

'Outstanding Contribution'

~ local businesses hail Hull Minster

Hull Minster's 'Outstanding Contribution' to the City has been recognised by Hull's business community at a glittering awards ceremony at the Bonus Arena.



Catherine Goble, Marketing & Events Co-ordinator at Hull Business Improvement District (BID), said: "Every year we get more and more entries, with some very worthy winners. It was a very difficult decision for the independent judging panel to choose the shortlist, which shows what brilliant businesses and people we have in the city centre."

Eleven prestigious prizes were handed out in a range of categories from Safe City and Innovative Marketing, to Dressed to Impress and Contribution to the Community.

The shortlist for the awards was selected by an independent panel including John Netherwood, of The Civic Society, The Chamber Acorn Fund's Craig Simpson and the Hull Daily Mail's Barnabas Stephenson.

The judges picked Hull Minster as their Outstanding Contribution winner, recognising the building's multi-faceted function. An iconic landmark

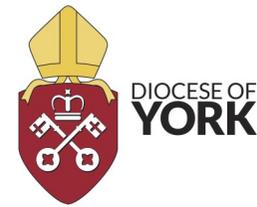
in Hull's city centre, Hull Minster played host to 250 events in 2019 – not least the HullBID Awards ceremony.

From musicals, theatrical performances, artistic events such as the display of Sistine Chapel artwork through to health awareness days and education workshops, Hull Minster acts as a hub for a range of activities in the area, provides a sacred space of worship, a social and cultural hub and continues to be a force for good.

The Minster's Interim Minister, Bishop Frank White, said, "We're extremely grateful to the business community in Hull for this recognition of the part played in the City's life by its Minster and everyone who supports it in a host of ways.

"Since 2014 the Minster's Transformation project has attracted huge backing from many organisations around us, so this award for an Outstanding Contribution is theirs as much as ours.

"We are pledged to pray for our City, its businesses and all those who work in them, and to welcome all who come to the Minster as friends, visitors and pilgrims."



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'Archie's at the Abbey

Students from Archbishop Holgate's Church of England School in York travelled to London to join 700 children and young people from across the UK in celebration of 2020's Commonwealth Day at Westminster Abbey as part of a 3,000-strong congregation.

The event is the largest annual multi-faith Service in the UK and was attended by HM The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, senior members of the Royal Family, The Prime Minister, Commonwealth Heads of State and specially invited guests.

School Captain Amelia Barber said: "To represent Archbishop's at such a prestigious event was a real privilege with the presence of political figures and the royals, which was the real cherry on top of the cake. During the service, my personal favourite moment was the contribution by the poet Suli Break, who focused on the aspect of Ideas. His ability to manipulate words in such a casual yet angelic way was truly enlightening and captivating."



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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archbishop of York,
Dr John Sentamu, writes:

If you are feeling full of the joys of the Holy Spirit as we prepare to celebrate Easter – that is marvellous!

If you are reading this with furrowed brow or a heavy heart, may I ask you: what are you so concerned about? And also: what's the worst that can happen?

Well, I imagine you might be thinking, "No! Or you may not!" These can be trite and irritating questions, especially when they come from someone who isn't in your shoes and who doesn't understand exactly what's facing you.

I have had my fair share of suffering, but you are right – I don't know what you're going through.

The message of Easter, though, is that Jesus Christ does know. He endured the worst that could happen – betrayal, abandonment, ridicule, injustice, shame, humiliation, torture and death. Whatever is making you afraid or anxious, Jesus understands; he has walked the path through the valley of the shadow of death.

But even when someone understands, that doesn't mean they can be of any help – being understood doesn't deal with being scared. I can't fight your battles or fix your problems.

My brothers and sisters - we have a Saviour who is risen, and a God who has shown by raising his Son from death that there is now no reason to fear.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. The risen Christ comes this Easter - as he does every day - standing among us and declares peace. The man his disciples mistook for a failure comes with power to show us how wrong they were and all his people rejoice. The man who Mary Magdalene mistook for the gardener comes to us and all creation, bringing healing to his world, which is longing for the day when all fires will be quenched, all floods will be no more, all famines will turn into feasts and all wars turned into peace.

