

## Remembering the 'Railway Bishop' in Pickering

The 13th Bishop of Wakefield, the Rt Revd Tony Robinson, visited Pickering in the Diocese of York on the 9th October to bless and re-dedicate a newly-overhauled steam locomotive on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

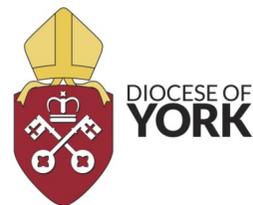
Locomotive 5428 carries the name 'Eric Treacy' on brass nameplates surmounted by a bishop's mitre; the Rt Revd Eric Treacy (1907-1978) was the 8th Bishop of Wakefield from 1968 to 1976 and was a renowned railway photographer and enthusiast over many decades.

Treacy died in 1978 on Appleby Station in Cumbria, while waiting to photograph a steam train on the Settle to Carlisle railway.

Locomotive 5428 was built in 1937 for the London, Midland and Scottish Railway to pull both passenger and goods trains.

At the end of its working life in the 1960s it was privately preserved and named after Bishop Treacy; it now pulls trains over the popular 25-mile North Yorkshire Moors Railway between Whitby and Pickering in the Diocese of York.

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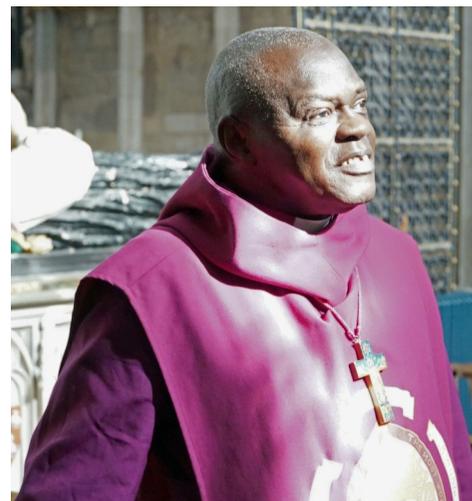
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## Archbishop Sentamu to retire in June 2020



**Dr John Sentamu has announced that he will retire from his post as Archbishop of York on 7 June 2020, Trinity Sunday, 3 days prior to his 71st birthday.**

Making the announcement the Archbishop said that until that date he will focus on a number of key areas in the Diocese of York and the Northern Province including the launch and embedding of the Diocesan evangelism and discipleship programme 'Reach, Grow, Sustain.'

There will also be an opportunity for the Archbishop to continue leading the bishops' missions in the Northern Province of the Church of England in Liverpool, Southwell & Nottingham and in York.

He will continue with the facilitation of conversations for the 'One Yorkshire' deal as it plans for a possible Mayoral election in 2020.

Dr Sentamu will also be involved in extending his Young Leaders Award Programme into the lives of schools in the Southern Province of the Church of England, following the success of the programme in working with 550 schools in the Northern Province.

He will lead Missions already planned in three Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of York,  
Sarah Bullock, writes:

***'Season of Mists and Mellow  
Fruitfulness'...***

**Our 'fruitfulness' is suddenly starting to look very sharply-defined. We are now seeing an array of new approaches as the strategic direction we've been praying about for our Diocese begins to emerge from the mist and takes shape.**

We've just announced the Revd Richard White as our new Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples. New staff are being appointed to work with him and enable new congregations and new disciples, initially amongst people in their twenties to their forties and before long amongst people living in poverty.

Our 2016 consultations around the Diocese affirmed a need to reach those we currently don't, and these 2018 appointments mark the point that we start to do what we've been planning.

But another priority emerging from our consultations is about learning better to share the enormous wisdom, experience and talents to be found in so many of our churches and amongst our lay and ordained staff. We call this 'mutual resourcing' – we really are God's gift to each other, and we respond with gratitude and generosity.

Just as we share our experience of God and all that God gives and does in our lives together, so we can share the huge accumulated reservoir of practical experience and common sense around the Diocese about everything from running Messy Church to how to navigate a pastoral reorganisation or deal with a Faculty application.



Last month Archdeacon Sam Rushton reported the arrival of the new Generous Giving and Stewardship Team (see pg 6). Once they begin to get out and about in the new year I believe they will become a valued link between parishes and the wider Diocesan Office team. Generous giving isn't only about money: it's about living up to the generosity of God's gifts showered on us all, every day, by finding ways to share the time and gifts we have.

Just as the autumn mists lift on these mellow mornings to reveal the fruit of this year and the promise of the next, we're about to see how God will answer our prayers and work through our plans; we trust a season of fruitfulness is opening up before our eyes!

