

Diocese of York Newsletter

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

April 2016

Archbishop Sentamu's Pilgrimage



At the time of going to print, Archbishop Sentamu had left North Holderness and was beginning the Hull leg of his six-month Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing across the Diocese of York.

Speaking of his visit, Sally Conner, North East Regional Manager of the The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution said, "On a rare sunny day with beautiful blue skies the Archbishop visited the villages of Brandesburton and Leven. Before every good walk, we should enjoy sustenance so it was off to Bert's

pizzeria for lunch. When visiting the school children were out in force singing 'One more step along the way we go' as the Archbishop walked up the school path, he then proceeded to join them in the next hymn. After walking through Brandesburton the next stop was Leven, with visits to see sheep and lambs, the pub and finishing the day off with Compline at Leven Church."

You can follow and share in Archbishop Sentamu's journey on pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org.

Good News People

This year's early Easter means that we enter the month of April already having been on the great emotional journey as we have heard again the story of Jesus's death and resurrection. For me, that becomes more rather than less intense with every year.

So how do we then approach this season after Easter Day, once we have sung our first Alleluias? The church's year gives us 40 days from Easter to Ascension, mirroring the period during which (as we read in Acts 1) Jesus appeared to his closest followers, speaking to them about the kingdom of God. This is the time in which the disciples - the 'learners' - really are equipped to be the apostles - the 'sent ones'. They will have a new job to do when they have received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost: to go to people both near and far, telling them about Jesus's death and rising, proclaiming what God has done, drawing people to celebrate God-given joy with them. Sometimes, as the Bible tells us, they did this through speeches and through convincing people with words. Sometimes they did it through mighty acts of power done in Jesus's name. But I'm sure that it was also through people seeing that these followers of Jesus were filled with something new, something they couldn't define, but something that was compelling and wonderful.

So in this Easter season, we can walk



in the footsteps of the Eleven, taking to heart what Jesus's resurrection means, as if for the first time, fresh, exciting, bewildering in its wonder. We can offer ourselves to Christ as those who are willing and ready to be re-made into his 'sent ones' - for the great tragedy would be if the news of Jesus's resurrection had somehow become stale for us and in us, something we had got used to and ceased to see as the turning-point of human history, the event without which we would have no living Christ to worship, and no hope beyond the life we see. Whether the good news of resurrection truly burns in our hearts - whether we are 'good news people', literally evangelists - will be very obvious, even if we don't tell it in words.

+Paul Whitby

HM the Queen's 90th Birthday

To celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, this June it is hoped that every Church will join the festivities, each in their own way. Whether it is a Festival of Hymns, or of music, or choral singing to a Flower Festival, or it may be a Festival relating very specifically to either the church or the locality.

Official celebrations will take place in London between the 10th and 12th June including a thanksgiving service at St Paul's Cathedral, a Birthday Parade on Horse Guards Parade and a street party in The Mall. It is envisaged that church events will be integrated into local community celebrations that take place that weekend.

The Church of England's ChurchCare website (www.churchcare.co.uk) provides a central news sharing resource for churches and cathedrals with a virtual map of events and offer tips on themed celebrations, a helpful checklist on how to involve community partners as well as publicity opportunities. You can also email your parish's plans to queensbirthday@churchofengland.org so that they can be added to the Church of England's national celebration map.

Just like the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 2012, HOPE (hopetogether.org.uk) will be supporting churches with resources



and ideas to bring communities together for this national celebration, including a special, 64-page book focusing on the Queen's Christian faith as a tribute to her life of service. 'The Servant Queen - and the King She Serves' is a beautifully illustrated short book, which uses the Queen's own words to draw out the central role of her trust in Jesus Christ, offering an inspiring, multi-faceted insight into a life well-lived for others.

The Church of England's Liturgical Commission has produced two Collects (BCP and CW), which have been personally approved by Her Majesty, for use at services celebrating her ninetieth birthday later this year. You can find these, the above mentioned resources and more at dioceseofyork.org.uk/queen.

