

## Caroline Mockford RIP

**It was with great sadness that we learned of the death on the 5th March of our Diocesan and Provincial Registrar, Caroline Mockford. She suffered a stroke the previous weekend from which she did not recover.**

Caroline was appointed Registrar to the Diocese of York in 2014 after six years as Registrar to the Diocese of Lincoln; a year later she was appointed Registrar to the Province of York.

As the senior legal officer and adviser to the Diocese, the Province and the Archbishop, Caroline has been a well-respected figure in the life of the church; her approachable manner and sense of fun won her many friends.

Archbishop Sentamu said, "Caroline's death is an enormous shock to us all. I know that you will wish to join with me in heartfelt prayers for her husband Bob, her family and her colleagues in the Registry at Lupton Fawcett LLP in their grief."



## Sister Carole OHP RIP



**It is with great sadness that the Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete have announced the death of the Prioress, Sr Carole O.H.P. who died peacefully on 8th March 2019.**

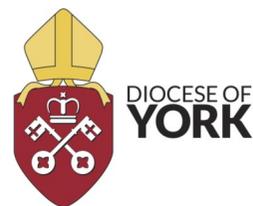
"Sister Carole's death is a great loss to the world and to the Order of the Holy Paraclete. With them, we give thanks that she is now with her Lord whom she has served with such devotion for all her life.

"Sister Carole was a model of obedient service for us all; her work in Swaziland before her election as Prioress was both inspirational and superbly practical, offering a safe home to abused and abandoned girls while enfolded them in prayer.

"The wonderful new Priory in Whitby, built to welcome visitors and to be a suitable home for all the sisters, will stand as a tribute to her diligence and her prayerful care for all the community.

"I join the Order and all their friends in praying that Sister Carole will rest in peace, and rise in glory."

**+Sentamu Ebor:**



## Manor lifts inaugural Diocese of York Rugby Cup

**The new tournament, played between three of the Church of England secondary schools in the Diocese, was first played on the 4th April on the rugby fields of Archbishop Sentamu Academy in Hull.**



Participating were Archbishop Sentamu Academy (Hull), Manor Church of England Academy (York), and Archbishop Holgate's School (York).

The cold but clear day kicked off with a message from the Principal of Sen-

tamu Academy, Mr Chay Bell, after a professional warm up provided by players from the rugby Super League team, Hull Kingston Rovers.

Starting with a derby match-up with Manor beating Holgate's, and Sentamu pitting their A-team and B-team against one another with the A-team winning. Sentamu A-team then went on to lose to Holgate's in the 3rd place playoffs with a score of 4v3.

In the finals, Manor led from the off, but wasn't given an inch of breathing room by Holgate's who were hot on their heels. Holgate's never managed to clinch the lead, and was beaten by Manor 4v3.

Will from the winning team was pleased with the team's victory, saying "I didn't expect it to be that competitive today. It was a great day out and I was really happy to win in the end!"

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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of York, Sarah Bullock, writes:

## *New beginnings*

**Easter is late this year, but one of the wonderful things about it is that it's never too late; a new beginning is always timely, and the church's year reminds us that God is the God of new beginnings.**

After the astonishing gift of Easter, when God shows that death itself is the outrider for a new beginning, the Gospels tell of a time of preparation for what is just about to become the Church. Most of the preparation is by the risen Jesus himself, because none of his dazed or delirious disciples can possibly understand. He helps Thomas to believe in the upper room, and as he breaks bread with the travellers to Emmaus their hearts burn within them.

God is always ahead of us in our thinking, and blesses us in ways we might not understand until tomorrow or the day after. Like those first disciples we have a Church to build, and even with 2,000 years of history to draw on, we always need God's own insights for our next new beginning.

This Eastertide is full of activity and planning for new beginnings in the Diocese of York. Our first full-time ministers with a brief to reach out and build new worshipping communities amongst those in their 20s, 30s and 40s

are already starting work, and our new Generous Giving and Stewardship Team is making its presence felt, working with local churches to build their financial capacity and promote generosity amongst ourselves.

