

COME + SEE

~ Mission Training

'Come and See' is the Northern Bishops' Mission to the Diocese of York, led by the Archbishop of York and running from 12th to 15th March 2020.

'Come and See' is an opportunity for us to unite in local mission and evangelism; we pray, we invite, we celebrate and we offer hospitality, all in the power of the Holy Spirit, telling the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We will be joined by about 30 bishops, each with a small team of lay people, children and youth workers and clergy; each bishop will be allocated to a deanery.

How can we make the most of 'Come and See' in every parish and every neighbourhood?

Training events have been organised for Deanery representatives and others who want to be inspiring and encouraging others between now and then, and there is one event with the irrepressible Canon Robin Gamble that is open to all.

All the events are free to attend but numbers are limited so please register at dioceseofyork-training.eventbrite.co.uk (or use individual links as below)

Archdeaconry 'Come and See' Training Days

- Saturday 5 October, 9.30am - 1.00pm, St Peter's Church, Norton (near Malton): comeandsee-norton.eventbrite.co.uk
- Saturday 19 October, 10.00am - 3.00pm, St Barnabas Linthorpe, Middlesbrough: comeandsee-cleveland.eventbrite.co.uk
- Thursday 24 October, 9.30am - 1.00pm, Bishopthorpe Church Hall, Church Lane, Bishopthorpe, York YO23 2DG: comeandsee-bishopthorpe.eventbrite.co.uk



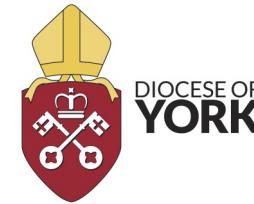
'Doing Come and See as well as we can'

With LYCiG's Canon Robin Gamble (pictured)

- Thursday 17 October, 10.00am - 1.00pm, St Chad's Church, Camplesdon Road, York YO23 1EY: comeandsee-robingamble.eventbrite.co.uk

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"Whatever you know of Jesus today,
aim to go higher...
and higher... and higher!"



That's what Archbishop Sentamu told seven new Readers as he preached in York Minster shortly before Admitting and Licensing them to serve in parishes in the Diocese of York, on Saturday 7th September.

Readers are lay ministers who lead acts of worship, and help reach others with the good news of Jesus Christ through explaining the Bible and Christian belief.

The new Readers, with the parishes in which they will serve, are:

Gillian Boag-Munroe
(Hinderwell with Roxby and Staithes; and Lythe with Sandsend; and Ugthorpe near Whitby)
Alex Crickmar (Monk Fryston & South Milford)
Stephen Graham
(St Peter, Redcar)
Jose Knowles (St Denys, Walmgate, York)
Hazel Maciver
(St Mark's, Newby, and Cloughton and Burniston near Scarborough)
Barbara Myerscough
(Pocklington and Londesborough)
Richard Summers
(St Nicholas, Newbald near Market Weighton).

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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Hull,
Alison White, writes:

Made to Connect

What is the secret of your strength? Spinach (Popeye), long hair (Samson), visits to the gym? Could it be prayer and worship, or is that just a pious cliché?

We often feel rather feeble, more aware of weakness than strength; life is full on, we are a bit off colour and we worry that other people are doing better than us.

Isaiah says the Lord God is our strength and song, so the question is how can we draw on that? Prayer is not a solo performance with heavenly marks out of 10. It is the connection of love in response to an invitation. Sometimes it is very personal, unseen in our own space. Even there though, we belong to the immeasurable community of those who love the Lord and long to love him more.

I believe this is the core of all we are and all we are doing as a Diocese, and so calls us to give our best attention rather than just letting our prayer and worship jog on. After all, we are connecting with the source of life and love. St Paul prays for the Ephesians and for us that we 'may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that he

may dwell in your hearts through faith as you are being rooted and grounded in love'.

The multiplicity of things on our 'to do' lists easily sap strength. The reality is that it will need our energy to go on growing in the adventure of prayer and worship; refreshing, experimenting, going deeper, giving of our best to the One who gives us everything.

