

Diocese of York Newsletter

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The Gospel of John on BBC Two this Easter



BBC Two will be showing the Gospel of John in three parts this Easter. Produced by the Lumo Project, this programme is part of a bigger project to create four feature-length films – one for each Gospel account – that tell the story of Jesus using the Gospel texts as script.

Hannah Leader, Producer of the Lumo Project said, “We use the very latest historical research to recreate Palestine of the First Century as authentically as possible. We break with the stereotypical tradition of a westernised Jesus and his life story

and present it as it really was 2000 years ago.

“Never before has a public broadcaster shown a complete Gospel on film. For many, it will be the first time they have experienced the telling of the gospel story word for word.”

To coincide with and support this landmark broadcast, the Lumo Project have created resources for churches and schools. Find out more at www.lumoproject.com, and check TV listings for programme times.

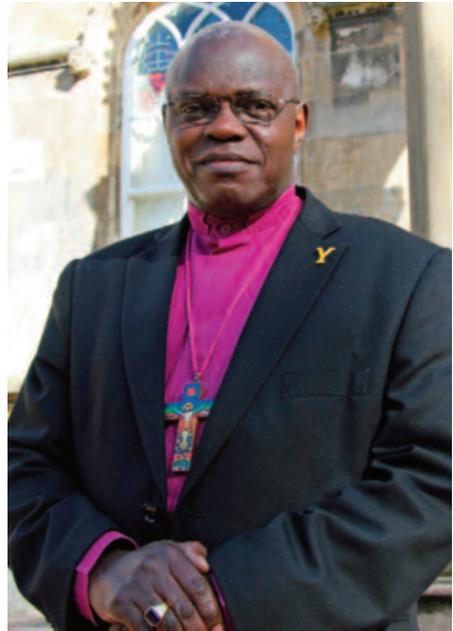
The Promise of Hope

Hope as described in the Bible is not a vague wondering about what might happen next. It is the anticipation of a future which is certain. As Jim Wallis says, “Hope is believing in spite of the evidence and watching the evidence change”. For faith is a permanent invitation to live beyond every hope (Hebrews 11:1).

The House of Bishops pastoral letter on the 2015 General Election has encouraged church members to engage in the political process ahead of the General Election; to put aside self-interest and vote for the common good. We hold out the hope of a better future for us in the politicians we elect to act on our behalf.

Recently, I preached at the International Celebration of Archbishop Janani Luwum held in his home village at Wii Gweng, Mucwini, in Uganda. Archbishop Luwum was a great friend, a determined shepherd and a remarkable leader. When I finished my degree in theology, I was hoping to return to Uganda and work alongside him. Sadly Janani was brutally murdered by Idi Amin and I was advised it would end in death if I returned to Uganda.

Archbishop Janani knew the risks that he was taking in protesting against the violence and injustice of Amin’s regime, but his certainty in the hope of resurrection gave him



the courage to resist oppression. Knowing that he was in personal danger through his actions he said, *‘I live as though there will be no tomorrow...While the opportunity is there, I preach the Gospel with all my might, and my conscience is clear before God.’*

As we prepare to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ – his conquest over evil, sin and death – we are reminded that there is nothing that is beyond the power of God to make things new. Even death has been conquered. And where Jesus has gone, we follow the trail he has blazed for us. His resurrection will one day be our resurrection. In this certainty lies our hope.

Because we have this hope, life can never be the same again. Janani's love of Christ should inspire us all to live out the Good News of God in Jesus Christ in our lives.

Throughout history Christians have stood firm in the face of oppression and violence confident that in doing so they are following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Thankfully we do not live in a country where our obedient following of Jesus Christ will put our own lives in danger. Yet each of us will face challenges as we seek to follow Jesus Christ in our daily lives, challenges that may tempt us to doubt or deny the reality of

Jesus abiding in us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

With the writer to the Hebrews 12.1-2, may I encourage us to '*run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*'

We are an Easter People and 'Hallelujah' is our song!

+Sentamu Eboracensis

5000 Acts 435 Gifts

Acts 435, Archbishop Sentamu's online giving charity, has announced that its 5,000th request has been granted.

