

For our prayers: June ordinations

Archbishop Sentamu will be ordaining Priests in York Minster on the 16th June and Deacons on the 30th June this year.

Please hold the candidates, their families and their churches in your prayers; lists will appear next month.

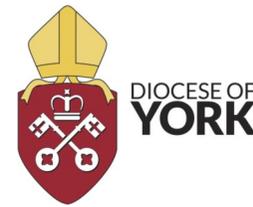


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A Gong for Feast of Fun!

'Feast of Fun', the huge summer extravaganza of Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (TMC) for Teesside children involving over 23 churches, schools, and community groups, has won the "Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Residents" award at this year's Middlesbrough Civic Community Awards.



Feast of Fun was launched in 2014 by TMC, a joint venture between the Diocese of York and the Church Urban Fund, with just six churches; it continues today run by Heather Black, Val Oliver, and Elaine Curry.

"It was a wonderful evening," said Heather, who is Development Officer for TMC, "and we are very proud to have won!"

Feast of Fun offers holiday activities and healthy food for over 1,000 children in low income families who struggle during the summer holidays without free school meals.

Feast of Fun supplies healthy, nutritious meals for children and their families, and offers the chance to travel out of Middlesbrough for day trips, to places like the North York Moors and the Bowes Museum. The ethos of Feast of Fun is to 'make our communities safer, stronger, and happier for so many children and their families each summer'.

togethertmc.org.uk

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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of the East Riding, Andy Broom, writes:

Refreshment Break

I sometimes think our church, like our world, runs on its refreshment breaks.

If I can stick with this until eleven o'clock I'll have a coffee, or we'll stop for our packup when we get to the top of the hill. Maybe it's the cold bottle of water at the end of the marathon that's keeping me going to get there.

Part of the pleasure of that drink or that biscuit is the looking back at where we've been and what we've achieved; and at the same time we top up our fluids, our vitamins and our sugars ready for the next effort, refreshed and – we hope – reinvigorated for the next part of the challenge.

And that's where we are on our journey of 'Reaching Those We Currently Don't' for the Gospel – one of the three goals we adopted as a Diocese three years ago. We've prayed, debated and researched, consulted and discussed, voted and approved funding applications, and now, half way through 2019, we are in a position to see our plans to reach those in their 20s to their 40s

beginning to happen.

If that doesn't deserve a cup of tea and a jammy dodger, I don't know what does!

The national church caught our vision and awarded us £3 million. Led by the team of Richard White, John Lee and Ben Walker, most of the full-time 20s-40s ministers have been appointed and some are already at work. The first award has been made from the 'Growth Fund' to support a parish who applied for help to make their vision work. Under the banner 'Multiply', we're starting to see training days, a website of resources, inspiring videos, and across the diocese the vision for building New Worshipping Communities with a focus on those in their 20s, 30s and 40s is catching on.

Even the best refreshment break has an end. The journey so far has gone pretty well and we thank God for all his blessings but now it's time to wash our mug, brush off the crumbs and get on with the really exciting bit of being Generous Churches, Making and Nurturing Disciples.



Andy Broom

ment to mission, a proven readiness to work with ecumenical and community partners in building up community, and a fine mind and warm heart firmly grounded in a deep Christian faith. I look forward to working closely with Sarah as a colleague and sister bishop."

Archbishop Sentamu said, "Sarah is deeply committed to serving local communities, serving local people and will be sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all whom she encounters. She has been a hardworking and effec-

five Archdeacon of York since 2013. My prayer is that what Yorkshire has taught her, she will be enabled to pass onto other faithful people. Sarah, may you continually stir up the Holy Spirit who lives in you. You go to Shrewsbury with all our love and prayers."

Sarah will be consecrated as bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury at St Paul's Cathedral on 3 July and will begin her role in Shrewsbury shortly afterwards.

www.lichfield.anglican.org

Former Teesside Vicar to be Bishop of Norwich

A former Teesside Vicar has been appointed the 72nd Bishop of Norwich following the retirement of the Right Reverend Graham James.

The Rt Revd Graham Usher, 48, is currently the Bishop of Dudley in the Diocese of Worcester. Prior to this he was Rector of Hexham in Northumberland from 2004 to 2014, following his time as Vicar of Holy Trinity, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough in the Diocese of York, from 1999 to 2004. His first post after ordination in York Minster was as Curate of Nunthorpe from 1996 to 1999, and he has also spent time living and working in Ghana, Africa.

On his appointment, Graham said,

"A theme of God's calling in my life is that each new chapter has been to a new and unexpected place. The Diocese of Norwich is equally a new and unexpected place for me, and what a wonderful privilege it is to be called to serve here."

Bishop Graham is married to Rachel, a GP, and they have two teenage children. He studied ecological science at the University of Edinburgh and theology at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, before training for ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge.



www.dioceseofnorwich.org

Archdeacon of York to be Bishop of Shrewsbury

The Venerable Sarah Bullock, Archdeacon of York, is to be the new Area Bishop of Shrewsbury in the Diocese of Lichfield.

Sarah will join the Area Bishops of Wolverhampton and Stafford in an episcopal team led by the Bishop of Lichfield. She will oversee churches, ministers and communities in North Shropshire, including Shrewsbury, and the northern part of Telford.

