

School in Hull awarded Gold by the Soil Association

their future, namely climate change and the obesity crisis. By empowering the young people to make informed food choices and giving them the skills to grow and cook food for themselves and their families, Newland St John's CE Academy leads the way for a more sustainable future."



Newland St John's Church of England Academy has been awarded the prestigious Food for Life Gold award for its healthy and climate-friendly food culture.

The Food for Life Gold award is the ultimate award that recognises schools, using practical learning experiences to reconnect young people to the food they eat, following the journey from field to plate.

Working with Hull Catering, the school has seen a rise in the school dinner take up to 90% of pupils eating school dinners, proving that good school food combined with food education is a good start to get children to eat more healthily.

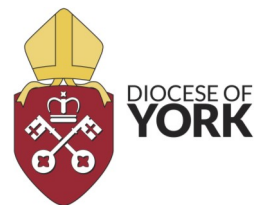
James Cashmore, Director of Food for Life says: "The school shows what real 21st century education is all about, which is using real life experiences to teach the curriculum and providing the next generation with solutions to what threatens

Headteacher Sarah Wilson says, "At Newland St John's, as well as having good food served daily at lunchtime, we have an allotment where children learn about

where their food comes from and follow a systematic programme to learn cookery skills from Reception to Year 6. In this way we know that we are making a positive contribution to their life long health and well-being."



Russ Headland, the school cook says, "Our priority is to encourage children to make healthy choices so that they have a nutritious and balanced meal. Getting the Food for Life Gold award reflects the commitment we all share to help children to be happy and healthy."



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£3 million for outreach to 20s-40s!

The Diocese of York is set to benefit as the Church of England funds a bold series of projects to spread the Christian faith - from a new congregation in a night-club area to a weekday church - as part of a £35 million nationwide investment in mission, it was announced in January.

The biggest investment so far by the Church of England's Renewal and Reform programme is intended to help it reach tens of thousands of people including in city centres, outer estates and rural areas.

The grants will pioneer new types of churches - which may be far from the traditional image - along with outreach by the Church of England, from a social media pastor to work with school and community choirs.

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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

Director of Making &
Nurturing Disciples
Richard White, writes:

What is the good news for the rich?

Ten years ago I walked nervously into the Dean of Liverpool's office to be interviewed for the post of Canon for Mission and Evangelism. The trickiest question came from Bishop James Jones, then Bishop of Liverpool and of course previously Bishop of Hull.

"What is the good news for the rich?" he asked, "what is the good news for those who are well off and satisfied with life?" I've thought about it often. My conclusion is that there isn't any. There isn't any good news for the rich. Jesus came for the poor. His good news is good news for the poor.

Of course the gospel is the good news for all of us. But only when we recognise that we are poor. If we think we are not sick, he can't be our doctor. If we think we are not poor he does not have good news for us.

Those who face the most challenging circumstances are a gift of grace to all of us. A gift reminding us to embrace our interdependence with mutual generosity. Together we can then come to Jesus as the poor in spirit for whom he offers very, very good news.

Bishop Alison who leads our commitment to people in poverty has been helping us to ask ourselves difficult questions. The People in Poverty strategy is continuing to take shape and will we hope secure significant funding. A delay in the national church's grant making process for all dioceses means that won't be decided until mid-2020. However, the Archbishop's Leadership Team are committed to pressing on in every way possible. So that we move forward relentlessly determined to become a diocesan family that vibrantly reflects all of our communities. So that in every parish we make it our priority to "remember the poor" in our family, and are all transformed by the work of the Spirit in and through our sisters and brothers in poverty.

The current Bishop of Hull asked me equally difficult questions at my interview for this post! I'm so glad that, despite my weak answers, I was invited to join this richly diverse Diocese and join with you in working and praying to see many more 20s-40s and people in poverty find a place of belonging in our churches.

Richard White



The Archbishop of York's Prayer for our Parliamentary Democracy

God of eternal love and power,
Save our Parliamentary Democracy;
Protect the High Court of Parliament
and all its members
From partiality and prejudice;
That they may walk humbly the path of
kindness, justice and mercy.
Give them wisdom, insight and a con-
cern for the common good.

The weight of their calling is too much
to bear in their own strength,
Therefore we pray earnestly, Father,
send them help from your Holy Place,
and be their tower of strength.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Amen.

The Venerable George Austin RIP

George Austin, Archdeacon of York from 1988 to 1999, died early on the morning of the 30th January 2019 at his home in Hertfordshire at the age of 87.

Born in Bury, Lancashire, in 1931, George Bernard Austin was ordained in 1955 and studied for ordination at Lampeter.

He served curacies in Chorley (Blackburn), Notting Hill (London) and Dunstable (St Albans) before becoming Vicar of nearby Eaton Bray (St Albans) in 1964.

George married Bobbie, a teacher, who he met while in Dunstable, and they had a son, Jeremy.

George became Vicar of Bushey Heath (St Albans) in 1970 and while there was

made a Canon of St Albans.

He succeeded the Ven Leslie Stanbridge as Archdeacon of York in 1988 and became a Canon and Prebendary of York.

On retirement in 1999 George became a member of St Luke's Church in York, and continued to minister with the Archbishop of York's Permission to Officiate until moving south as Bobbie's health began to fail in 2009.

