

Diocese of York Newsletter

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October 2015

Bishop Alison: Cleveland Matters



The Rt Revd Alison White, Bishop of Hull, will be giving the second Cleveland Matters talk on Wednesday 21st October at 7pm at All Saints church, Helmsley. Bishop Alison will be speaking about “Telling God’s Story”.

Bishop Alison said, “My talk in Helmsley will be about who we are as people of God, and how we communicate that. We communicate things about God all the time, but I’d like to encourage us to be a bit more deliberate about

what it is that we want to communicate. Anglicans are very good at being nice to people and expecting them to guess why! We are part of God’s story – let’s be more aware of that story, and how we tell it to other people.”

No tickets are needed for Bishop Alison’s talk on Wednesday 21st October, and all are welcome to attend. The talk will be preceded by Evensong at 6pm and refreshments at 6.30pm.

Mystery Plays return to York Minster

York Minster is a treasure house of Christian faith expressed through the arts and craft. The 15th century great East window is currently being conserved and by March 2016 the stonework and much of the glass conservation will be complete. The window tells the story of the history and destiny of humanity, and in May 2016 we are bringing the York Mystery Plays back into York Minster.

The plays were created shortly before the East window and, like the work of the glaziers, tell the biblical story from creation to the last judgement. Both glass and art were treasured teaching aids in the century before the availability of the Bible in English or in a printed form. The plays were originally staged by the city's craft guilds, with each taking responsibility to stage a play whose narrative best reflected their own specialism or mystery. So the Shipwrights staged *The Flood*, the Butchers took on *The Crucifixion*.

The plays were banned at the Reformation but re-emerged 400 years later with a staging in 1951 as York's contribution to the Festival of Britain re-establishing the York tradition. The plays are still assumed to belong to the people of York and they have contributed their time, energy and skill to a range and variety of productions. Many of you will have experienced the wagon plays, or the Theatre Royal/Riding



Lights production in Museum Gardens in 2012 or indeed the Minster Millennium production in 2000.

Our plans for the 2016 production are ambitious. Mike Poulton, returning from Broadway, has updated the script he edited for 2000, the Minster's own Richard Shephard reprises his role as music director, and we have recruited Phillip Breen as Artistic Director and Max Jones as Designer who have collaborated at Theatr Clwyd, and the RSC and are in global demand. Nicola Corp who has long experience of managing complex major events for TV has already joined us as Producer. There will be just one professional. The rest is over to you.

So can you help to make this production? The question comes with a warning. If you want to take part the commitment will be considerable. We open, as was traditional, on the feast of Corpus Christi: Thursday 26th May. We close on Thursday 30th June. We will welcome an audience of over 40,000, many of whom will have little understanding of Christianity. This is our chance to work with world class artists and to be part of a community committed to telling our story of faith.

If you are able to make that commitment York Minster is now recruiting:

- Actors (of all ages) and
- Mystery Makers (to work back stage and front of house)

But there are also opportunities for:

- Sponsors (to top up the funding... we are nearly there but not quite)

And we will soon be recruiting:

- An audience (the Box Office opens in January).

If you would like to know more do email mysteryplays@yorkminster.org or phone 01904 557200, or visit www.yorkminster.org/mysteryplays2016.

*The Very Revd Vivienne Faull,
Dean of York*

Exploring Reader Ministry

You are invited to find out more about Reader ministry in the Diocese of York and to reflect on whether God is calling you to this ministry in his church, On Saturday 24th October from 10am to 12noon at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby.

There will be guidance about the selection process and training requirements, a presentation on Reader Ministry, opportunity to talk to Readers who are currently in training, and space to pray & Reflect

Readers are public, licensed ministers who play a full part in nurturing the people of God, both within and outside the church. Through teaching and preaching, pastoral work and in worship, they help people to make connections between the Christian faith and daily life.



For further information please contact: Wendy Shaw, PA to the Warden and YSOM Administrator, readers@yorkdiocese.org.

