

People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



The Revd Rachel Bailes, Anglican Chaplain at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, retired on the 31st December 2021.

The Revd Simon Biddlestone, Priest in Charge of Nether Poppleton with Upper Poppleton, and Acomb Holy Redeemer, has been appointed as Vicar of Nether Poppleton with Upper Poppleton, and Acomb Holy Redeemer.

The Revd Anna Burr, Priest in Charge of Haddlesey with Hambleton and Birkin, and Carlton and Drax, retired on the 31st December 2021.

The Revd Michael Bushby, Priest in Charge (House for Duty) of the Newbald, has been reappointed for one year.

The Revd Jackie Doyle-Brett, Priest in Charge of Derwent Ings, has been appointed by the Bishop of Selby to be Area Dean of Derwent for a period of five years in succession to **the Revd Canon Nick Bird**. She has additionally been appointed as Priest in Charge of Escrick, Stillingfleet and Naburn.

The Revd Dianne Gamble, Interim Priest-in-Charge of Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe; Cowesby; Felixkirk with Boltby; Kirkby Knowle; Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Deanery Change Management Support has been reappointed for a further fixed term of three years.

The Revd Carmel Gittens, Assistant Curate of Alne, and cross-licensed to the other Benefices of the Deanery of Easingwold, retired on the 17th January.

The Revd Matthew Martinson, most recently Priest in Charge of the Carlisle St Luke, Holy Trinity and St Barnabas, has been appointed as Chaplain to HMP Humber.

The Revd David Messer, Rector of Walkington, Bishop Burton, Rowley and Skidby, has been appointed for three years as interim Priest-in-Charge of Skirlaugh, Catwick, Long Riston, Rise, Swine with Ellerby and of Sigglesworth with Nunkeeling and Bewholme.

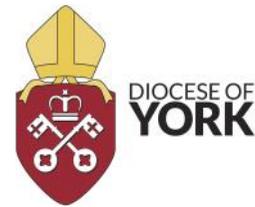
The Revd Mike Perkins, Assistant Curate of York St Michael le Belfrey, has become Priest-in-Charge of Heworth Holy Trinity (York).

The Revd Matthew Strand, Vicar of Kirkleatham, has resigned to be Rector of Chester le Street in the Diocese of Durham.

The Revd Philip West, Assistant Curate (SSM) to all the Benefices of the Deanery of South Holderness, has been re-licensed for a further two years.

The Revd Louise White, Assistant Curate of Hull, St Martin with the Transfiguration, has been appointed as Assistant Curate of Kingston upon Hull Most Holy and Undivided Trinity (Hull Minster).

The Revd Christopher Wilton, Vicar of Sherburn-in-Elmet with Saxton has been appointed additionally as Priest-in-Charge of Ledsham with Fairburn.



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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

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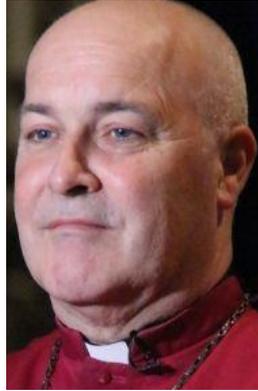
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As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast my prayers and good wishes are with you and with the parishes and communities you serve.

However, this year we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ against the backdrop of an ever more terrifying and unstable world. On top of Covid, which still hits the poorest communities of the world the worst, and with the horrors of the climate crisis ever more visible, we now have war in Europe. The world has changed. Everything feels more precarious than ever. Our hearts are filled with sadness and fear.

As we move into Holy Week, I have turned to a painting as a way of apprehending the dreadful terrors of what is happening in Ukraine. Otto Dix's *The War Triptych* (see front page) is a large oil painting of gruesome images

of WW1. There are soldiers marching through fog into battle, a devastated urban landscape that is littered with body parts, and finally a self-portrait of the artist helping a wounded comrade, which is reminiscent of Grunewald's *Pieta*. This gruesome triptych bears more than a passing resemblance to the equally famous *Isenheim Altarpiece* where we see Christ being buried as well as his tortured figure on the cross.



Death is always messy. Christ crucified was not a clean act – it was bloody and shocking and horrible. A reminder that Christ suffered as we suffer. Moreover, God is no stranger to the battlefield; and that is the powerful Easter message – that death does not have the last word. That the ultimate promises of God are for a world where suffering will be no more, and where our mourning will be turned into joyful dancing.

The challenge of the risen Christ to us this Easter is to live in a way that speaks of this flourishing life for all people – living Christ's story calls us to live become more Christ-like - to help injured comrades (as Dix so carefully portrays), to welcome refugees, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, and to bind the broken-hearted.

Putting your church at the heart of your community

Catherine Copp, Secretary to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (DAC) writes:

As soon as someone has a cardiac arrest, the clock starts ticking. A defibrillator is a portable life saving device that can give a casualty's heart an electric shock, when it has stopped beating. They are often located in public places such as old telephone boxes, on the walls of village halls, or outside pubs and shops, but they are increasingly found attached to church buildings.