Whatever the worst is, the best is yet to be. Therefore, let us not be worried and afraid.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.



+Sentamu Ebor:

Major pilgrimage route launched:

The Way of St Hild is a unique pilgrimage trail celebrating a significant Saxon saint.

Led by Hartlepool Borough Council with funding from the Rural Payments Agency, the 48-mile Way is the first long distance walk to be supported by augmented reality stations along the route between Hartlepool and Whitby.

Hild – in Latin, Hilda – was the Abbess of both Hartlepool and Whitby in Saxon times and was a significant woman leader. The launch on International Women's Day 2020 therefore provided a great opportunity to celebrate the contribution women leaders have made to civic, community and religious life.

The 8th March launch day began with a celebratory service at St Hilda's Church in Hartlepool led by the Rt Revd Sarah Clark, Bishop of Jarrow, after which a number of walkers and runners set off from St Hilda's, bound for Whitby.

A small number of guests were transported to Whitby on HMS Example, an Archer-class patrol vessel of the Royal Navy, commemorating the journeys it is believed St Hild herself would often

THE WAY OF ST HILD

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have made between Hartlepool and Whitby by sea.

Later, a short service of reflection was held at Whitby Abbey and the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, led a service at St Hilda's Church in Whitby at which Bishop Sarah was invited to preach. Bishop Paul said, "Hild's remarkable life came to a climax in Whitby and was very special to be part of the launch of The Way of St Hild on International Women's Day."

The Way of St Hild uses existing public rights of way and established National Trails – has been supported by the Very Reverend Michael Sadgrove, Dean Emeritus of Durham, who said: "The Way of St Hild... begins and ends with churches associated with St Hild herself, a traditional way of setting out on and completing a pilgrimage at a sacred site. But the journey also embraces the many contrasting natural and human environments of this stretch of coastline, and helps us understand the long history of these landscapes both before and since Hild's time".

Churches swing into Aire flood action

"Our thoughts and prayers are with our neighbours in Snaith," said Curate of Carlton with Drax, the Revd Becky Allright, as the River Aire continued to spread its floodwaters across the low-lying areas where the Diocese of York meets the Diocese of Sheffield at the end of February.



"Many of our local children attend school in Snaith and many of our parishioners are registered with the GP there and so on. Some parishioners also travel from the surrounding area to church and have been affected.

"Carlton village hall has been set aside for evacuees and residents. Homes in West Bank (Carlton), Temple Hirst and Hirst Courtney (pictured) have been evacuated and several homes flooded.

"Newland in the parish of Drax has

been on red alert but so far the water is not as high as on previous recent occasions. Chapel Haddlesey bridge on the A19 is closed, and so is the bridge on the main road from Carlton into Snaith, and all this is causing travel chaos.

"No one can remember it being this bad in living history. It is having a huge impact on farmers whose land won't have crops sown this spring."

The Priory Church in nearby Snaith (in the Diocese of Sheffield) was acting as a hub for flood relief in the town, and that Selby Abbey is one of the drop-off points listed in an appeal for items including blankets, bedding, nappies, unopened formula milk, packaged sandwiches, tinned food and long-life milk.

The Bishop of Selby, Dr John Thomson, and Priest-in-Charge of Haddlesey, Hambleton, Birkin, Carlton and Drax the Revd Anna met with District Councillor Mike Jordan to explore other opportunities for the churches to support local relief efforts.

Anna (pictured with Cllr Jordan) said, "We were left with a huge sense of admiration for the way the community has pulled together to prevent even worse flooding."

Service, Community and Fair Shares in Easington

A group of volunteers at All Saints' Church, Easington in the East Riding has opened an exciting new enterprise in conjunction with the FareShare charity.



Each Friday the volunteers (pictured on launch day, 21st February) will take delivery of a consignment of good food that would otherwise have gone to waste, and will make it available at the church café on the same afternoon. Villagers who come will be able to obtain a variety of food items for a small donation towards paying for the next delivery.

FareShare is a national charity redistributing food that is in date and good to eat but is surplus to the food industry. In 2019 FareShare distributed some 20,838 tonnes of food to food banks, soup kitchens and charities.

All Saints' Church, currently without a Vicar, already has a café area with toilet facilities and a charity clothes shop.