The charity puts the increase in donations down to the #anothergift campaign it ran over Christmas, inviting churches, schools and community groups to stretch their budgets to buy 'one more gift', for someone in need. Acts435 encouraged support for people in desperate need of items such as a cooker, emergency repair work or help with food or clothing.

Jenny Herrera, Acts 435 Executive Director said: "I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the generosity of Acts 435 donors and delighted that we have been able to

help people in need. To be able to meet our 5000th request is a wonderful gift for us as a charity and I would like to say a huge thank you to those who have helped to make a difference for others through us. Thank you".

The Archbishop of York said: "The remarkable thing is – in meeting other people's basic human needs we ourselves are blessed – for we meet Jesus in others, and that changes the way we see things. In fact it changes the way we see others too! It's fantastic that Acts 435 is helping individuals to do just that".

For more information about #anothergift or Acts435, please visit: www.acts435.org.uk.

Twelve24: multiplying the love



Normal RE lessons don't start with beatboxing. But then, this isn't a normal RE lesson. Manchester-based band Twelve24 are spending the morning at Archbishop Sentamu Academy in East Hull, taking RE lessons for years 7, 8, and 9, and returning to perform a gig in the evening. The atmosphere in the school's theatre is electric. Fourteen year-old boys are dancing, girls are giggling, and the whole year group is listening to Twelve24's Christian message.

Twelve24 are made up of Ryan Griggs, Christina Otoo-Anakwa, and Josh Green. Ryan, originally from the USA says, "We've been working in schools for six years now, working with [Christian charity] The Message Trust. We come in for a day, do some lessons, and finish with a concert. We're challenging kids to take faith seriously. We're not saying anything different from regular churches, but we're doing it in a way that helps young people to get the message."

Christina tells the story of the band's

beginnings. "We all met at a Message Trust Academy in 2007. I wanted to develop my musical gifts and get deeper into the Bible, so I signed up for three months of youth work training at The Message Trust. Josh, Ryan and I didn't know each other at the beginning of the course, but by the end we knew we had something together and we could do something musically. The Trust said we could stay on for another six months as part of Hope '08, and then eventually invited us to stay on permanently. We didn't imagine how it would turn out; it just took off and blew us all away."

The band were invited to Archbishop Sentamu Academy by Laura Jones and Anna Moorhouse of the Eden Preston Road team. Laura said, "The Eden Network is also part of The Message Trust, so Twelve24 are like family. We share the same DNA for mission and young people. The Eden Team and the Academy's Chaplain are there to follow up on Twelve24's visit, as we work with the young people day in and day out."

As well as making a great connection with the students at the Academy the band's music is first class, blending dub-step, dance and old school rave. Josh says, "We want to carry on what we're doing in schools, but we're getting more interest in our music as well. Our new video is being played on MTV in America, and we're starting to get more mainstream interest in us as a band." Ryan agrees: "We're starting to push the music career of the band now as well as the schools work. Our influence can fade away once we've left the school, but if they're listening to our music, the messages will stay with them. A lot of what we talk about is identity and self-esteem - if people keep telling you you're worthless over and over again, you start to believe it."

This message of being valued is at the core of Twelve24's lesson for the year 9s. Guest speaker Mo offers one of the students the chance to win £20. The lucky winner comes to the front to collect his note, but Mo screws it up. "Do you still want that?" he asks. The boy nods. "Why?" carries on Mo: "Because it's got value". He goes on to throw the note on the floor, and stamp on it. Does the winner still want his £20? Of course he does. Mo explains his message: "That can happen to you. Life, or your own bad decisions, can screw you up, throw you to the floor and stamp on you. But you still have value." Mo shares with the group how he came to understand that we

have value because of God's unconditional love for us, despite bad decisions that led him to taking drugs and joining a gang while still in his teens. The whole of the year group are silent, listening to every word.

Twelve24 finish the session with another song. They'll be back in the evening to perform a gig for the school, playing songs that share the Gospel message with the students. But the band know that it's the Christian ethos of Archbishop Sentamu Academy, fulfilled by Principal Andrew Chubb, Chaplain Anne Richards and Eden Team members Anna Moorhouse and Laura Jones, that makes all this possible. "The Christian ethos runs right through this school" says Josh. "We do the exciting stuff, but without the Christian investment in the school, our messages wouldn't stick".