*Sarah Bullock*



op and live out their Christian foundation in a way that meets the needs of the children and young people for their particular circumstance. Again standards are strong with 123 of the 125 schools and academies (98%) judged to be good or outstanding in SIAMS.

Supporting curriculum development has always been an important part of the DBE's work. Therefore to support teaching in Religious Education (RE), the Understanding Christianity resource has been introduced to all our Church schools and academies over the last year and a network of hubs has been estab-

lished across the Diocese to support RE teachers in both community and church schools.

The pace of change in education always seems to be a major factor in our work. However the DBE and education team are confident that we remain well placed to continue the diocesan mission towards our Church schools whilst at the same time taking further opportunities to offer support to all churches and schools across the Diocese.



Some of the work done on our behalf across the Diocese of York.

# touchingBase

## Board of Education

*Diocesan Director of Education  
Andrew Smith writes:*

**The York Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) and its education team continue to respond proactively to the ever changing educational landscape.**

The DBE is consciously broadening its support to parishes and schools so that they work effectively in partnership with each other to further develop the Christian vision of a school.

Over the last year, the DBE has continued to progress its vision for the number of school led Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) across the Diocese; supported the development of further multi-school federations; and worked on the closure of two small

schools. It is always a very hard decision to close a school but given an ever increasing budget deficit, significantly reduced pupil numbers and an inadequate Ofsted judgement, sometimes it has to be the right decision.

The DBE and education team continue to be held accountable by the Department for Education and Ofsted (the Schools Inspectorate) for the Church schools and academies across the Diocese. The DBE

is pleased to report that the standards across the Diocese continue to be strong with 112 (90%) of the Church schools and academies graded as good or outstanding by Ofsted. In addition, the education team supports its schools before and after their SIAMS denominational inspection. This targeted support helps Church schools and academies to devel-



## This month's Q&A about our shared journey to achieve our goals

### WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM TO PAY FOR ALL THE NEW ROLES THAT ARE EMERGING FROM OUR STRATEGY?

We have access to our own funds, the Church Commissioners' Strategic Development Fund (SDF), and their Restructuring Fund. SDF supports projects which make a significant difference to mission capability. Our initiatives to Reach 20s-40s and People in Poverty will use this source of funding.

The Commissioners can only offer this fund because they are withdrawing an annual 'subsidy' to dioceses. Where this change reduces a diocese's income (in our case by about £1million) 'restructuring funding' is available to support the diocese in making changes to help balance the books. We are accessing this to fund our new Generous Giving and Stewardship team roles.

We will also make our own contribution to our major projects - broadly using SDF to fund front-line ministry and drawing on our reserves to fund central roles such as the new Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples and the two 20s-40s team roles, and other supporting infrastructure.

# Appointment of Diocesan Director of Making & Nurturing Disciples

The Revd Richard White, currently based at Liverpool Cathedral and Director of The Joshua Centre, has been appointed Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples for the Diocese of York.

The new role of Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples is critical to the Diocese of York's emerging strategy which flows from its vision of being Generous Churches, Making and Nurturing Disciples, and its consequent goals:

- To reach those we currently don't
- To move to growth
- To establish sustainable giving

As Director, Richard White will continue the development and implementation of the 'Reach' goal, and with senior colleagues will co-ordinate, direct and resource activity on the 'Growth' goal. He will be responsible for addressing the challenge of the under-representation in



the worshipping and active life of the church of younger adults and people who are in poverty.

Richard White has been a Canon at Liverpool Cathedral for the past nine years and has pioneered 'Zone2' (a weekly all-age café style congregation) and 'Sepas' (a Persian congregation). He leads the 'Joshua Centre' which is a partnership between Liverpool's Cathedral and Diocese to support parishes launching new congregations. Eleven of those new congregations have been launched in the past year and a half.

He has extensive experience of pioneer ministry, and he has led the shaping of a successful bid for nationally-provided mission funding.

The Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, who is responsible for co-ordinating the various aspects of diocesan mission strategy, said, "I am very excited that we shall be welcoming Richard to the

## Peter Titchmarsh: fifty years a Reader

Now based at Christ Church, Great Ayton at the foot of the Cleveland hills, Peter was admitted and Licensed in 1968 at the age of 25 in a service led by Bishop of Selby Douglas Sargent.

He sat the General Readers' Exams (Old Testament, New Testament, Prayer Book, Doctrine and English Church History) in the study of his local Incumbent.