Back in Bushey Heath and close to Jeremy and his young family, Bobbie died in 2016 and George moved into a care home for the last couple of years of his life.

May he, with Bobbie, rest in peace and rise in glory.



Archbishop Sentamu encourages all to share in the Church of England's LentPilgrim journey

Written by Bishop Steven Croft (co-author of the Pilgrim Course), 'Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes' provides a short daily reflection, a Bible reading, a prayer and suggested response.



Throughout the season of Lent, the reflections are based on the Beatitudes, as taught by Jesus.

Daily reflections as extracts from this booklet will be available online.

The Archbishop said, "Jesus Christ gave the most powerful and beautiful talk, the sermon on the mount, which begins with eight sayings known as the Beatitudes.

- Sign up now or download the app to receive daily reflections on the Beatitudes on the Church of England website at www.churchofengland.org/pilgrim
- The books are available to buy individually and in money-saving bulk packs from Church House Publishing at www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/pilgrim-journeys

"For some these offer a simple introduction to Jesus, for others they allow for a deeper understanding of the Way of Christ and a way to turn things around.

"However you approach this Pilgrim Journey, I would like to encourage all to make space for God this Lent.

"Allow His word to dwell in you as we all seek to know Jesus better and to become more Christ-like in everything that we are and in everything that we do."

'Pilgrim Journeys: The Beatitudes', along with 'Pilgrim Journeys: The Lord's Prayer' will be used across the Church of England as part of this year's LentPilgrim and EasterPilgrim journey.



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

WHEN WILL WE SEE SOME MORE SUPPORT FOR PARISHES?

We know parishes would like more support for the 'running a church' aspects of parish life.

The challenge is the diversity of topics where enhanced Diocesan Office support might be welcomed; which ones would be of most value to parishes, and could be delivered within the resources available. Initially, therefore, we are planning 'Diocesan Office on Tour' – a roadshow showcasing the support the Diocesan Office offers. We hope to do this in a couple of locations in each Archdeaconry during the summer and autumn. The aim is to

- create opportunities for specific questions and, hopefully, resolve on the spot many of the issues raised
- set out the support already offered and how to access it
- build relationships and 'put faces to names'
- gather clearer insights into needs than emerged from the 2016 consultation

We will derive longer term plans for increased support from what we learn through this exercise.

Generous churches making & nurturing disciples



York Diocese to develop new worshipping communities amongst 20s, 30s, 40s



The Diocese of York has secured funding fully to implement its plan to develop new worshipping communities with a focus on those in their 20s, 30s and 40s, located between the Rivers Humber and Tees and between the A1 and the Yorkshire coast.

ministers within existing parishes across the Diocese, tasked with enabling the formation of new worshipping communities and inspiring fresh approaches in other areas, focused on meeting the needs of those aged from their 20s to their 40s. The church of St Michael-le-Belfrey in York is to be developed as a Resource Church for 20s-40s work, and will 'plant out' a new worshipping community every two years, starting in 2022, with a succession of curates tasked with fuelling the growth amongst 20s-40s.

The initiatives have been developed over two years of consultation and engage-

The Church Commissioners, who administer the historic endowments of the Church of England, have approved funding of just over £3 million from their Strategic Development Fund for the Diocese of York's plans, alongside other grants for a variety of growth initiatives across the national church.

The Diocese of York's plans include the placement of 14 full-time ministers and up to 25 part-time lay



ment as part of a wider intention to 'reach those we currently don't', and stand

alongside emerging plans to develop the church's ministry amongst those living in poverty.

Archdeacon of the East Riding Andy Broom has led a dedicated Working Group which has steered the project bid to this momentous point on behalf of the Diocese:

"This is good news for our diocese and for the many in their twenties to forties who aren't currently in our churches.

"We thank God for this financial provision and pray that through the strategic use of the new appointments, and the new resources available for all churches, that we can see a transformation in how we reach and disciple younger adults.

"We trust that we will see many lives being changed as churches work out how to reach younger adults in their communities."

The Diocese has recently appointed the Revd John Lee as Team Leader for 20s-40s and Dr Ben Walker as Associate Team Leader; both will work with new Director of Making & Nurturing Disciples the Revd Richard White, who said, "I'm grateful to everyone who has prayed and worked so hard to reach this point, and I can't wait to see the new team of 20s-40s ministers taking shape and bringing plans to life across the Diocese."

The locations for the 14 full-time 20s-40s ministers have already been carefully selected and recruitment is under way with the intention that all will be in post by September 2019.

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

Holy Rood House

Building Into The Future Appeal



A major Appeal has been launched by church, community and mental health leaders to save a North Yorkshire residential, therapeutic retreat centre.

Holy Rood House, in Sowerby near Thirsk, has launched an Appeal to raise £1,250,000 to buy Holy Rood House, and continue its work of healing into the future.

Pictured (l-r) Tim Madgwick QPM, the Revd Elizabeth Baxter, the Revd Leslie Newton, and Bishop Paul Ferguson with a model of Holy Rood House, at the appeal launch.

The Revd Elizabeth Baxter, Executive Director of the Centre for Health and Pastoral Care, said, "The Centre currently rents Holy Rood House, and the House's owners are now wanting to sell Holy Rood House and its grounds to the Charity. This gives us a unique opportunity to buy Holy Rood House and continue helping people in their time of need.

www.holyroodhouse.org.uk