Sweaty Church



You've probably heard of Messy Church... but what's Sweaty Church?

Sweaty Church is a vibrant monthly service held at St Paul's Church, Holgate for children aged 8-12. Like Messy Church, the kids learn about the Christian faith by 'doing', but the vision for Sweaty Church was for it to be built around sports, games, and activities like camping and orienteering.

Ian Mayhew, who leads Sweaty Church, says that the services are more about getting the kids on their feet rather than sitting and listening. He says, "We introduce a theme like humility, and then we have the kids exercise humility through a game or drama or illustration, so they're learning as they're playing. The lessons are quite straightforward in

the sense that they're simple, biblical values that the kids are able to put into practice there and then.

"We also do a carousel of activities in about 4-6 teams. Some have a prayer element, some have a bible element, and some have a practical element, but it's all active and engaging."

After the hustle and bustle of sports and games, the kids settle down for a time of reflection, in which the leaders get them to talk about what they've learned. Having been drawing children in for well over three years now, Sweaty Church is proving to be a very popular and relevant way to do church. As well as the main monthly service, there is also a 45-minute weekly Wednesday service, which has been attracting dozens of families.

What's more, the positive influence the services are having on the kids is resulting in many of them becoming junior leaders. Ian says, "I want the children that come through Sweaty Church to learn how to carry themselves, manage anger and compete humbly, and we're teaching them how to do these things from a Christian perspective".

Not only are the services attracting dozens of kids, but they're also getting parents coming along who have little in the way of faith. Ian says, "When the kids split for food and drink, the parents go to a café area where they talk about the theme and start to ask questions.

"Many of the parents aren't Christians, so in a way there's always an opportunity for testimony and some things for them to think through, some biblical values. They seem to be fascinated by the stuff that goes on, so we hope that they see that the Bible has a lot of application in it for them whether or not they're committed followers of Jesus."

To find out if Sweaty Church could be run in your church, visit <https://sweatychurch.wordpress.com> or email admin@sweatychurch.co.uk

Holly Grant



Making Way: Labyrinths and Sacred Moments

Praxis Yorkshire and Wakefield Cathedral invite you to a day of walking and praying the labyrinth in and around Wakefield Cathedral and sharing ideas of creating sacred moments, on Saturday 25 April from 10.30am to 3.30 pm.

Sharing resources around the labyrinth, workshops will include making our own labyrinths outside and within restricted spaces. If the forecast isn't too great, please bring a rain-coat or brolly for the outside work. Leave with a labyrinth to go!

Speakers include Andi Hofbauer, Canon Precentor, together with other staff of Wakefield Cathedral,



and Helen Bent, Bishop's Adviser in Music and Worship, Sheffield Diocese.

The cost of the day including a light lunch is £15.00 per person. To book a place contact 01709 363850 or helen@thebents.co.uk. Find out more at www.praxisworship.org.uk.

Rest In Peace

It is with regret that we report the deaths of the Revd Philip Ives Addison, the Revd Dr Quentin Wilson, and the Revd Canon Robert Gibson,

The Revd Canon Robert Gibson, who lived and served in the Diocese including time as Rector and Rural Dean of Guisborough, died on 11 February. Canon Gibson was 88 and is survived by his wife Mary and their four children.

The Revd Dr Quentin Wilson, former Priest in Charge of St Mary's, Old Malton and Rural Dean of Southern Ryedale, died on Monday 16 February at St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough. Dr Wilson is survived by his wife Anne.

The Revd Philip Ives Addison, who held the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate, died on 16 February 2015. Mr Addison was 85; predeceased by his wife Bridget, he is survived by their four children.

On the move

The Revd Julian Blakeley, (Team Rector, Eston with Normanby Team Ministry) has been re-appointed as Team Rector of the Benefice of Eston with Normanby Team Ministry.

The Revd Martin Charles Doe (Senior Chaplain, Scarborough Hospital, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) has been appointed as Senior Chaplain, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The Revd Margaret Helen Ellison, (PTO), has been appointed as Assistant Curate (SSM) of the Benefice of the Stamford Bridge Group of Parishes with particular responsibility for the parish of Scrayingham.

