and expertise in ministry and theological study. From a wide range of backgrounds, socially, educationally and in tradition, we share a passion and a vision to help equip Christian disciples, men and women, to fulfil the calling that God has given them.

The logo for the York School of Ministry features the words "YORK SCHOOL of MINISTRY" in a stylized font. The letters "Y", "O", "R", and "K" are large and spaced out, with small decorative diamonds between them. Below them, "SCHOOL of" is in a smaller font, and "MINISTRY" is in a larger font. The entire logo is set against a light, circular glow.

Three courses will be run in the Autumn 2015 term: Studying the Old Testament, What we Believe About the Bible, and What we believe and why it matters. For more information on these, and how you can study with YSOM, visit www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/ysom

Lynn Comer, Director of the York School of Ministry and Director of Reader Studies

Clergy cloak - free to a good home

Free, to a good home: a wool worsted black clergy cloak by Wippells, high quality cloth, in excellent condition, would suit a 6ft tall person. Please contact the Revd John Wardle on 01262 400127 or jawardle27@btinternet.com

Ride+Stride

Taking place on Saturday 12th September 2015, Ride+Stride is a sponsored event in which people from all over the country raise much needed funds for their local churches.

Make 2015 the year you get involve, whether its as a church, opening your doors, or as an individual visiting other churches.

Bear Grylls, Adventurer, Writer and Chief Scout said, "Many historic churches, chapels and meeting houses are battling to survive. Roofs leak, ancient timbers rot and

medieval stonework crumbles.

"Now you can help by joining the Ride + Stride adventure. A sponsored drive, bike ride or walk, discovering beautiful churches, which also raises money for their repair and preservation."

All proceeds are split between the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choice. For further details, including pre-planned routes and sponsorship forms, visit www.yhct.org.uk/get-involved, or call Vanessa White on 07786 656883.

Les Slow does LEJoG

The Revd Les Slow, 68, from Pocklington, has ridden the length of Great Britain in 11 days to raise £8,000 for Young People Count and the Joshua Project. That's 940 miles, 46,700 feet ascent, 84 hours of cycling – all in 11 days.

Les said, "When I decided that I was going to join the 940 mile ride from Land's End to John o' Groats last autumn I got a variety of reactions. Many friends were concerned for my sanity and safety though one did tell me that they knew I would do it all.

"Three weeks on, the wounds have healed and I am still half a stone lighter. Together we raised over



£8,000. Half of my £2,600 goes to "Young People Count" here in Pocklington; the rest goes to the Joshua Project in Bradford run by Rich and his team. Thanks to all those who supported me in anyway especially my long-suffering and very dear wife."

Congratulations Les!

What's On

Tues 1 Sept - Selby Abbey Free Concert, Organist John Scott Whiteley, 12.30pm.

Weds 2 – Fri 4 Sept - Belfrey Youth Fest, The Storehouse, Mansfield St, York. This 3 day event from St Michael le Belfrey is for young people aged 11 -18yrs and is designed to empower those who are passionate about their faith in Jesus and equip them to be a positive influence in the world. The Storehouse on Mansfield St will become a temporary showground where we will camp, eat and grow together with times of great teaching and worship. www.belfreyyouth.org or contact Lee Kirkby leekirkby@belfrey.org.

Fri 4 & Sat 5 Sept - Tubular Bells For Two, Holy Trinity Hull. A groundbreaking reworking by just two musicians of Mike Oldfield's multi-layered, 20-instrument masterpiece by Australian musicians Daniel Holdsworth and Aidan Roberts. Tickets are available at www.hullboxoffice.co.uk priced at £17 and £15 for concessions.

Sat 5 Sept - "One Off Brass", Howden Minster, 7.30pm. With Conductor Ian Wileman, vocalists Gillian Sorrie and Brian Hillson, poetry is by Jenny Woods. Admission is £7.50 (£5 concessions, U-16 free-of-charge).

Weds 9 Sept - A Season of Invitation Training. See page 3.

Fri 11 – Sun 13 Sept - Heritage weekend, St. Oswald's Flamborough. Come and meet Sir Marmaduke Constable - Knight of Flamborough. On Friday there will be short talks about Sir Marmaduke between 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. On Sunday there will be short talks between 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm.

Sat 12 Sept - "Ride+Stride". See page 9.

Sat 12 Sept - 'Conversations' - Ancient Wisdom for Modern Life, with Sr Janet Elizabeth OHP, at St Mary's Priory Community Centre, Malton, 10am – 12.30pm. 'Conversations' are the monthly gatherings at Old Malton Priory for exploration of different aspects of Christian Spirituality.

Tues 15 & Weds 16 Sept - Baked Alaska, Friargate Theatre, York. See page 7.

