

# Remembering Peckfield

**Archbishop Stephen joined with local people, civic representatives and families descended from those involved in the Peckfield Colliery disaster of 1896 at a service to commemorate its 125th anniversary, at St Mary's Church, Micklefield, on the evening of Friday 30th April 2021.**

The service recalled the 63 men who died, mostly as a consequence of a huge blast at about 7.20am on the 30th April 1896, caused when a pitman's tallow candle ignited dust disturbed by an earlier escape of gas and explosion. The mine had been open for 19 years with a good safety record by the standards of the time.

Archbishop Stephen said, "This has been a solemn day for those whose relatives' names are on that monument, for the people who live today where those pitmen and their families lived, and for everyone whose lives have been shaped by the mining industry down the generations.

"I thank God for his love and his care for those who died, who were hurt and whose lives were scarred by injury and loss – but as I read the story of that day I give thanks too for the acts of bravery and heroism as men and women reached out to each other, up on the surface and down under the ground.

"We know that 11 young men were knocked unconscious by one of the underground blasts and when they came round and began their escape, they asked one of their leaders to pray for them. And we know that miners, engineers, doctors and local people flocked to Micklefield to offer help. In this way - through human hands and voices – God was with those who suffered that day as he is with us this evening as we gather to remember.



"Micklefield is a growing and bustling place today, more than 30 years after the pit closed, and we should remember what happened in 1896 and how people responded to it – there are memorials here at the church, at the school, at the Blands Arms, and there's been a new leaflet about the disaster produced locally – but the best memorial is that life goes on in Micklefield, thank God."



## Out and about at last!

**Mustard Seed team meets up for the first time**



**Bridlington, 20th May 2021, and the newly-complete Mustard Seed team managed to meet in person for the first time as the pandemic restrictions eased.**

Mustard Seed is the Diocese of York's nationally-supported initiative to build new worshipping communities in places where life is tough: see more online at [www.mseed.org](http://www.mseed.org).

From left: Team Leader Heather Black, Administrator Alice Lambert-Ellis, Associate Team Leaders Jonny Hedges (foreground), Liz Holdsworth, Angela Bailey.

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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of Cleveland, the Ven Dr Amanda Bloor, writes:

**Earlier this year, Archbishop Stephen launched our refreshed Diocesan vision, 'Living Christ's Story', and asked us to begin considering how we can re-shape our approach to mission and ministry in the Diocese in order to be 'a joyful Church of missionary disciples.'**

Deanery Leadership Teams have submitted their thoughts on that question and now it's time for the second phase of the consultation to begin. Each PCC will be encouraged to think about how the vision can be implemented at a local level and what factors might be significant. It's not an easy task, but it is an important one.

In his letter to the Philippians, St Paul talked about the joys of shared ministry and his faith that with Christ's help, 'good works' would be completed. We all know that the last year has been particularly challenging; Covid restrictions have limited what we've been able to do, affected our finances and thrown up all sorts of questions about how to worship together and how we can continue to serve our communities.

But out of that has come creativity and new initiatives. All sorts of good things are happening in the Diocese of York and we want to hear about them, as well as listening to the things that you identify as needing to change.

Together, sharing in God's grace, we can all become the missionary disciples described by St Paul as 'the saints in Christ Jesus', overflowing with love for God and the world. We want to 'reach, grow and transform' and in and through that, to become more like Christ. It's an exciting prospect and we need your help to do that.

'I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.'  
*(Philippians 1:3-6)*



**Amanda Bloor**

# People on the Move

## Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



**The Revd Elizabeth Baxter**, Director of Holy Rood House, Thirsk, has been relicensed for a further term by the Bishop of Whitby.

**The Revd Carmel Gittens**, Assistant Curate (House for Duty) of Alne, has been reappointed to the same role and relicensed by the Bishop of Selby.

**The Revd David Hobman**, 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, has been reappointed and relicensed in this role until 29th July 2022.

**The Revd Alistair Rycroft**, Priest in Charge of York St Thomas with St Maurice, is additionally to be Priest-in-Charge of the St Wulstan's Conventional District.

**The Revd Dr Christian**

**Selvaratnam**, BMO Leader of G2 and Assistant Curate of York St Michael-le-Belfrey, will resign on 9th May as BMO Leader and on 31st July as Assistant Curate. He has been appointed as Director of Church Planting and Revitalisation at St Hild College.

**The Revd Caroline Taylor**, Assistant Curate of Hoxton in the Diocese of London, is to be Vicar of Marton-in-Cleveland with Easterside, Middlesbrough. She will be collated by the Bishop of Whitby at 6.00pm on Thursday, 1st July 2021 in the Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Marton-in-Cleveland.



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# Thirty-one Marriages of Convenience:

## Toilet Twinning at Bridlington's Christ Church Network

**Christ Church, Bridlington, held a 'Sponsored Squat' on Monday, 3rd May, to celebrate and raise money for the 'Toilet Twinning' initiative, which will help a partner in a developing country build clean, safe toilets and taps.**

A small team, including Multiply minister Reverend Oli Preston, as well as Emma Miles and David Hickman, set out to see how many squat exercises they could do in two minutes. This challenge was live-streamed on Facebook, and viewers were invited to join in, either to raise money for Christ Church Bridlington, or to raise money to twin their own toilet (training session pictured).