From Collection to Offering: Encouraging Generous Giving

As part of our Diocesan commitment to becoming Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples, we're holding three sessions on "From Collection To Offering - Encouraging Generous Giving", to help your church address giving, stewardship and generosity. We are pleased to welcome John Preston, the National Stewardship Officer as our guest speaker at these three events.

Whether you are a Vicar, Curate, Reader, Treasurer, Churchwarden, PCC member, or involved in Church Leadership in any other way there will be something here for you.



Topics will include:

- **Teaching and preaching about generosity**

Ways to encourage church members reflect the generosity of God

- **Beyond the collection plate**

Additional ways of growing income

- **Reimagining the offertory**

Practical ideas about moving from collection to offering

- **The Gift Aid treasure hunt**

Ways of maximising Gift Aid



- Monday 16 November at St Barnabas Church, Linthorpe, 7.30-9.30pm

- Tuesday 17 November at St Nicholas' Church, Beverley, 10am - 12noon

The sessions take place on:

- Monday 16 November at Stockton on the Forest Village Hall, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

To book a free place contact David Butterfield on 01904 557278 or archdeacondavid@yorkminster.org.

Christmas Starts... already!

Although it's still a few months away, it's time to start thinking about Christmas. Christmas is a great opportunity for churches to engage with their communities. The vast majority of our friends, family and neighbours will be celebrating Christmas in some way, so it's a natural time to invite people to church and help them understand a bit more about the story of Jesus.

To that end, Christmas Starts With Christ is a great way your church can communicate with people in your parish(es) to help them understand more about the real meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Starts With Christ is a national, ecumenical advertising campaign helping churches put the story of Christ's birth at the heart of Christmas. There are free posters, church packs, web banners and videos that your church can use to reach out to people in your area, all available from the website www.christmasstartswithchrist.com.

This year, we're also encouraging churches to club together to buy radio advertising space for the Christmas Starts With Christ radio ads. J Peter Wilson of the Christian Broadcasting Council (who lives in Bridlington) has worked out that the following three stations reach the most 15 - 34 year olds in our Diocese with 47% to 60% of them listening to these three stations. If

churches in these areas clubbed together and paid £77.50 each, the Christmas Starts With Christ radio ads could be broadcast 75 times (72 spots for Capital) evenly rotated across all the days and evenings from 11th to 25th December inclusive.

- Capital FM Yorkshire East – covers Hull, York & Selby. Needs 36 churches paying £77.50 each to cover advertising.
- Star Radio – covers Northallerton & Thirsk. Needs 4 churches paying £77.50 each to cover advertising.
- Yorkshire Coast Radio – covers Bridlington, Scarborough & Whitby. Needs 16 churches paying £77.50 each to cover advertising.

If your church could afford to do this, please talk to your Deanery or Churches Together colleagues to see if they could join in. If you would like more information, or if you would like Peter to talk about the benefits of the radio campaign, please contact Peter via email: peter.wilson@hnb.org.uk or call him at home on 01262 416266 or on 08448 112 610.

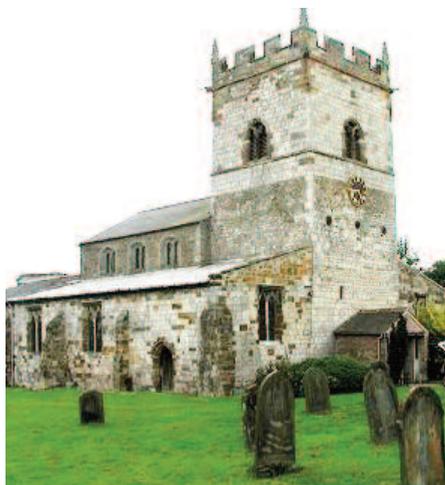
*Eleanor Course,
Communications Officer*

History Workshop

If your church attracts visitors or tourists, you are invited to a History Workshop at St Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton, on Saturday 3rd October from 10am to 4pm.