But what holds all this exciting newness together is the *Missio Dei* – God's own mission – which is what we pray and strive to enable. It inspires us to pool our prayers and yes, our money, as a diocesan family, supporting, encouraging and resourcing each other in our own settings.

I'd like to commend to you a plan just developing, for the Diocesan Office to take to the road a few times this year and stage an 'open evening' somewhere nearer to you than its usual home in York, so that we can see and guide the ways in which this mutual resourcing happens.

It's worth taking a look under the bonnet of the Diocesan machinery to help understand what goes on there, for all of us and in all our names. Look out for the dates; come and see how we're working for new beginnings this year!

**Sarah Bullock**



# John Habgood RIP

**The Rt Revd & Rt Hon the Lord Habgood of Calverton, Archbishop of York from 1987 to 1995, died on the 6th March 2019 at the age of 91.**

The following day, the present Archbishop, Dr John Sentamu, said, "The sad news of the death of former Archbishop of York, John Stapylton Habgood, came as northern bishops gathered for a Diocesan mission in Liverpool.

"As a hugely distinguished scientist, theologian and philosopher, Archbishop Habgood's faith in Christ gave him a particular perspective and a persuasive witness both to church and nation for his time.

"His many books simplified big and complex questions, revealing an incredibly perceptive intellect.

"I'm very glad to have confirmed his grandchildren and dedicated a room in his honour at Bishopthorpe Palace.

"His towering presence, physical, intellectual, and spiritual, was a gift to all who knew him.

"My prayers are with his family at this time. May he Rest in Peace, and rise in glory."



**A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 11.00am at York Minster**

## Dean of York takes on honorary role in York Diocese

Following a unanimous vote in support at York Diocesan Synod, Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu has commissioned and anointed the Dean of York, the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, as an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of York.



Dr Frost, who was Bishop of Southampton in the Diocese of Winchester until his installation as Dean of York in York Minster on the 2nd February, is now able to carry out certain episcopal functions (including confirmations) in the Diocese at the Archbishop's request, and becomes a member of the House of Bishops in York Diocesan Synod.

Dean Jonathan said, "I am delighted that, with the support of Diocesan Synod, the Archbishop has invited me to become an Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese.

"I gladly welcome this invitation. I see it as a wonderful opportunity to strengthen bonds of love between the Minster and the parishes, fresh expressions, communities and chaplaincies of the Diocese as together we seek God's kingdom and proclaim the radiant beauty of Jesus Christ."

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## Boro worshippers celebrate Farsi liturgy

Parishioners from Holy Trinity in North Ormesby, Middlesbrough attended the launch of the official Farsi (Persian) translation of Common Worship in Wakefield Cathedral on Saturday 2nd March.

The event took place due to an increasing number of immigrants and refugees arriving from Iran and converting to Christianity. North Ormesby is a centre for a few such refugees, and the Revd Dominic Black described the event as "A new, welcoming way for those from strange and foreign lands, now more free to explore their faith".

Although available in English, French, and Mandarin Chinese, there has not been a Farsi translation of Common Worship.

Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu sent a message to open the service: "Brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings to you in his name on this wonderful occasion. I am sorry to be unable to be with you, and I trust that the service will be a great celebration of the goodness



of God, who makes us one in Christ, breaking down every barrier between us. I rejoice at the publication of this Farsi translation of the Holy Communion Service – though we are many, we are one body!"

Ten native Farsi Speakers from Holy Trinity

joined over 500 people to worship in the Cathedral. Dominic Black said "We have been deeply enriched as a parish by the steady stream of Asylum Seekers sent to North Ormesby from all over the world in the last ten years. All but a few move on when they have leave to stay but we stay in touch with many. "

Afterwards, Asghar said 'I felt proud and content to see, for the first time ever, that my fellow Persians could free pray in their mother tongue in a proper Cathedral. Seeing two nations worshipping the One God alongside one another, in a peaceful place, made it the most memorable and exquisite service of my church life."

