

Royal Maundy 2021

Since this year's Royal Maundy Service on the 1st April was unable to take place in Westminster Abbey due to COVID restrictions, those people nominated in each Diocese to receive the Royal Maundy Gift (or 'Maundy Money') received it by post, with a personal letter from Her Majesty The Queen.

There were 190 Maundy Recipients this year; one man and one woman for each of The Queen's 95 years. Each recipient received two purses, one red and one white, which were blessed by the Sub-Dean at the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace. This year's coins were newly minted to commemorate Her Majesty's 95th Birthday, and the 50th anniversary of Decimal Day.

Those nominated in the Diocese of York were:

- Margaret Price – Stillington
- Liz Harrison – Hull
- Joan Holdaway – North Ormesby
- George Robinson – Redcar
- Peter Titchmarsh – Great Ayton
- John Wright – Selby

Margaret Price (pictured) said, "I'm very fortunate to live in a village with great community spirit, and to be one of many church members inspired to serve here, particularly in our successful and long-standing village shop; receiving the Royal Maundy Gift is a lovely surprise and I feel very honoured but very humbled."



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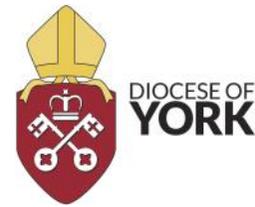
The Revd Richard White, Diocesan Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Hull, St John Newland. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull in the Parish Church of St John, Newland at 7.30pm on Monday, 28th June 2021.

The Revd Canon Erik Wilson, Interim Priest in Charge of Hull, St John

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Newland, will resign with effect from 27th June 2021 in preparation for the licensing of **the Revd Richard White** as Priest-in-Charge the following day.

The Revd Patricia Wood, Distinctive Deacon of Upper Derwent, has been re-appointed until 11th April 2022. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby at 2.30pm on Sunday, 2nd May 2021 in St Peter's, Langdale End.



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'Outstanding Contribution to Ringing' by young Roos bellringer Jayden

11-year-old Jayden Newton, a bellringer from All Saint's, Roos (East Riding), has been made a joint winner of the 'Leading the Ropes Contribution Award' award by ART, the Association for Ringing Teachers.

"The ringer's contribution award is not based on ringing ability or attainment but for their contribution to the wider ringing community, for example, within a band, local area, Guild, Association or even the Central Council."

The award is judged on recruitment, teaching, publicity, and tower maintenance, something which, despite his young age, Jayden excels at. Tower Captain, Helen Audley, says "We are very proud of him here at Roos and are so happy that his commitment has been recognised with this award. He will get a certificate which we will display with pride in the church, plus £125 to spend on ringing-related items."



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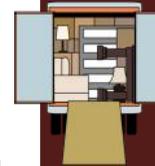
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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Selby,
Dr John Thomson,
writes:

Climate Change

'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it' (Psalm 24 v1)

May is the month when I see more cyclists on my favourite loops around Selby. This tells me that the climate is changing. May brings longer days, warmer weather, beautiful blossom and a desire to be outdoors. Over the last year we've become much more aware of creation and the climate as a result of the pandemic. Restrictions on our movements have meant that many of us have walked or cycled around our localities and seen them with fresh eyes, appreciating their beauty and wonder even in the depths of winter.

Climate change is on the agenda of the world this year. In November Britain, in partnership with Italy, will host the COP26 Climate Change Summit in Glasgow whose aim is to get countries across the globe to commit to reaching net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible. The Church of England is aiming to do this by 2030 and our Green Ambassador, the Revd Jan Noble, and his team, will be helping us do this in our diocese.

Climate change is also on the agenda of our diocese this year as we go through the Consultation with deaneries and parishes about how we

will live Christ's story over the years ahead. This refreshing of our vision and strategy involves praying that God will change the climate of our hearts so that we can witness to his love more faithfully and fruitfully.

Climate change in the world and in the diocese impacts poor communities the most. This is why we must change our ways. In the wider world we must change how we live, consume and travel. In our diocese climate change means seeing how our time, talents and treasure serve our poorest parishes.

This month the York Diocesan Leadership Team will be assessing the outputs from the first stage of the Consultation with the Deanery Leadership Teams. Next month the parishes will be invited to engage with the Consultation. To see global and diocesan climate change needs all of us to pull together, to see each other as part of the global and diocesan community and to commit to a better future.

Please join me in praying that we will be found faithful in God's sight.



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People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



The Revd James Anderson, who held the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate and was Priest in Charge of The Beacon, retired with effect from the 5th April 2021.