Maybe it is time for a conversation, to have a look at how this central dynamic of our life is growing.

I believe that every human being is made to connect with God or Creator and loving Redeemer. The challenge for us where we are is how we make that imaginable and possible for those who haven't yet found this deepest source of strength and belonging.

+ Alison Hullen



Fun, Faith, and Field Games ~ The Genesis Project at Wydale Hall

The families of Grove Hill, Middlesbrough, enjoyed a summer escape to the Emmaus Centre at Wydale Hall this year.

50 people travelled the 50 miles to the southern edge of the moors for a holiday filled with fun, faith and field games as part of The Genesis Project.

Leader of The Genesis Club, Deacon Kath Dean, said, "We had an amazing time together, where everyone, whether churchgoers or not, joined together for a service in the woodland chapel.

"We walked together, played field games, talked about our faith, and had lots of fun; so much so we have booked again for next year!"

The Genesis Project is based out of St Oswald's and St Chad's churches in Middlesbrough, within a deprived area which has seen a considerable decline in recent years.

It not only offers an annual holiday for families to enjoy, but it also offers kids' clubs, holiday clubs, and a free weekly lunch club, enjoyed by many people around the community, with food, toys, and clothes supplied and donated by both local and national businesses.



The project also hosts special meals around Easter and Christmas, which includes decorating the hall in which they meet and hosting a celebration meal for all in the community.

All Good Gifts Around Us...

A new collection of resource material to help parishes explore giving and generosity has been launched by the Diocesan Generous Giving team.

Themed 'First Fruits', the resources will guide your PCC and your parish in exploring themes of generosity with your whole church community. The material helps to explore giving the very best that we can offer in its broadest sense, in response to God's generosity to us.



Generous Giving Adviser Sammi Tooze, who has produced the material, says, "The practicalities of 'First Fruits' have changed over the centuries.

"In the Old Testament, First Fruits were literally the first portion of the harvest, given to God as an expression of trust and thanksgiving.

"Today, many of us do not literally harvest produce from the ground, but the spiritual element of First Fruits is as relevant to us today as it was to the Israelites.

"We are invited to give the very best we can offer – that is our First Fruits, in whatever form that takes.

"We are called for that giving to be a

priority, and carried out as an act of grace. Then it becomes a joy to give, and an act which enables us to grow more into the likeness of Christ.

"This material covers most corners of encounter – private prayer and reflection, collective worship, and in conversation through small groups."

The collection includes liturgies, a PCC guide, a small group discussion guide, a prayer station, prayer cards and reflections.

The resources are designed mostly to be used within Giving Programmes, to help enable people to be more deeply engaged when reflecting on why we give to our churches, and what that might look like in our own lives.

Hard copies of the resources are available for parishes – copies of the small group guide are 50p each, whilst everything else is free of charge. The full collection of resources can be downloaded on the Generous Giving pages. If you would like a collection of hard copies, please contact Sammi Tooze at sammi.tooze@yorkdiocese.org or 07930 424280.

Hendrik begins ministry to reach 20s-40s

A Dutch church minister and his Zimbabwean wife have returned to the UK to begin a new pioneering ministry among those in their 20s, 30s and 40s in the North Yorkshire market town of Malton.



Hendrik Klaver was licensed at a welcome service in September at St Michael's Church by the Bishop of Selby, Dr John Thomson, as a 'Multiply' minister with a focus on reaching those who currently have little or no connection with the church.

Hendrik and his wife Mavis met while studying theology in Gloucestershire in 2003; they later worked in churches in the south west of England, and, for six years, in the Sheffield area where Hendrik was Youth and Families Worker at Christ Church, Pitsmoor.

After his ministry in Pitsmoor, Hendrik and his family moved in 2012 to Rotterdam where as Pioneering Lay Minister and Mission Enabler he planted a new church, 'Kerk op de Kop'.

Now they are returning with their three children to take up the new pioneering role in the Diocese of York.