Roy Thompson, our Diocesan Tourism Officer, will be demonstrating how the church reaches out to visitors, allowing them to discover 900 years of development of the parish and the church building through the architecture and artifacts.

There will be optional workshop sessions on family history memorials, plate, churchyard, stained glass and furnishings. The whole day will give your church a template for tourism-related interpretation of their history.



Please register your interest by emailing thompsonroy5@gmail.com or telephone 01347 878644. The cost is £5 including drinks, but please bring your own lunch.

Dementia Inclusive Churches

St Peter's Norton invites you to a Dementia Inclusive Churches training day on Saturday 10th October.

This one-day event by Brightshadow is for anyone who is part of a church and wants to enable people with dementia and their carers to be part of a worshipping community.

The day will include sessions on dementia awareness and spirituality, making churches and services dementia-friendly, ideas to plan activities and specific dementia-

inclusive services, and supporting carers.

Creative Congregations will be delivered by the two directors of Brightshadow, a Christian social enterprise with over 6 years experience of working creatively with people with dementia to improve wellbeing.

The cost of the event is £25, for further information please contact Revd Rachel Hirst 01653 699222 rachel.hirst40@googlemail.com.

Prom Praise



Prom Praise, on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm at York Barbican, is a wonderful mix of sacred and concert music, a unique and joyful fusion of performance with worship, combining the spirit of “Songs of Praise” with the enthusiasm of the world-famous “Last Night of the Proms”.

Co-hosted by Archbishop Sentamu, York’s Prom Praise is a feast of orchestral, solo and choral items, with great opportunities for the audience to join in to sing some favourite hymns and worship songs.

Artists taking part include:

All Souls Orchestra

Famous worldwide for a unique voice in music, the orchestra returns to York Barbican with their flagship event.

Noël Tredinnick

The energetic principal conductor and artistic director of the All Souls Orchestra.

Beverley Trotman

After many years as lead singer in gospel choirs, dynamic gospel artist Beverley rose to fame when she reached the finals of The X-Factor, thrilling viewers with her rendition of Nina Simone’s ‘Feeling Good’.

Giles Fowler

Trumpeter Giles is an exceptional artist who has joined the Orchestra as soloist on many occasions and has been featured on several recordings. For this concert, Giles will be playing the lively virtuoso showpiece, Arban’s Carnival of Venice.

Prom Praise York Choir

Singers from all around the area will lead the PromPraise audience in song.

Ticket prices: £22.50, £19 & £17, including souvenir programme. To book your tickets call 0844 854 2727 visit www.yorkbarbican.co.uk or in person at York Barbican.

Harthill Deanery goes to Tribfest



Churchgoers from twenty-seven churches around the Driffield area abandoned their usual services on Sunday 23rd August to head to Tribfest.

Harthill Deanery took centre stage at Tribfest, the UK's biggest tribute band music festival, to hold their outdoor Sunday service in the grounds of Sledmere House.

Pat Fletcher of Harthill Deanery said, "This was the second year that this highly successful event was held, with churches throughout the Deanery joining together to celebrate communion. Not only did the sun shine but the Revelation Band from Hutton Cranswick played and the Waggoners Community Singers lead the congregation in some well-

known worship songs. This was followed by the Simon and Garfunkel tribute band and a picnic in the Walled Garden at Sledmere House.

"The service was led by the Rev Brian Lees and the Rev Jacki Tonkin spoke on the well-known passage about 'Wearing the whole armour of God'.

Not only was this a unique opportunity to worship whilst surrounded by wonderful countryside, but it was also a chance to share our faith with others. A simply wonderful day.

Thank you to all those involved and especially to the Tribfest organisers who, once again, allowed this service to go ahead."

Repair and Retreat at Wydale

What do you do if you have a spare few days in the middle of August? Well of course you come to Wydale Hall and help to maintain the Diocesan Retreat and Conference Centre! Well at least that's what 55 brave souls did from 12-16 August.