"I'm not an academic really," he reflects; "I left Grammar School at 16 and joined Martin's Bank, which was absorbed by Barclays in 1969."

He grew up in Redcar and became a choir-boy at St Peter's, and later a server during his teens. The Vicar asked him to think about becoming a 'Lay Reader'; there were already five or six based at St Peter's together with three clergy.

Peter attended weekday Evening Prayer and sometimes led the Office; "It was an informal initial training!"

He and Pauline met at St Peter's and they married in 1966; their first home was in nearby Brookfield where with the Priest-in-Charge's encouragement Peter began his ministry as a Lay Reader at St Margaret's Church in 1968.

"Reader Ministry was pretty much what it is now," he says, "although we're probably allowed to do more now - especially funerals."

The years have taken Peter to different parishes around the country: "I've been utilised more in some contexts than others,

pastorally and practically.

"In Hartlepool I don't recall preaching in the Parish Church at all, but I often did so in neighbouring parishes, going out into some of the mining villages in County Durham."

Peter finds funeral ministry particularly rewarding: "It's not just ministry to a congregation but on a personal level, at one of the most emotional times of someone's life; you have to be sympathetic and do the right thing practically.

"I like finding out about different types of people, personalities and what people did."

"I preach periodically - I like preaching; I always assist at our Wednesday morning service and preach sometimes."

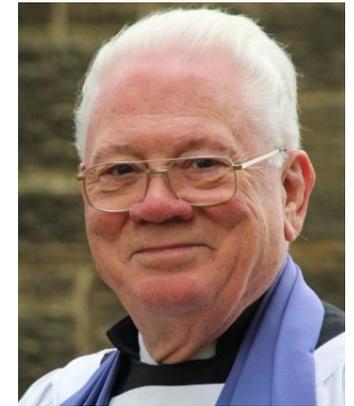
How does he feel about the future of authorised lay ministry?

"I'd like to see the word 'Reader' disappear!"

"Outside the church it means nothing but 'reader' - someone who reads - it's got to go! Why not 'Lay Minister' because that's what we are!"

"Fifty years is quite a milestone - the whole thing's been a privilege.

"I feel quite humbled; I don't look on it as an ego trip and I never have."



# Drax plans to remember

An idea from a church treasurer and PCC member at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Drax, near Selby, has helped start a new twenty-strong 'Knit-and-Natter' group meeting in the village pub, The Huntsman, on a Wednesday lunch time.



Its first project is to knit enough red poppies to make a 'waterfall' style display outside the church to mark the centenary of the First World War Armistice in November this year.

Drawing people from Drax, Long Drax and Newland, the group aims to research the lives of those local people who died in the two World Wars, but with a particular focus this year on the Great War and those whose names are recorded on the memorial inside the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul.

The Revd Becky Allright is new to the village as a pioneer curate, and is looking at ways in which the church can become

more relevant to the lives of people living in Drax, Camblesforth and Carlton.

Becky says, "The Huntsman is quickly becoming a community hub in Drax and is a great place to meet. When landlord Pete said he'd heard some locals would like to set up a craft group I was keen to help. The next day our treasurer Evelyn came to visit me with this great idea to knit poppies! This is a small step towards renewing the church's links into village life - we'd love to hear from anyone who has ideas about how this historic church can be opened up to the community in the future."

Ideas suggested so far include a peace garden or a heritage centre for schools and groups, or offering a venue for a skill-share initiative, a cinema or other social get togethers.

Other Planning for the November Armistice commemoration in the village includes the possibility of a 'ride-by' on horses with purple poppies to commemorate the animals used in the conflict and the many who died.

- A talk in church on 'World War One and why we still remember' by Major Chapman from SO2 Op REFLECT, 4 Infantry Brigade and HQ North East is planned from 6.00pm to 7.30pm on the 8th November.

Diocese of York. I am sure that by God's grace and in his power, Richard's appointment, and the work that he will do with people across our diocese, will bring the achievement of our goals of reaching, growing, sustaining much closer."

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, welcomed Richard White's appointment: "Praise be to God for all that Richard White has done in Liverpool, and for all that he will do in York! Richard is an inspired choice to be our Diocesan Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples; his ministry is all about reaching out to God's people wherever they are and whoever they are. I pray that he and his family will flourish here as he focuses on communities living in poverty and people in those hopeful and busy years from their twenties to their forties, as well as building and leading teams to show the love of Jesus Christ in ways new and old."