The Revd Derek Earis, Assistant Curate of York All Saints, Pavement with St Crux and St Michael, Spurriergate; York St Denys; York St Helen, Stonegate with St Martin, Coney Street; and York St Olave with St Giles, will retire with effect from 1st June 2021. His final service will be on 30th May 2021.

The Revd Shirley Hebden, Distinctive Deacon of Beeford with Frodingham and Foston and Brandesburton and Leven, has been appointed by the Bishop of Hull to be Area Dean of North Holderness for a period of five years in succession to **the Revd Anne White** who has held the position since September 2016.

The Revd Peter Higson, Distinctive Deacon of Middle Esk Moor, will resign with effect from 14th May 2021. His final service will be on the 9th May 2021.

The Revd Glyn Holland, Vicar of Middlesbrough All Saints, has been appointed by the Bishop of Whitby to be Area Dean of Middlesbrough for a period of five years with effect from 10th May 2021 in succession to **the Revd Charles Razzall**.

The Revd Kate Jamie, Vicar of Heworth, Gateshead, in the Diocese of Durham, has been appointed as Chaplain to HMP Kirklevington in the Diocese of York and as Chaplain to HMP Deerbolt in the Diocese of Leeds.

The late **Canon Dr Richard Shephard**, who died in February and was a Lay Canon of York Minster, Prebend of Newthorpe, and a member of Chapter, has been posthumously conferred with the title of Canon Emeritus by the Archbishop.

The Revd Tessa Stephens, Vicar of Nunthorpe, has been appointed by the Bishop of Whitby to be Area Dean of Stokesley for five years from Monday, 10th May 2021, in succession to **the Revd Clay Roundtree** who is moving to the Diocese of Lincoln.

The Revd David Tembey, Vicar of Markse in Cleveland, has been re-appointed for a further two years. Mr Tembey continues also in his role as Area Dean of Guisborough. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby at 1.00pm on Friday, 24th May 2021 in St Mark, Marske in Cleveland.

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Running the Stations of the Cross in Middlesbrough

The Revd Nik Stevenson, Multiply Minister for Ingleby Barwick, led five runners on a 14-mile Good Friday pilgrimage to the summit of Roseberry Topping, part of the North York Moors, with a stop every mile to contemplate a Station of the Cross with a reflection and a short prayer.



Each stop was streamed at [facebook.com/digisaints](https://www.facebook.com/digisaints), the Facebook page where Nik and his wife Shelly lead Night Prayer and Midday Reflections five times a week.

Nik has been working in Ingleby Barwick as a Pioneer Minister for just over 18 months developing new worshipping communities, and joined local running club the Orchard Eagles early on. They gave encouraged Nik to become an Ultra Runner, taking part in September's 'Hardmoors 60' after his first Ultra runs, 32 miles to the summit of Roseberry Topping during the three solstices.

Nik said "The club is so welcoming and encouraging. What at first seemed a daunting prospect of running longer than marathon distance seemed achievable with the support of club members."

"I wanted to do a Stations of the Cross run last year but lockdown put a stop to leaving the local area. Some of the Orchard Eagles join us for Night Prayer and the noontime reflections; I thought possibly some would like to join me in this opportunity to reflect on Jesus' journey on Good Friday." As a Pioneer Minister Nik's job is to use much of the church's rich tradition in innovative ways to connect with local community.

Running has taken off during the pandemic as gyms are closed and there are few options for exercise. "With running being a hugely popular sport there is opportunity to talk whilst running to care pastorally for folk I run with and offer to listen, support and pray."

"I really enjoyed the opportunity to share the deeply meaningful walk of Jesus in his final hours with people I run with in a natural way. There seems to be an openness to spirituality, especially when engaging with God is not restricted to a building or a particular liturgical structure."

Archbishop of York speaks on the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

9th April 2021

I join with many of you across the country as we mourn the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

Prince Philip was a remarkable man who lived a life of service dedicated to his country, to his wife, Queen Elizabeth II and his family.

At eighteen, Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy and served with distinction throughout the Second World War. At the same time, the beginnings of a cherished friendship with Princess Elizabeth began to blossom. That friendship resulted in a marriage which lasted for over 70 years and has been a source of mutual joy, support and comfort in private moments but equally as they have both navigated a very public life together.

Having become the longest serving British consort, Prince Philip has been unstinting in his support, leading Her Majesty to famously comment. 'he has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years.'

His faith in Jesus Christ was an important part of his life and one which shaped who he was.