The Revd Martin Otter, (Assistant Curate SSM of the Benefice of Sherburn-in-Elmet with Saxton), has been appointed as Assistant Curate (part-time stipendiary) of the Benefice of Sherburn-in-Elmet with Saxton and the Benefice of Aberford with Micklefield.

The Revd Simon Jonathan Smale, (Assistant Curate, Bempton with Flamborough, Reighton with Speeton (Headland Benefice) and Minister in Charge of St Max's Fresh Expression of Church, Bridlington) has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of Fylingdales and Hawkser cum Stainsacre (0.5 FTE) with additional deanery responsibilities.

The Revd Jacqueline Anne (Jacki) Tonkin, has been re-appointed as Assistant Curate (SSM) of the Benefices of Langtoft with Foxholes, Butterwick, Cottam and Thwing, and Great and Little Driffeld.

The Revd Canon David W Smith, (Team Rector, Whitby with Ruswarp), is retiring with effect from 14 May 2015.

The Revd Richard James Edward Major, (Vicar, Bilton in Holderness), has resigned be Rector of the Woodhall Spa Group in the Diocese of Lincoln.

The Revd Jeffrey William Rowland Hattan, (Vicar, Hunmanby with Muston), is retiring with effect from 30 April 2015.

The Revd Captain Stuart Petty (Senior Chaplain, York Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) has resigned to be Assistant Chaplain, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, New Cross Hospital in the Diocese of Lichfield.

The Revd Thomas David Putt, (Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Kirk Ella and Willerby), has resigned to be Associate Minister of St John's Church, Yeovil and Chaplain on Yeovil FE College in the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Archbishop has granted Permission to Officiate in the Benefice of Yarm to the Revd William Barnes of Redcar.

What's On

Wed 1 – Tues 7 Apr - Easter House Party, Holy Rood House, Thirsk. Visit www.holyroodhouse.org.uk or contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk for details.

Thurs 2 - Tues 7 Apr - Easter Break at Wydale Hall. You're invited to Wydale Hall's Easter Break for services, walks, egg hunt, Easter bonnets, quiz and great food in the company of Friends. Come and join the party! Visit www.wydale.org, or contact 01723 859270 or retreat@wydale.org.

Thurs 2 Apr - Service of Blessing Of Oils And Renewal Of Ordination Vows, York Minster, 11am. The Archbishop invites all Clergy and Readers to the Service of Blessing of Oils and Renewal of Ordination Vows: the Archbishop will be presiding and the Bishop of Whitby will be preaching. All Clergy are asked to robe and wear white stoles or choir dress. Readers are also invited to robe.

Fri 3 Apr – Good Friday.

Sat 4 – Mon 6 Apr - Flower Festival, St Oswald's Church, Flamborough. Come and look at the flowers in the church, then visit the church hall for a raffle and tombola, also second-hand books, bric a brac and refreshments for sale. Come and browse between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

Sun 5 Apr – Easter Sunday. Christ is Risen!

Sat 18 Apr - Quiet Day at Wydale Hall - Where Were You? Where Are You? Where in God's Name Are You Going? Using poetry, art, music and humour, the day will be a reflective exploration of how the past has made us who we are; an opportunity to reflect on who we are now, and a prophetic look at where we are going (or being called). The cost is £25 - including refreshments and a hot and cold buffet lunch. Visit www.wydale.org, or contact 01723 859270 or retreat@wydale.org.

Weds 22 Apr - Working Together For Rural Health, Askham Bryan College, York. This is a morning event to improve wellbeing and mental health, with rural health practitioners and rural voluntary organisations. Speakers include: Professor Steve Robertson, Professor and Co-Director Centre for Men's Health at Leeds Beckett University; Howard Petch CBE, Farming Help Charities and case studies speaker from a mental health support charity; Andrea Hobbs, CO Hambleton & Richmond Carers; Lorraine Bone, Clinical lead for Community Services in Hambleton & Richmondshire locality. Registration is essential for so please contact Kate Dale on kated@yas.co.uk or 07912 495604

Sat 25 Apr - Praxis Yorkshire
"Making Way: Labyrinths and Sacred Moments" Wakefield Cathedral. See page 8.