Such installations used to require a faculty, but now the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules have made it easier to get permission for defibrillators on church buildings. If your church is not a listed building then List A permits you to install a defibrillator without needing any permission. If your church is listed (Grade I, II* or II) then List B allows the installation with your Archdeacon's written consent.

Defibrillators have already been approved at Beverley St Mary, Brantingham All Saints, Filey St Oswald, Wilberfoss St John (pictured) and York St Paul and more are being considered. If you think that installing a defibrillator is a way for your church to serve its local community, then there are charities which supply them free of charge, but



you are usually required to provide the electricity supply.

If you already have one installed, please do make sure it is registered on The Circuit (www.thecircuit.uk), the national defibrillator network which connects defibrillators to NHS ambulance services so that in those first few minutes after a cardiac arrest the equipment can be accessed quickly to save lives.

You could be, quite literally, putting your church at the beating heart of your community.

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/dac

Faith, curry and an Archbishop

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell joined members of the Multiply community, Upper Room York, for a night of curry and faith conversation.

The Upper Room started life as a group exploring the Christian faith in the upstairs room of The Leeman Pub, in Leeman Road, York. It has since grown and now meets through the week in homes and venues across the west side of the City.

Part of the Multiply network, the Diocese of York's initiative to resource New Worshipping Communities and reach those in their 20s, 30s and 40s, the Upper Room community offers opportunities to grow in Christian discipleship, explore faith, meet new friends at social gatherings and get involved in community outreach.

Archbishop Stephen enjoyed curry and conversation with the group before taking questions and sharing some of his faith inspirations.

They gathered at the home of Upper Room team members, Pete and Rhianon Hale which they run as Footprints Home Nursery during the day.

Multiply Minister, the Reverend Matt

Woodcock said: "We had a cracking night with Archbishop Stephen. He inspired and encouraged us with some honest reflections about his own jour-



ney of faith and gave us loads to think and pray about. The night reaffirmed to us our deep desire to be a Christ-centred community which makes a difference. Top night."

Deborah Bell, a mother-of-two who regularly attends Upper Room gatherings, said: "It was so refreshing to hear Archbishop Stephen speak so frankly about his own life and faith. He really encouraged me to see church as a community of people. I get so much peace and purpose from coming to Upper Room and my faith has deepened because of it."

Upper Room York is connected to St Barnabas Church, Leeman Road and St Paul's Church, Holgate.

multiplyreach.org

By the time you read this, I hope as a diocese we will have been able to find ways of supporting refugees arriving in our country and that our government will have been able to be more generous than appears to be the case right now. We are actively looking into seeing how we can welcome a refugee family here at Bishopthorpe.

Year after year, we mark Holy Week with a palm procession, washing of feet, keeping watch with Christ, an empty tomb on Good Friday, the silence of Holy Saturday and finally the joy of Easter Sunday. There is comfort in ritual, and surely this year our delight will be great at gathering together again. In doing this we will be reminded that even though we walk in dark times, the joy of Easter will be ours once again.

So do not lose heart, sisters and brothers; cling fast to the promise of Easter. Though we may now walk in darkness, God's light shines in the darkness, because Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

+ Stephen



Mission agency USPG and the Church of England Diocese emergency appeal for aid to people in desperate need because of the military invasion of Ukraine.

Funds raised support Christian charities and churches carrying out humanitarian work both in Ukraine and responding to the arrival of refugees in neighbouring countries.

Partners on the ground are providing food, medicine, shelter, care for children and people internally displaced in Ukraine. With refugees they are supplying care at the border and beyond, including attention to those from Africa and Asia as well as Ukrainians who are fleeing the war. The appeal is for urgent help now but the work will go on for many months.

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell says, "One of the things we can do is to play our part in receiving and supporting refugees who are living with the horror of this conflict in Ukraine and its consequences. Please support USPG's call for generous humanitarian aid and support."

More than three million refugees have already fled the war in Ukraine. They have left everything behind to escape conflict.

Christian charities and churches need help now as they support these people in all aspects of their lives.

To donate to the Ukraine emergency appeal, visit www.uspg.org.uk/ukraine.

'Bring to completion all that your calling has begun' - Bishop Alison's farewell

On Friday 25th February, the Diocese of York bade its final official farewell to the Rt Revd Alison White on her retirement as Bishop of Hull, in the course of the regular service of Evensong at York Minster.

Archbishop Stephen was called to the House of Lords at short notice for the emergency debate on the Russian invasion of Ukraine; he just made it back to the Minster in time to present Bishop Alison with flowers, gifts, thanks and his blessing.

Hull and the East Riding said their farewells to Bishop Alison on the weekend of the 5th and 6th February, firstly at a Saturday afternoon service in Hull Minster, and then at an informal Sunday evening service of prayer and thanksgiving at Christ Church, Bridlington.

As Bishop Alison, and her husband Bishop Frank, prayed in Bridlington:

**Creator Spirit,
Re-kindle in us your gifts of grace,
Renew our life in Christ,
And bring to completion all that your
calling has begun.
To the glory of God the Father;
Amen.**