The Revd Richard White said, "It's an exciting time to come to the Diocese of York and I can't wait to roll up my sleeves and join in with the plans now starting to bear fruit there. Louise and I have spent twenty-seven years in Merseyside, so leaving Liverpool is going to be hard for the whole family, but we know that God has called us and we're looking forward to the new adventure."

- **Richard White will start work on the 12th of November.**

## The York Processional

- new edition of mediaeval text by Andrew Horsman

**In 1550, following the death of Henry VIII, a nationwide purge by puritans destroyed all the old service books in the English Church.**



Just a single copy of The York Processional survived in the Bodleian Library, Oxford.

When the Revd Andrew Horsman retired from parish ministry in 2015 he turned his hand to producing a new edition of The York Processional which has just been published after three-and-a-half years' work.

He makes the entire contents of this unique manuscript available for the first time to modern readers and singers, with the original Latin and its English translation on facing pages.

The York Processional contains chants sung in processions during church services week by week in parish churches in York and all over the north of England, for several centuries until the upheavals of the Reformation.

A full introduction explains how the chants were used and how they might be used today. The new edition is published by The Rector and Churchwardens of All Saints, North Street, York YO1 6JD. A4, pp. 22 + 208; Lie-flat coil binding. Price £25 plus postage from [www.allsaints-northstreet.org.uk](http://www.allsaints-northstreet.org.uk) or from [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk).

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# Archbishop to retire in 2020

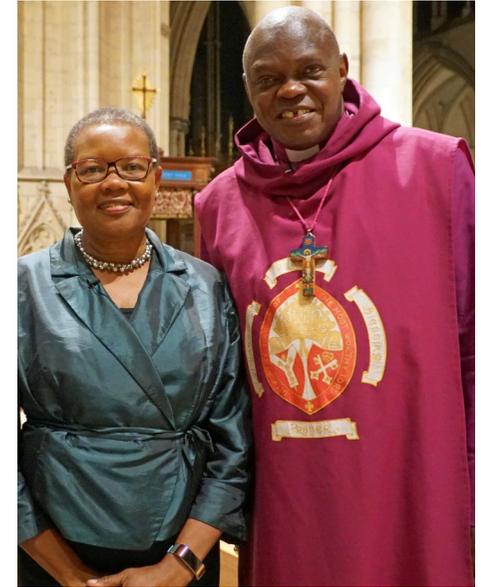
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Dr Sentamu said: “I will be retiring from my post as Archbishop of York in June 2020. I have decided to announce my retirement now in order to provide the Church of England with the widest possible timeframe to pray, discern with wisdom and insight and put in place a timetable for my successor and to consider fully the work they will be called to do in service to the national church, the Northern Province and the Diocese of York.”

“I am deeply grateful to Her Majesty The Queen for graciously allowing me to continue as Archbishop of York until June 2020 in order to enable me to complete the work to which I have been called.”

“I am full of joy and expectation to see all that God is doing and will be doing in this diocese and in the Northern Province over the coming months.”

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## Generous Giving & Stewardship Team

**A new team of three people joined the Diocese in September to take forward the goal identified through Diocese-wide consultations two years ago of establishing sustainable finances for mission and ministry.**

Archdeacon of Cleveland Sam Rushton took to the road in the last year to meet with clergy and lay people across the Diocese, to explore with them the nature and the scale of the challenges we face as a diocesan family of churches.

Beginning in September 2018, the Generous Giving and Stewardship Team plans to offer a range of resources, advice and support to parishes, deaneries and clergy as they enable regular givers to respond in gratitude to the generosity of God.



**Team Leader Jo Beacroft-Mitchell** comes to York with nine years' experience of

working in stewardship and a career in charity fundraising before that.

She represents the Northern Region on the National Stewardship Committee, and in recent years has been involved in the National Legacies Strategy and in developing resources for the Parish Resources website.



**Adviser David Smallwood** has been a British Telecom data analyst for 36 years and was

a long-serving Treasurer and then Churchwarden at St Luke's, York, bringing experience of parish administration and personal faith commitment to his new work.



**Adviser Sammi Tooze** comes to the Diocese of York with a background in stewardship

and ministry, and is a member of the Diocesan Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) team.. She is closely involved in the worshipping life of York Minster, and brings a wealth of experience in liturgy and worship.



Working closely as part of a wider team led by Martin Sheppard as Director of Communications and Parish Resourcing, the team is already at work analysing financial data, obtaining and adapting resource material, and reviewing the helpful work of former Archdeacon for Generous Giving David Butterfield.

They plan to start visiting around the Diocese before the end of this year.