Grants and Gifts

We are pleased to welcome Eleanor Gill, the National Legacy and Funding Officer for the Church of England, as our guest speaker at three events, looking at encouraging giving through legacies, and top tips for capital fundraising.

- Monday 11 April, 2.30pm - 4.30pm, Stockton on the Forest Village Hall.
- Monday 11 April, 7.30pm - 9.30pm, St Nicholas' Beverley
- Tuesday 12 April, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, St Barnabas' Linthorpe

Every year a substantial number of Churches in the Diocese receive legacies, which enable them to undertake projects they otherwise would not have dreamed of. Yet there is an understandable reticence to talk about legacies in our Churches.

Eleanor will give an introduction to



'Planning A Successful Capital Campaign', providing information and advice on how to raise the funds for small or large church projects.

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

On the move

The Revd Alastair John Ferneley, (Vicar of Hackness with Harwood Dale, Vicar of Ravenscar and Staintondale, Priest in Charge of Scarborough, St Luke and Vicar of Scalby), has resigned to be Vicar of the Benefice of Dacre with Hartwith and Darley with Thornthwaite in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

The Revd Anna Therese Lindley, (Assistant Curate, SSM), of the benefice of Skelton with Shipton and Newton on Ouse will retire with effect from Sunday 15 May.

The Revd James Anderson, (Priest in Charge, House for Duty), has been re-appointed as Priest in Charge, House for Duty, of The Beacon benefice.

‘Who Cares?’ Christian Care in the Community



The Ryedale Christian Council invites you to a day conference on Christian care in the community, on Saturday 16th April at Ampleforth Abbey. The keynote speaker will be the Rt Revd James Newcombe, Bishop of Carlisle and lead Bishop on healthcare, and there will be workshops as follows:

End of Life Care - the Revd Dr Jonathan Singh

Dr Singh is the Clinical Manager of the Sunflower Centre at St. Leonard's Hospice, York. He helps patients with long term progressive and life-limiting conditions. He is also House-for-Duty priest at Bishop Monkton and Burton Leonard.

Mental Health Issues - Dr Nick Land

Dr Land was a Consultant Psychiatrist and is now Medical Director of Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys' NHS Foundation Trust. He will lead discussions about how we can better understand mental health problems and how our Christian churches can

be places where such people can be lovingly supported.

Dementia (especially Alheimers) - the Revd Dr Pat Malham

Dr Malham is a Methodist Minister for 8 rural Yorkshire churches and as a GP had a special interest in Psychiatry, particularly people with mental illness who had become marginalised in society. The isolation people with Dementia feel needs to be addressed by our churches as it is important that these people feel included in fellowship and worship.

Stress - the Revd Andrew de Smet

Andrew de Smet is Vicar of Kirkdale Benefice, North Yorkshire, and Archbishop's Adviser in Pastoral Care. He is a BACP accredited counsellor/psychotherapist, a mediator and a spiritual director.

Please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £15 and to book please ring Mike Gray 01751 431338 or www.ryedalechristiancouncil.org.uk.

One thing leads to another...

Thirkleby PCC have been discussing the possibility of constructing a simple Prayer Labyrinth in the churchyard at All Saints.

Remembering how enthusiastically children from the local school had engaged with our recent Tower and Bell Project, we immediately thought of involving them again. Children from Sessay CofE Primary School had come to the church to learn about the history and making of bells, to try the Wombel simulator and handbells, and to be refreshed with icecreams and drinks!

This time it was the turn of a PCC member to visit them!

Excellent, relevant material on Prayer Labyrinths in Schools from Olivia Seymour, York Diocese Education Advisor, helped me to put together a short presentation on the history and various uses of prayer labyrinths; as well as drawing a large one in chalk in the playground for the children to try. The children also had chance to use a finger labyrinth and try drawing one for themselves. In a busy world, walking a prayer labyrinth at a pace you set yourself can provide space and time to think. They were most popular in the Middle Ages when many cathedrals in Europe constructed them as an aid to reflection and prayer. Today they are found in many places including parks, hospitals and schools. And possibly soon at Sessay ...!?