"They will open the shop up at about 1.30pm on Fridays," said Area Dean of South Holderness the Revd Susan Walker.

"Tea and coffee will be served in their café area, and they also have clothes rails so that people can find 'new to you' clothes."

Headed by Churchwarden Lois Rutter, who organised the agreement with FareShare in Hull, vol-

unteers have organised shelving and a fridge and freezer to accommodate the food shop.

The Friday afternoon café and food shop will provide a lifeline for those struggling to get to the shops as well as those who may be lonely; there is no village shop in Easington and the nearest supermarket is nine miles away which makes it difficult to access the regular weekly shop for families and the elderly, amongst others.

Archbishop appoints new Archdeacon of Cleveland

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has announced the appointment of The Revd Dr Amanda Bloor as the new Archdeacon of Cleveland.

Amanda is currently Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity Bembridge on the Isle of Wight and Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands in the Diocese of Portsmouth. Ordained in 2004, she has previously served as Chaplain and Diocesan Advisor in Women's Ministry to the Bishop of Oxford, and as Area Director of Ordinands for Berkshire. She undertook Doctoral research in Clergy Wellbeing and has a keen interest in the flourishing of those engaged in ministry. She is also a Chaplain to the Army Cadet Force. Amanda is married to Mark and has two grown-up daughters.



Archbishop Sentamu said: "I very much look forward to welcoming Amanda to the Diocese of York and especially to her new ministry in the Archdeaconry of Cleveland. As well as her experience in a bishop's team, her research on clergy wellbeing stands her in good stead to support everyone whose work and calling is to serve others in Jesus' name."

Amanda said: "I'm excited to be moving to the Diocese of York and joining the team encouraging the vision to be

Generous Churches, Making and Nurturing Disciples. I look forward to getting to know people and places so that I can join in with the many good things that God is doing amongst us. I want to support clergy in what can sometimes feel a lonely or challenging role; we have a message of hope to offer to a hurting world where many people are searching for meaning."

The Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson said: "Amanda is a disciple and leader with special abilities and experience. I warmly look forward to welcoming her in her ministry as Archdeacon of Cleveland".

The Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt Rev Christopher Foster, said: "Amanda's appointment is great news for the Cleveland Archdeaconry and the Diocese of York. While with us in Bembridge she has been an excellent parish priest and ably supported those, especially from the Isle of Wight, discerning a possible call to licensed or further ministry."

- **Amanda will be collated as Archdeacon of Cleveland at Bishopthorpe Palace on 22 April 2020. She succeeds the Venerable Sam Rushton, who became the Archdeacon of York in August 2019.**

Archbishop's tribute to the Archbishop

The Archbishop of Canterbury paid tribute to the Archbishop of York on the final day of February's Church of England General Synod, at what would have been his final Synod.

Archbishop Justin Welby praised the Archbishop of York who was travelling in the Pacific. He said: "He (John Sentamu) has gone to visit parts of the world which are suffering the effects of climate change right now. He has gone typically to respond to an invitation for him to go and preach and be alongside those who are suffering: a pattern of his life throughout his ministry."

The Archbishop continued: "Speaking about Sentamu when he's not here is both dangerous but also deeply liberating for it means we can show our gratitude, thanks and love for him without him being able to stop us."

Recalling the Archbish-

op of York's work on the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, Archbishop Justin added that "he has said that he himself was stopped at least eight times by the police". The Archbishop

of Canterbury continued: "To honour his memory, his lifelong, bitter cruel and wicked experience of institutional racism which has existed and does exist within the Church of England we must be dedicated to actions not just words."

Reflecting on the Archbishop of York's impact nationally, the Archbishop of Canterbury said: "The Church of England will miss you Sentamu and the wider country will miss you. There aren't a lot of bishops who are so well known outside the church."

Summing up the Arch-



bishop of Canterbury concluded: "Thank you for being obedient to your call and to the voice of the Lord calling you to speak out and to speak up. Thank you for being you. Thank you to you and to Margaret for your example of love and service, dedication and sacrifice in so very many ways." He closed by saying: "Let us try to show not only in our appreciation but also in our actions, that we will let his prophetic ministry bear its full fruit in our church."

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