Volunteers ranged in age from 4 to late 70s. Some had never been to Wydale before and some had been coming since the late 1950s. All shared one thing in common – a willingness to serve and to be part of the community at Wydale and to work at bringing back to life some of the areas of the hall which have been looking a bit sad of late.

Each day started with Morning Prayer at 0830 which most people came to (getting increasingly bleary eyed as the week progressed). Then after breakfast (Chef Robert's porridge was, as ever, a great favourite) we spent time worshipping together before working from 10am to 1pm. The afternoons were free and in the evenings the Wydale bar was open and we had a series of fun nights – a quiz, the mandatory viewing of 'Bake-Off', a film showing ('Paddington' which we all loved) and we had a night of worship, celebration and prayer ministry led by the Revd Ben Doolan from York. We had prayer stations in the small chapel all week.

The work consisted of hundreds (literally) of jobs: painting, cleaning, varnishing, sorting, weeding, tree chopping, sweeping, brass cleaning,

IT work, administration and more. Highlights included the total sweeping of the tennis court (and restraining all the wood around it), the creation of a new garden which involved very skilled building work and dry stone walling and the sorting out of the basement including the ritual late-night burning by the General Manager of 30 years of accounts (after checking with the Finance Manager of course!)

We have been totally amazed and humbled by what happened at Retreat and Repair. From the outset we had been keen to catch up on maintenance and to utilise the enormous voluntary skillset which is to be found in churches across the Diocese (and beyond) but we had no idea that we would get so much done! But beyond the practical work we have built community. Wydale is striving to be A Prayerful Community Renewing the Church's Mission and Retreat and Repair has provided tangible evidence that this is beginning to happen. The community at Wydale is growing!

We hope to run Retreat and Repair again in 2016 and are always happy to welcome individual volunteers for days or weekends at any time. If you would like to be involved do contact us – 01723 859270, admin@wydale.org

Mark Rance, General Manager

What's On

Fri 2 – Sun 4 Oct - Flower Festival on the theme of "Creation", St Mary the Virgin Alne

Sat 3 Oct - Inspiring Children's Faith, Kings Church Beverley. A day of workshops with 2 keynote talks by Jon Steel, Children's and Youth Work Adviser for East Riding Archdeaconry. Workshops include Engaging Children in Reflective Prayer, Nurturing Faith and Open the Book. Contact Cathy on 07913 378148.

Sat 3 Oct - History Workshop, St Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton. See page 6.

Sat 3 Oct - In the Father's Hand, St Pauls, Holgate Road, York, 2pm – 4pm. Suitable for young people and adults with learning disabilities and complex needs, everyone is welcome to come, take part and enjoy being together with God.

Sat 3 Oct – Prom Praise, York. See page 7.

Sat 10 Oct - Dementia Inclusive Churches Training Day, St Peters Norton. See page 6.

Sat 10 Oct - 'Conversations' A Fruitful Life', Tony Horsfall, Old Malton Priory, 10.30 to 12pm. 'Conversations' is the title given to monthly gatherings at Old Malton Priory for exploration of different aspects of Christian Spirituality. Each session will be led by a visiting

speaker who will introduce and address a chosen subject before inviting conversation and discussion. Most sessions will include a time of prayer and space for personal reflection.

Sat 10 Oct - Winning Men, The Ark Church, Monkgate, York. A one-day conference with Christian Vision for Men in York on Saturday October 10th from 10.30am - 3.30pm. This is highly recommended if you want to consider how to reach out to men with the Good News of Christ. Details at: www.arkchurch.co.uk

Sat 10 Oct - Something Familiar, The Stamford Bridge Singers, All Saints Thornton-le-Dale, 7.00pm. A mixture of sacred and secular music to include numbers by George Gershwin and Stephen Sondheim. Tickets, costing £5 in aid of the All Saints Church music fund, can be bought from Joyce Helliwell 01751 475783 or on the door.

Sun 11 Oct 2015 - William Temple Association, 'Living Together: What Do Muslims Believe?'. 7.30pm, by Qari Muhammad Asim, MBE, Chief Imam, Leeds Makkah Masjid. For further details please contact Kingsley Boulton kingsley.boulton@stolave.org.uk or 01904 411535. Room SK037, Skell Building, York St John University.