For so many in this country and around the world, The Duke of Edin-

burgh's Award is an enormous part of Prince Philip's legacy. The award has allowed countless young people to develop and discover skills, which have instilled confidence in them and given them an encounter of working together for the common good. Prince Philip was patron to hundreds



of charitable organisations, covering a wide range of disciplines all of which benefited from his wit and wisdom and his inquisitive mind.

Do join me in praying for members of the Royal Family as they mourn and may God bring them comfort. As we give thanks to God for a life lived to the full, may Prince Philip rest in peace and rise in glory.

"Every time we do something to protect the planet, we bless our Creator"

~ Introducing the Diocesan Green Ambassador

The Revd Jan Nobel is the new 'Green Ambassador' for the Diocese of York. He believes the Climate Crisis offers many opportunities for our mission and worship.

Tell us a bit about yourself?

My name is Johannes Nobel, but most people call me Jan. I grew up in The Netherlands, and I joined the Church of England in 2000, when I studied Theology in Leuven, Belgium. In 2006 my wife and I moved to the UK, to Durham, where I trained for ordination at Cranmer Hall. I became Vicar of Heslington in 2012, moving just two miles down the road last year, to the parish of Osbaldwick with Murton. My new appointment involves being Green Ambassador for the Diocese of York. I have a life-long passion for nature and a heart for creation. I am a keen naturalist and birdwatcher, and I usually feel happier outdoors than indoors. I am excited and energised by my work as Green Ambassador.

What does a Green Ambassador do?

My role is that of a Diocesan Environment Officer. I help the diocese become 'greener'—more environmentally friendly—in this time of climate crisis and biodiversity loss. General Synod has committed the Church of England to become 'carbon neutral' by 2030, so there is a lot of work to be done!

My role is not just about urging people to reduce carbon emissions. It is about celebrating the Good News of a loving Creator. When we rediscover creation as a precious gift – one to be treasured and protected – our eyes are opened to the wonders of God's loving purpose for all life on earth. When you are struck by the beauty of nature, and become aware of its Maker, you want to live more sustainably, in greater harmony with the world around us. Caring for creation in our churches is a privilege and joy, not another chore. Did I mention it is good for your mental health too? And what is more, it is a great mission opportunity.

Why is caring for creation a mission opportunity?

The Five Marks of Mission tell us that 'the mission of the church is the mission of Christ'. This is mission in word and deed. The fifth mark of mission is 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. We cannot preach the Good News, without simultaneously showing through our actions that we care for the world. In February,



Archbishop Justin Welby said: 'Jesus teaches us that there are no greater commandments than to love God and love our neighbour. To abide by those commandments as a Christian today is to step up to the challenge of climate change and connected environmental

crises.' (address to international faith leaders in preparation for the COP26 climate change conference, 4th Feb 2021)

As missionary disciples, we seek to reach those we currently don't, including the younger generations. Climate Change is high up on the list of young people's concerns. Young people want to take practical action to protect the planet. This is precisely what we should invite them to do together with us! Let's build an insect hotel in the churchyard, organise a community beach clean, plant trees and wildflowers.

And let's make clear why we do it: The Good News of our loving Creator and Redeemer. He gives us hope for the future, for in him 'all things hold together', and 'through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things' (Col 1:15-20). As Julian of Norwich said, 'He that made all things for love, by the same love keepeth them, and shall keep them without end.'

What is happening to make the Diocese of York greener?

Later this year we hope that Diocesan Synod will agree with the central

proposal of our Environment Steering Group that by 2030 every church in the Diocese will engage with A Rocha's Eco Church programme. The diocese has committed to the Eco Diocese scheme, and this gives us a great incentive to 'grow greener' together. This is a time for courageous action. This is part of the Group's draft Diocesan Environment Policy and 10-year Pathway to a Greener Diocese of York, which will be presented to Diocesan Synod later this year.

What can individual churches do at this point?

Three things to start with: **Firstly**, please complete the 'Energy Footprint Tool' when invited to do so later this year. This will give us a much better understanding of our 'baseline' carbon emissions.

Secondly, as a PCC, please appoint a person or committee, and register your church with Eco Church (ecochurch.arocha.org.uk). Then, work through the suggested actions towards your first Eco Church award. This goes beyond carbon emissions.

But **thirdly**, don't forget to pay attention to the theme of creation in your prayer and worship, in your mission, and in your work with the local community. There are great opportunities. Every time we do something – however big or small – to protect the planet, we bless our Creator!

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