Tues 15 – Weds 17 Sept - Creative Arts Retreat, Wydale Hall. We will explore prayer through learning to observe and see the world around us through icons, paintings, poetry and prose. There will be opportunities to use your own paints or camera and to write prose or poetry to capture and record what you have seen and discovered. Contact 01723 859270, admin@wydale.org or visit www.wydale.org.

Weds 17 Sept - Stamford Bridge Singers "Open Rehearsal" at Stamford Bridge Junior School, 7.30pm. Do you enjoy singing? Why not join us? We are a very friendly group of singers of all ages and from all walks of life who meet together every Thursday evening in term-time to sing a wide range of music - recruiting now!

Mon 21 - Fri 25 Sept - Autumn Break at Wydale Hall. Autumn is a wonderful time of year to visit Wydale Hall and the grounds are bathed in the beautiful colours of autumn. It's up to you how you spend your time on this break but you will meet friends old and new in this peaceful haven in the heart of North Yorkshire. Contact 01723 859270, admin@wydale.org or visit www.wydale.org.

Tues 22 Sept - Quiet Day - Who Do You Think You Are? Wydale Hall. Discovering answers in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians and in Taize songs and prayers, the Revd Adam Reed, vicar of Saltburn and New Marske will lead us through the day. Contact 01723 859270, admin@wydale.org or visit www.wydale.org.

Starting Mon 28 Sept - Bible Extra - Food supplements for hungry Christians! Cherry Burton Church Hall. This Bible Extra series "Studies in Galatians" will be led by the Revd Richard Bentley, Minister of Bodmin Road Church, Hull. This series is on Monday evenings from 28 Sept to 19 Oct from 7.30 pm to 9.15 pm. For further information please contact 01482 842035 or campion@campion.karoo.co.uk.

Sharing the Journey of Faith

The Endsleigh Ecumenical Spirituality Team are running a series of evenings: Sharing the Journey of Faith - Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment. These sessions will be run on 14 Wednesday Evenings plus 2 Saturdays between September 2015 and March 2016 at St Alban's Church, Hull.

The Course first ran in 2014-2015 at the Endsleigh Conference Centre. An Ecumenical mix of 18 women and men started and successfully completed the Course. It aims to lay the foundations, encourage and support those who may feel called to

accompany others in the faith journey.

The course includes:

- Looking at Models of Faith Accompaniment
- Exploring the Importance of Story
- Personality and Spirituality
- Images of God
- Who is Jesus for Us?
- Scripture and Faith Accompaniment

For more information, or to book a place, please contact Mary McCollum on 07780 733530 or mary_catherine63@yahoo.co.uk

On the move

The Revd Dr Lynn Grove, (SSM Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale), has been re-appointed as SSM Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale from 16 August 2015 for a period of two years.

The Revd Benjamin James Norton, (Assistant Curate, Marton in Cleveland) has been appointed as Leader of the Kingswood Bishop's Mission Order. Mr Norton will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull on Tuesday 20 October at 7.30pm.

The Revd Norma Ruoman Rao, (Rector, St Michael's, Rossington) has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of West Acklam. Ms Rao will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby in the Parish Church of St Mary's, West Acklam on Saturday 17 October at 5pm.

The Revd Peter David Watson, Vicar of the Benefice of Brayton, has been appointed additionally Adviser for IME Phase 2 in the York Archdeaconry and will take on this role with immediate effect.

The Revd Canon Patricia Wick, who has the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of York, has been appointed as Pioneer Minister to the Longhill Estate in East Hull.

The Revd Philip Julian Frank Goodey, (Team Rector of the Drypool Team Ministry), has resigned to be Vicar of the Benefice of Boughton Monchelsea, Kent in the Diocese of Canterbury. The date of his final service will be Sunday 20 September at St Columba, Drypool.

The Revd Marion Wright, (Assistant Curate, SSM, of Scalby), has resigned.

John Harris-Douglas RIP

It is with regret that we announce the death of the Revd John Harris-Douglas, on Friday 3 July. Mr Harris-Douglas was Vicar of Brafferton with Pilmoor and Myton on Swaledale from 1979 until his retirement in 1997 and who held the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate thereafter. Mr Harris-Douglas was aged 81 and is survived by his wife Gillian.

Diocese of York News September 2015

Editor: Eleanor Course, Diocesan Communications Officer, Diocesan House, Aviator Court, Clifton Moor, York YO30 4WJ. Tel 01904 699530, Email eleanor.course@yorkdiocese.org

Deadline to include items in the October issue is Monday 28 August.

The Diocese of York News may be copied for use in Parish Magazines etc, and may be downloaded as a pdf file from www.dioceseofyork.org.uk.

Contact Eleanor Course as above to receive an e-mailed download link for each new issue.