# For services to the Mothers' Union, to Women and to Families

**Congratulations to Lynne Tembey, former Mothers' Union Worldwide President, and parishioner at St Mark's, Marske-by-the-Sea (where her husband David is Vicar), who has received her OBE in recognition of her services to the Mothers' Union, to Women and to Families.**

HRH Prince William presented her with the award, and Lynne said it was lovely to talk to him about the Mothers' Union.

She adds her OBE to the Cross of St Augustine, awarded to Lynne by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, ahead of her presidential retirement at the end of 2018.

"When I learned that I was to be awarded with the OBE, I was filled with amazement", Lynne said. "I feel truly privileged. I have greatly loved my time as Worldwide President. Our members are incredible in all they strive to achieve, changing hearts, minds and lives in wonderful ways.

"To receive the OBE from Her Majesty and the Cross of St Augustine from the Archbishop of Canterbury is so humbling. I accept these awards through God's grace and in recognition of the worldwide members it has been an honour and joy to serve."

Lynne has been involved with Mothers' Union for almost 40 years. She has served in leadership roles locally as branch leader and deanery leader and regionally as Vice President of the Diocese of Carlisle and Provincial President of York. For the past six years she served as Worldwide President.

She has been succeeded as Worldwide President by Mrs Sheran Harper, from Guyana – the first Worldwide President from outside the British Isles.

Founded 142 years ago, the Mothers' Union is a dynamic Anglican Mission agency with four million members in 84 countries.



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fruit and vegetables for the café.

The Vicar of Hull Minster, the Reverend Canon Dr Neal Barnes, said: "This is wonderful news for the Minster and the city of Hull. It will enable us to fulfil the Minster's potential to be a hub for visitors and tourists to the historic Old Town."

## ...but the Vicar's on his way

Meanwhile, Vicar of Hull Minster, the Revd Canon Dr Neal Barnes, is leaving in July after nine years in the city to be Canon for Mission and Faith Development at Liverpool Cathedral.

A former engineer, Canon Barnes first came to East Yorkshire in 1999 as Vicar of Anlaby. In 2010, he was appointed Vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Hull, which in 2017 was re-designated as Hull Minster during Hull's year as UK City of Culture.

Canon Barnes said: "My wife Stella and I would particularly value

your prayers as we prepare to move to Liverpool.

"It's been a genuine privilege for me to serve the congregation and community of Hull Minster and I am so grateful for the wonderful support I have had from colleagues and members of the church.

"I've seen so many wonderful changes in my time here, from Holy Trinity achieving Minster status to the physical changes that have helped us to embrace the wider community in so many new and exciting ways...

"Leaving Hull Minster will be a huge wrench, but I do believe that God's timing is right for me and for Hull Minster."



Canon Neal Barnes

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# Hull Minster transformed...

**A £3.9m grant from Highways England will help to complete the transformation of Hull Minster into a hub for the city's history, heritage and community.**



From left: Vicar Neal Barnes, Highways England Senior Project Manager James Leeming, Minster Development Trust Vice Chair Stephen Martin

The investment comes from a dedicated fund which is designed to protect historic features in areas near to major roads, helping them to be harmonious with their surroundings. The Highways England Environment Designated Fund will safeguard the Minster's heritage for future generations and create a sustainable future for the church as a magnificent place of worship, a focal point for the community and magnet for visitors.

With work set to start this Spring, the incomparable Minster can now be restored, renovated and extended to fulfil its rich potential. The grant is linked to

the proposed A63 Castle Street scheme, which passes just 100 metres from the church. This major project is designed to improve access between the Port of Hull and the national road network via the city centre.

Highways England's funding for the Minster allows for a number of major improvements, including a glass, bronze and stone extension which will house a visitor and heritage centre with exhibition spaces, a café and other new visitor facilities. The extension will lead into a "heritage corridor" within the church, creating a home for carefully-curated exhibits

about the history of Hull and the central role the church has played in it.

Highways England senior project manager James Leeming said: "It is a real pleasure to support an iconic venue like Hull Minster as part of our important work in the city.

"The grant will transform the church in the short term and build a brighter future in the long term."