Ordained 26 years ago in the Diocese of Manchester, Sarah became Archdeacon of York in 2013 and has worked in a largely rural area which includes market towns, the deep rural communities of the Vale of York and the edges of the Yorkshire Wolds as well as the City of York. While Arch-

deacon she has also learned to drive a tractor, operated a milking parlour, led a Carol Service in a cowshed at Askham Bryan (Agricultural) College and ridden a racehorse!

She said: "I am honoured and delighted

to have been invited to become the Bishop of Shrewsbury. I'm looking forward to really getting to know the communities of this area and those who live, work and worship here.

"I'm passionate about the Christian faith and journeying with people to discover and share the love, joy and hope that Jesus offers to everyone. I look forward to supporting



the churches, schools, colleges and communities of this area as we share the good news of God's love, which brings transformation, hope and renewal."

Sarah is married to Peter, a physicist, and they have one son, Joseph, who is currently studying for a PhD at the University of Durham.

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Right Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, said: "I am delighted that Sarah has accepted our invitation to be nominated for this post. I know that in her we will be welcoming a caring and prayerful pastor, with an imaginative and energetic commit-

Appointing the next Archbishop of York

**Faithful God,
you guide your people
and raise up leaders in every generation.**

We seek the person you are calling to be Archbishop of York.

**By your Spirit, give to all those involved in the appointment
good counsel, holy insight and sound judgement.**

**Keep the person you are calling under the shadow of your wing,
and teach us all to trust in the guidance which is yours alone,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.



Play your part...

- What are the issues with which a new Archbishop should usefully engage at diocesan, regional, national and international levels?
- What qualities, skills, or leadership characteristics in Archbishop Sentamu's ministry have helped you to grow in faith and/or to express that faith in day to day life?
- What qualities, skills or leadership characteristics will his successor require so that church and community life can be helped to flourish?
- What particular characteristics, qualities or skills will the new Archbishop need to fulfil the diocesan responsibilities given the regional, national and international aspects of the role?
- Are there any other important points that you would like the Vacancy in See Committee to know?

Write to **Canon Peter Warry** (Secretary to the Vacancy in See Committee) by **15th June** at **Diocese of York, Amy Johnson Way, Clifton Moor, York, YO30 4XT** or email nextarchbishop@yorkdiocese.org.

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/nextarchbishop

Sharing the Vision...

First-ever diocesan

20s to 40s workshop day

As we go to press, plans are in place for the first day workshop to help churches across the Diocese of York to reach out to those in their 20s, 30s and 40s.

The first of a series of 'Multiply' Workshops on Saturday 18 May forms part of the Diocese of York's 'Reach' initiative to help churches engage with those who are currently under-represented in church life. It comes after analysis of the age profile of church participation across the diocese showed that a much smaller percentage of adults in their 20s to 40s are involved in churches compared to the wider population.

Held in York and led by the recently formed Diocese of York 20s to 40s team of Dr Ben Walker, the Revd Richard White and the Revd John Lee (pictured), the first 'Multiply' workshop plans to offer an introduction to starting a New Worshipping Community (NWC) for anyone interested, lay or ordained.

"We will be sharing the 'Multiply' vision for NWCs reaching 20s, 30s and 40s across the Diocese of York and exploring how to discover a vision for a NWC in your parish, how to communicate that vision to others and how to begin building a team," says Richard White.

"There will be plenty of opportunity for group work, practical tips on getting started and bespoke advice tailored to your particular church context.

"This day will also be a bit of an experiment, a chance get to know people with similar hopes, challenges and concerns in emerging NWCs, and a way of beginning to form a network of support in reaching 20s, 30s and 40s in the Diocese."

New Website

Linked with the Multiply Day, the team plans to launch a new website soon for all those interested in or involved in the initiative.

"The website will be the key linking place across the diocese", says Richard. "It will have the stories of NWCs as they develop with an interactive map of where they are to find out more about them. It will have all the basic information around 'what do you mean by a New Worshipping Community?', 'how do I get started?' and it will have lots of resources, some written by ourselves and links to wider resources and help."

- **Further workshops are being planned for Hull in September and then Middlesbrough early next year; registration will be required but there will be no charge.**

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/20s-40s



Beyond priceless

~ ten years of the Edge

It's ten years since Selby's 'Edge Community' began meeting in 2009.

"Edge Community is a Church of England church for the Flaxley Road community," explains Captain Richard Cooke of Church Army, "but it is very different from most people's idea of church.

"It's fun, relaxed and has a really strong sense of community.

"St James' church wanted to offer something local for this community that had never had a church before. A small group of families from St James' began meeting in the Children's

Centre and invited local people to join them. We began monthly and now meet every week, with up to 50 people attending."

Local families enjoy the strong sense of community. "The love and support offered by yourselves and the Edge Community is beyond priceless," said Mary Tate, who comes most weeks with her grandchildren. Many have never been to church before, and are helped to think about their faith.

"The first thing you feel when you come through the door is love," said Selby mum Bernie Maxfield.

"People are finding faith and hope in the midst of life's challenges," adds Captain Richard.

Over ten years Edge Community has worked with Selby CP School, with teens, run a community café, a bus outreach in partnership with The Bus Stop charity, and supported people practically and spiritually.

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Amy Hayes of Church Army who works with Richard and the team says, "We don't know what Edge Community will

look like in another ten years but our hope is that through it many more people will discover God's love and help in their lives."

'Connect' is a relaxed 11.00am service with kids' church three times a month, and on the fourth Sunday each month at 4.00pm is 'Messy Church', with activities, Bible story, songs and crafts, especially for those with primary and pre-school children.

www.edgecommunity.org