Tues 13 Oct - Bible Forum - the Judges of Israel, at The Old Grammar School, (next to the Alms Houses), Thornton Dale, 1.30pm to 3pm. About 3000 years ago, the land of Israel was ruled by a succession of judges, rather than kings. There were 15 people who served as judges. Please try and read about them all before the day if you possibly can, in Judges 3: 7 – 16: 31. For more information please contact Revd Dr J.M.White jo@whiteshouse.plus.com

Thurs 15 Oct - An Invitation To Eucharistic Ministers in the Middlesborough and Stokesley Deaneries, The Ascension, Middlesbrough, 7pm. An invitation from the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, to join him in an evening of fellowship. The speaker is the Revd Glyn Webster. Please RSVP: Mrs Julie Elphee 01642 593273, julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org.

Fri 16 – Sun 18 Oct - Retreat for people living with ME and chronic fatigue and their carers, Holy Rood House. This informal retreat will be a mixture of short talks with creative time looking at our continuing healing journey. Contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Sat 17 Oct - Table Top Sale, St Martin-On-The-Hill, Scarborough, 2pm - 4pm

Sun 18 Oct - Annual Pet Service, St Martin-On-The-Hill, Albion Road Scarborough, 2pm.

Mon 19 Oct - Spirituality in the 3rd Age, Wydale Hall. Led by Revd Dr Keith Ibans, Group Director, Spirituality & Chaplaincy MHA. Contact 01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org

Weds 21 Oct - Cleveland Matters address by the Right Revd Alison White, All Saints, Helmsley. See page 1.

Thurs 22 Oct - An Invitation To Eucharistic Ministers in the Mowbray and Northern Ryedale Deaneries, St Peter and St Paul, Pickering, 7pm. An invitation from the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, to join him in an evening of fellowship. Please RSVP: Mrs Julie Elphee 01642 593273, julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org

Thurs 22 Oct - The Sixteen: The Choral Pilgrimage 2015 at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, 7pm. In 2015 The Sixteen takes a trip back to 16th-century Spain and more specifically to one of the biggest, richest and most cosmopolitan cities on earth - Seville. It was during this Spanish 'golden age' when arts and culture flourished, that Francisco Guerrero and Alonso Lobo made their mark. Exquisite choral singing at its best in an amazing acoustic setting. Tickets £16.00. For tickets and information please visit holytrinityhull.com

Sat 24 Oct - Exploring Reader Ministry, The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby. See page 3.

On the move

The Revd Martin Trevor Faulkner, (Community Chaplain in the Benefice of Skegness in the Diocese of Lincoln) has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of Withernsea with Owthorne, Garton-in-Holderness with Grimston, Hilston, Hollym, Holmpton, Roos and Tunstall.

The Revd Margaret Anne Jeavons, (Vicar of the Benefice of Sutton in Holderness, St Michael) has been appointed additionally as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Bilton in Holderness.

The Revd Philip White, (Priest in Charge of Cayton with Eastfield and Priest in Charge of Scarborough St James with Holy Trinity), has

resigned to be Vicar of the West Trent Group in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

The Revd Marian Gardner, (SSM Priest in Charge), has resigned with effect from 30 September 2015.

The Archbishop has granted Permission to Officiate to the following:

The Revd Matthew Francis Holland of Saltburn-by-the-Sea; formerly of the Diocese of Portsmouth

The Revd Marion Wright of Scalby

The Revd Raymond John Brown of York; formerly of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The English Hymnal

St Wilfrid's, South Kilvington, has 36 copies of "The English Hymnal" books which are surplus to requirements. All are green bound and in a reasonable good condition, and are free to a good home (although contribution towards the church's refurbishment would be appreciated!). Please contact Terry Cussons, Churchwarden/ PCC secretary on 07514 096948 or 01845 523826.

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