Further new features will include an education and learning centre, disabled access ramps and accessible toilets, a modern electrical system, and a community garden providing homegrown

## Becoming a Diaconal Church – Broadening the Vision

**Methodist Deacon David Clark is passionate about the renewal of the church as movement rather than institution.**

Speaking at this year's Diocesan Deacons' Conference at Wydale Hall, he presented an inspirational vision of an outward facing church.

In a world beset by social fragmentation, he believes solutions can only develop via strong communities. "It's building community or bust" he said, but "community is a benign aerosol word we squirt on everything."

He identified strong communities as those shaped by relationships, feelings, values and beliefs which is where theology comes in. Theology addresses the communal dilemma, moving its dark side away from insularity and sectarianism towards openness, inclusion, and acceptance of diversity. All people matter and each counts.

David pictures the diaconal church as a servant of the Kingdom community with deacons as mission enablers and the laity in pole position as messengers and community builders. Deacons have a key role to play in nurturing life, love, liberation and learning as the gifts of the Kingdom and noticing where these already exist outside church. The church exists to make these gifts real in people's experience in everyday life and relationships.

The weekend was full of inspiring stories



of deacons making connections with communities of interest beyond the church, for example with bikers, market stall holders place and older people.

- For enquirers, incumbents and anyone interested to know more about the diaconate, the date for Wydale Weekend 2020 is February 28th-March 1st.
- The next day meeting of the York deacons' group is on November 16th at St Edward's Dringhouses (York), with Bishop of Hull Alison White.
- **Listen to David Clark's three talks at [soundcloud.com.dioceseforyork](https://www.soundcloud.com/dioceseforyork)**

*David Clark is a Methodist deacon, formerly a presbyter, and a member of the Society of Friends. He has been a leading figure in the Christian Community Movement, establishing the National Centre for Christian Communities and Networks, and set up the Christians in Public Life Programme in the early 1990s. In 1997 he founded the Human City Institute (Birmingham). He writes on the nature of community, schools as learning communities and the mission of the church in today's world.*

David has a blog at [www.diaconalchurch.com](http://www.diaconalchurch.com).



# Plan to reach 20s to 40s Rolls out in Thirsk



**The Revd Mary Rolls was licensed in St Mary's Church, Thirsk, on the 3rd April, as the newest member of the Diocese of York's team of pioneer ministers working to reach those in their 20s to 40s.**

Mary, previously a pharmacist, was ordained in 2015 after studying at Cranmer Hall, Durham, and served as a Curate in Cayton and Eastfield near Scarborough.



Visitors and congregants gathered in Thirsk to celebrate this new focus for ministry, aimed at planting and growing new church congregations made up of people between the ages of 20 and 49, and formally to recognise Mary in her new role as the 20s to 40s minister in Thirsk.

The Revd Wendy Wale has already been inducted in Beverley to serve the 20s to 40s community

in a part-time capacity, making Mary the first full-time member of the team to take up her post. With more ministers being licensed soon around the Diocese, including in Middlesbrough, Hull, Malton, and Marton, the 20s to 40s team continues to grow in strength.

Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson said, "Here we are, at the beginning of a very important and wonderful venture... here we are celebrating Mary's new ministry... with the conviction that we share; that is, resources, and effort, and love, and prayer, and work, into reaching younger adults, that group of people in this Diocese that are under-represented in church life".

Gifts presented to Mary included a smartphone and a pair of trainers; as Bishop Paul pointed out, these are likely to be of more frequent help to her in

her new ministry than the robes in which she and many other clergy were dressed for her licensing.

Mary commented on the potential difficulties that could come with ministering in what some would consider to be such a rural setting, saying, "There are families here, there are 20s to 40s here, there are young professionals, and there are people in the networks around."

"It's about working out where those networks are and, hopefully, God is going to open some of those networks up to us, so we can start engaging with people and hopefully engaging them with God."

[www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/20s-40s](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/20s-40s)



Above from left: Richard White (Director of Making & Nurturing Disciples), Mary Rolls, David Johnson (designate 20s-40s minister), Bishop Paul Ferguson, Rob Suekerran (designate 20s-40s minister), John Lee (20s-40s Team Leader), Ben Walker (Associate 20s-40s Team Leader).