Already, a substantial amount of money has been raised for Toilet Twinning, which came from a suggestion on how Christ Church

could become an Eco Church as part of a scheme run by charity A Rocha. Church member Helen, and a selection of volunteers spent every day of Lent doing a sponsored litter pick, raising over £500. This is enough to twin nine of the planned thirty-one toilets and taps that reside within their church buildings in Bridlington – including one portable toilet outside St Magnus, Bessingby!

Helen says; "I have found this therapeutic and fulfilling. It has given me opportunities to talk to people. I would encourage others to do the same for their own wellbeing and that of all our community."

The Christ Church Network's donation to Toilet Twinning will help give sustainable, reliable and affordable access to safe, clean water in some of the world's poorest communities. Tearfund and Toilet-Twinning also work closely with communities to promote good hygiene including hand-washing. This helps them protect themselves against the spread of infection – for any kind of communicable disease, not just in a pandemic.

- Support the scheme at [ccbn.org.uk/donate](http://ccbn.org.uk/donate)

# Bishop of Beverley Glyn Webster to retire

**The Rt Revd Glyn Webster, Suffragan Bishop of Beverley in the Diocese of York and the Archbishop of York's Provincial Episcopal Visitor (PEV)\*, will retire at Epiphany, 6th January 2022.**



A former nurse, Glyn trained for ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham. After serving a Vicar of York St Luke and Senior Chaplain to York District Hospital, he became Canon Treasurer of York Minster in 2000, and Canon Chancellor in 2003, and also Rural Dean of the Deanery of York for ten years. During vacancies, Glyn twice served as Acting Dean of York Minster; he was a member of the Crown Nominations Commission and during his time as Prolocutor for the Northern Province, he served on the national Archbishops' Council. In 2010, Glyn was appointed as Chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen, from which he stepped down after becoming a Bishop in 2013.

Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, said, "Bishop Glyn's tireless ministry has been a huge blessing to many people and churches across the north of England. I pray that in retirement he will find well-deserved rest, as well as new opportunities to serve the gospel he has

preached and lived so faithfully over many years of ministry. He is a wonderful example of the sacrificial and joyful love that is, and will continue to be, needed in order for us to live together well in our diversity and to witness to our unity in Jesus Christ."

Bishop Glyn said: "As I approach my retirement from stipendiary ministry, I thank all those who I have had the privilege of ministering to. I am also deeply aware of how much I have received from the many thousands of people I have had contact with in my life as priest and bishop. I pay a particular debt of gratitude to the clergy alongside whom I have been privileged to serve.

"Serving in the ordained ministry has become much more complex and harder than when I was ordained in 1977 and I respect and admire all those who are presently serving their people, perhaps especially in our parishes, which is where the Church of England is rooted and to be found. In spite of the increasing complexities of ordained life, if I had my time over again – I would do exactly what I have attempted to do, namely so serve my dear Lord and His people."

*\*As PEV Bishop Glyn assists in the pastoral care of those parishes across the Province of York that have petitioned for Extended Episcopal Care under the Act of Synod – the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood.*

# Passion and Commitment

“Through Ian’s ministry God will build up his people...” - Archbishop Stephen

**The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh, currently Head of Formation in the Church of England’s National Ministry Team, is coming to be Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of York from September 2021.**

Ian will lead a reshaped Mission and Ministry Team, drawing together the work of York School of Ministry, the Diocesan Vocations Network and the Training Team with that of the Multiply and Mustard Seed programmes. As a member of the Diocesan Leadership Team he will be responsible for shaping and directing support for mission and ministry across the whole Diocese. Ian’s appointment follows the Revd Richard White’s move to parish ministry in Hull and the retirement in August of the Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield as Director of Training.

“It is fantastic news that Ian is coming to join us in the Diocese of York,” said Archbishop Stephen.

“His skills in leadership and formation and his experience of a wide variety of ministry contexts will be great assets to us as he takes up this hugely significant role as Director of Mission and Ministry. I pray with confidence

that through Ian’s ministry God will build up his people and enable us to build on the work that has been done here over many years, so that ministry continues to flourish, serving and growing churches of missionary disciples.”

Ian said, “I am hugely delighted to be coming to the Diocese of York and to join with you as we live out Christ’s story. Encouraging and enabling others to be disciples of Christ has been a passion and commitment of mine and I look forward to working with you in discovering all that God is doing across the Diocese.

“I have been particularly drawn to work in a Diocese which is plainly committed both to helping us all to flourish and to seek new ways to reach others and to grow. I look forward to getting to know you, the people and places of this Diocese.”

- **Ian McIntosh** was born in North London and after University spent a year working as a volunteer in a church in inner city Manchester. From there he went to train for ordination in Bristol where he met his wife Nicola.
- **Ian and Nicola were ordained deacons in 1990** and served curacies in adjacent parishes in the suburbs of London before moving to Leicester where Ian was a University Chaplain and co-ordinator of Reader training.
- **They moved to North Bedfordshire** to share ministry in three villages during which time Ian was also Rural Dean. In 2006, Ian became Director of Studies with the Eastern Region Ministry Course and a year later was appointed Principal. He moved to his current role as Head of Formation in the Church of England’s National Ministry Team in 2015. For the last ten years, Ian has also been an Associate Minister at St Andrew’s



Bedford. Nicola has recently been both a hospital and hospice chaplain and they have two adult sons. Ian enjoys novel reading, eating meals with friends and rowing.

- **Ian supports Spurs**, for reasons best known to himself, but may follow a very good precedent in adopting a local club when they move north.