Sat 25 Apr - Care in the Community Exhibition, Benefice of the Forest of Galtres, Sheriff Hutton Village Hall. Day Exhibition as an advice resource for carers, their families and potential carers who might welcome informal advice on their current or future needs of older people. Contact Roy Thompson for more information on 01347 878644 or thompsonroy5@gmail.com.

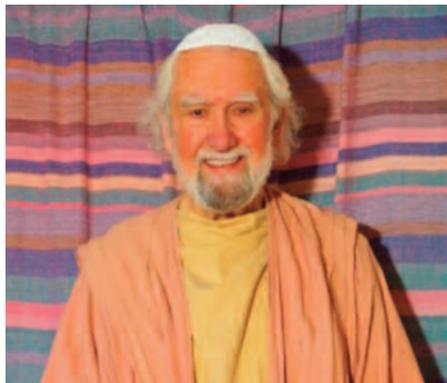
Tues 28 Apr – Pastoral Care/ SPIDIR Day at St Bede's Pastoral Centre, York - Discipline, artistry and a little foolishness – sustaining ourselves spiritually in ministry. A day for clergy, readers and all in ministry and those giving spiritual direction to people in ministry, led by Andrew Walker, an Anglican priest, spiritual director and psychosynthesis trained counsellor and supervisor. With all the pressures and “stuff” to do in ministry how to we keep alive our desire for God? How do we find time to pray? How do we nurture the resources God has given us? Book a place by contacting Cathy Lane on training @yorkdiocese.org or 01904 699504.

The Eight Day Mark

Actor John D Slater will performing the Gospel of Mark in eight days, travelling from Withernsea to Whitby - could your church host a performance? Bridlington based Bijou Enterprises is staging this remarkable feat from Sunday 5th to Sunday 12th July, visiting sixteen locations along the Yorkshire coast.

Chris Scruton of Bijou Productions said, "The Gospel according to Mark, of all the gospels, comes across as a story telling narrative – the storyteller being Mark The Evangelist himself. and lends itself well to this event. Our project seeks to emulate the idea of a travelling story teller, as it is considered that Mark was - exchanging the coast of Syria for the coast of Yorkshire."

If your church could host a performance, please contact Bijou Enterprises on 01262 601456 or bijou.enterprises44@gmail.com. There is no charge for involvement in this project; churches/organisations, at their discretion, are welcome to take up freewill offerings at the presentations.



Pilgrimages

Three pilgrimages from the Diocese are now taking bookings.

York Minster Pilgrimage Group invites you to join their Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Isles, on the Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland, from 15th to 19th June 2015. The Cathedral of the Isles was built in 1851, and is the smallest cathedral in Europe. It offers excellent accommodation, and is well-known for its hospitality and good wholesome food. The Pilgrimage will be led by the Revd Canon Edwin Newlyn and Margaret Clegg. The cost, including travel to and from York, with full board from Monday to Friday is £380. For further information contact Jo Holland on 01904 470519 or Margaret Clegg on 01904 448735.

The Revd Sue Rushton, from York, is leading a pilgrimage journey “In the steps of St Paul through Greece” from 11th - 20th May 2016. The pilgrimage will follow St. Paul from his landing in Neapolis (Kavalla today) near Philippi, south via Thessalonica, to Athens and Corinth (Acts 16, 17 and 18). Visits include Greek Orthodox churches and monasteries with the opportunity to

learn something of this very ancient branch of our faith. There's more information at www.mccabe-travel.co.uk or contact Sue on susan.rushton@onetel.net or 01904 410363.

St Andrews Church Pilgrimage Group, from York, invites you to join their Pilgrimage entitled “Entering God’s Rest”. The Pilgrimage will visit Iona, led by Margaret Sentamu and the Revd Joyce Watson, from 3rd to 10th September 2016. The retreat will consist of worship, talks, a conducted pilgrimage on the island of Iona visiting the places connected with St Columba, as well as free time to enjoy the island.

The theme, ‘Entering God’s Rest’, will explore how in this age of franticness and busy-ness we can take time out, take a ‘rain check’ of our walk with God and find a way of resting in him “whom we have found, who loves us, who is near to us, who comes to us to draw us to himself” (Thomas Merton on Contemplative prayer). For further details contact Tony Berry on 01904 709604 or Jo Holland on 01904 470519.

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