In their Newsletter (5 Feb 2016) the school commented, "It has made us think about creating our own at Sessay School as a quiet area, where children can go to sit, walk through the labyrinth to think and unwind. Watch this space for further developments!"

Not all of Thirkleby PCC had themselves experienced a prayer labyrinth so we arranged an Away Day at Wydale Hall, the Retreat Centre of York Diocese, near Pickering, to try theirs! As well as the one in the beautiful grounds, there is also a carved wooden finger-labyrinth in the library. There was opportunity to draw a finger-labyrinth and use it prayerfully in a quiet space within the hall or chapel there.

Thirkleby PCC is now considering its next step!

*Jill Gillanders,
Thirkleby PCC Secretary*

What's On

Friday 1 Apr – Megson at Christ Church, Great Ayton, 7pm. The husband and wife duo bring an infectious mix of heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Profits from the evening will be donated to Open Door North East. Tickets £12 from 01642 724450

Weds 6 Apr - Ebor Lectures - 'What kind of security can be provided by faith communities?', York Minster, 7pm. The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary, World Church Council will be speaking. For more information please contact 01904 876474 or eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk

Sat 9 Apr - Wydale Hall Quiet Day - Sacramental Living: Life as a disciple. Contact 01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org.

Sat 9 Apr - The Hebrew Scripture and the Christian Gospel, Clifton Parish Church, York. Open to Clergy and Readers, email training@yorkdiocese.org or tel 01904 699504.

Mon 11 & Tues 12 Apr - Grants And Gifts. See page 4.

Mon 11 Apr - "Make Time" (Mindful Messy Church for Grown-ups), St Helen's, Escrick, 7.30pm

Thurs 14 Apr - Contagious Christianity, Wydale Hall. Have you ever felt you would like to share your

faith more widely than you do? This day is intended to inspire you and to provide practical, down to earth tips for talking to others about Jesus. Contact 01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org.

Sat 16 Apr - A Day Conference 'Who Cares?' Christian Care in the Community. See page 5.

Fri 22 Apr - Ebor Lectures - 'Leadership Under Pressure', York St John University, 7pm. Colonel Bob Stewart, DSO MP for Beckenham and former British Army Officer will be speaking at this event. For more information please contact 01904 876474 or eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk.

Sat 23 Apr - Artists' Days, Holy Trinity Hull, 11am - 3pm. Join Holy Trinity's artist in residence Julia Allum for a leisurely day of painting in this beautiful Grade 1 listed building.

Tues 26 Apr - Handling Conflict Well, Wydale Hall. The session is open to anyone involved in ministry or pastoral care - for example clergy, readers, youth and family workers, RPA's, church wardens. Email training@yorkdiocese.org or tel 01904 699504

Sat 30 Apr – Mon 2 May - Scarecrow Trail, St Nicholas Church, Dunnington.

Could you be the next inspirational leader of York Minster's talented and dedicated team of Flower Arrangers?

York Minster is privileged to have a group of highly talented volunteers who create beautiful floral arrangements to adorn the Minster on a weekly basis, according to season, feast days and special events. These displays provide an important role in the welcome of visitors and enhancement of the worship and ministry, bringing joy to all who see them.

Our wonderful Head Flower Arranger is retiring and we are looking for that someone equally special to take her

place. The Head Flower Arranger is responsible for coordinating our 'home team', external flower societies and guilds, and the ordering and conditioning of the flowers. A detailed role description is available for Victoria Imada on 01904 557242 or email victoriai@yorkminster.org

If this sounds like you, and you would like an informal conversation about the role, please contact Susan Mason, HR and Volunteering Consultant on 01904 557236 or email susanm@yorkminster.org.

Newsletter to pause production

Eleanor Course, Communications Officer and Editor of this Newsletter, has left her role to study for a PhD in Theology. Until a new Communications Officer is appointed, this Newsletter will not be produced after April 2016. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. You can keep up-to-date with news from across the Diocese via the regular enews bulletin. If you don't receive this and would like to, please email office@yorkdiocese.org. Items in the enews bulletin, which will include the monthly letter from the Archbishop's Staff, can be used in Parish Magazines.

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