"We love the UK and we love the Anglican church as a really good place which is deeply rooted in tradition, in the early church and in scripture while at the same time having space for

new things to happen."

"We didn't have a church building ourselves but used local buildings and our focus was to help people explore faith. We would meet together on the first Sunday of the month, but it wasn't very 'churchy' in

the way people might expect. We had a regular pattern of meetings with silence, workshops, reflective and creative worship and opportunities to discuss faith in groups."

Hendrik is the latest 'Multiply' minister to be appointed by the Diocese of York to develop new worshipping communities for those in their 20s to 40s. Fourteen ordained or lay specialist ministers will be commissioned in thirteen locations as part of the church's strategy.

"What's exciting about coming here is the way this work with the 20s to 40s is being approached," says Hendrik.

"It is a real movement rather than isolated initiative, part of a wider vision for the whole diocese to inspire more people.

"What I like about this (Malton) church is that is really in the market place. That's where church should be: in the middle of the lives of people."

The next Archdeacon of York

The Archbishop of York announced in August that Archdeacon of Cleveland the Ven Sam Rushton will be moving in October to succeed the Rt Revd Sarah Bullock, now Area Bishop of Shrewsbury, as Archdeacon of York.

"It seemed good to us and to the Holy Spirit that Sam's translation was the right thing to do. Please pray for her, and for the appointment of her successor to the Cleveland Archdeaconry."

Archdeacon Sam said: 'It will be really sad to leave Cleveland Archdeaconry where I've enjoyed four great years getting to know people and parishes, but I'm looking forward to getting to know the landscape and people of the Vale of York.'

Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby commented: "Sam has brought energy, enthusiasm and a passion for people to flourish as disciples of Christ, as well as perceptive insights on practical and financial matters. We shall miss her from this Archdeaconry, but it is so good that she will still be a close colleague within our one diocese. Please join in praying for her and her husband Peter, as they settle into their new home and pattern of work and ministry."

Bishop of Selby, Dr John Thomson, said: "I am delighted that Sam is to be the next Archdeacon of York. She brings a sharp mind, a pastoral heart, financial



intelligence and a passion for the Gospel. I look forward to working with her."

Archdeacon Sam will be collated as Archdeacon of York in York Minster on Wednesday 9 October. The Revd Canon John Weetman has been the Acting Archdeacon of York since June and will continue in this role until October.

- Sam Rushton first came to York Diocese in 2015 from the Diocese of Bristol where she was the Diocesan Adviser for Licensed Ministry, Warden of Readers, Area Dean of Chippenham and Associate Minister of the North Chippenham Group of Churches.

Sister Jocelyn OHP is the new Prioress for the Order of the Holy Paraclete

The Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Whitby, have elected Sister Jocelyn OHP as their new Prioress.

A trained primary school teacher, organist, cook, and the order's property manager, Sister Jocelyn has been a dedicated Sister for the past 35 years. She was the Sub-Prioress to Sister Carole, who died in March this year.

Archbishop Sentamu said; "We continue to thank God for the work, dedication and service of the Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete.

"As Sister Jocelyn takes on this new role as Prioress, join me in praying for her and the whole community at this exciting time for the Order, that they may continue to love and serve the Lord, building community in Whitby and beyond."

"I am nervous but excited to begin my role," said Sister Jocelyn.

"It's a huge undertaking, but it will be the start of an exciting new chapter"

Preaching at the Priory on the occasion of Sister Jocelyn's Installation on the 10th September, Archbishop Sentamu said, "Know that you are clothed in Christ... and day by day he delights in you!"

"All you've got to do is to keep yourself

in the boundary where God's love can meet you and bless you."

The Order of the Holy Paraclete was founded just over 100 years ago by Mother Margaret. Its members are often called the 'Whitby Sisters', but they don't spend all their time in the beautiful Yorkshire town, with sisters heading to Ghana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Swaziland. Currently there are two Ghanaian Sisters running an eye clinic in their home country.

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