

People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York

The Revd Richard Battersby, Leader of the Rural Ainsty Bishop's Mission Unit, resigned with effect from 31st July 2022.

The Revd Nigel Chapman, Vicar of Filey, will retire on the 31st January 2023. His final service will be on Sunday, 29 January 2023.

The Revd Abigail Davison, Assistant Curate at York Minster and Spiritual Care Leader at St Leonard's Hospice, has been re-appointed as Assistant Curate of York Minster and will remain also as Spiritual Care Leader at St Leonard's Hospice. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby via Zoom at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 5th October 2022.

The Revd Carol Fisher-Bailey, Rector of the Benefice of Lockington and Lund and Scarborough with Leconfield, will retire on the 30 September 2022.

The Revd Nicholas Garside, Assistant Curate of the Rural Ainsty Bishop's Mission Order, has been appointed as Assistant Curate (Training) of the Benefice of Rural Ainsty until 5th July 2024.

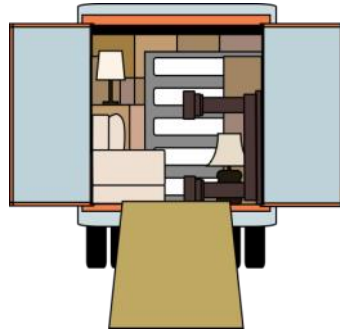
The Archbishop has re-appointed **the Revd Michael**

Gobbett, Team Rector of Whitby with Ruswarp, as Area Dean of Whitby for a further period of five years.

Mr Hendrik Klaver, Full-Time Multiply (20s-40s) Lay Minister of Malton and Old Malton, has been re-appointed to the role in a half-time capacity.

Mrs Mavis Klaver has been appointed half-time Multiply (20s-40s) Lay Minister of Malton and Old Malton.

The Revd James Trowsdale, NHS Chaplain for the Hull Teaching Hospitals Trust, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Ampleforth with Oswaldkirk, Gilling East and Stonegrave. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby in St Hilda's, Ampleforth at 6.00pm on Sunday, 13th November 2022.



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“Thank you for your ministry in these extraordinary weeks”

—Archbishop Stephen on the response of parish churches to the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II—see below.



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What an extraordinary time those two weeks were for us – for ourselves, for our churches, for our nation. I am sure that you, like me, found yourself in somewhat uncharted territory.

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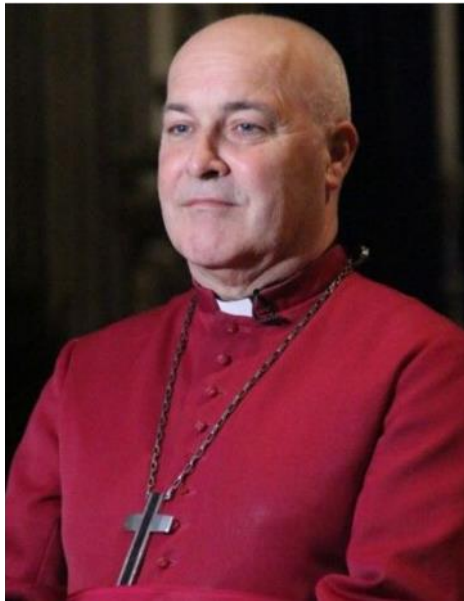
For most of us, we have never been here before; dealing with the death of a Monarch.

I have been humbled by the way the churches of this diocese have responded, becoming hubs for people to gather to pay tribute to the her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth. I know that many of your buildings have become places of sanctuary for a people in the midst of their grief and mourning and that you have comforted those who have come through your doors.

I am comforted that, even in the strangeness of this time, we draw upon centuries of tradition that allow us to know how to walk within our grief. The familiar readings from Scripture comfort us, well-known prayers remind us that God is ever near. The Church of England is deeply cherished at times like this, from the tiniest village church to the greatest of cathedrals, thank you for your part of this.

Thank you for your ministry and thank you for what you have given of yourselves – in offering your time, your

space, your prayers. Let me assure you of my prayers for you, and urge you to take time to care for yourself, too. For every death reminds us of every death and every funeral reminds us of every funeral, and that is a difficult weight to bear.



But I remind you of the foundation of our Christian faith: we know that death doesn't have the last word and so we look forward with hope. We continue to gather in church and fulfil our vocation, whatever role that may be; we continue to pray for ourselves, for our Church, for all people; we continue to seek to become more like Christ in how we live our lives, boldly seeking

justice and mercy, making the Kingdom of God known in this world.

Until we meet again, may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

+Stephen Ebor:

stories were unforgettable.

But what is our threatening 'lion' in Britain? I said that for us it might not roar. We do not experience violent persecution. Yes, there are those who would like to see faith removed, or at least marginalised, from public life: religion ridiculed, or reduced to what one commentator called a 'private eccentricity'.

More dangerous, I believe, is the 'lion' that we can allow to prowl quietly: if we fall into being a church that spends too much time looking inward, and (I'm sorry) gives the impression of being joyless, fussy and squabbling. Rather, in every community, as well as at the bigger scale, we need to be a 'good news' church: ready to address the issues that will enable people to have 'life in all its fullness' for our times and for the future; eager to show (as God enables us) how a life lived with Jesus as our example doesn't restrict us but rather frees us; generously offering the space where people can discover

God's love for them, whether that is in worship, in quiet, through conversations or community engagement. And remember — through our church schools especially, we have a wonderful opportunity to enable thousands of young people to have an informed and mature idea of what faith is all about.

I am exaggerating a little to make the point, I know, but it would be a tragedy if we were to allow the 'quiet lions' of self-absorption and indifference do serious harm even when there aren't so many of the roaring kind.

And just one more story by way of a postscript. The Archbishop of Canterbury interviewed an African Archbishop who had scars from his youthful lion-hunting days. 'Do you hunt lions in the day or night?' he asked. The deadpan answer came: 'In the day, because the lion can see better than you can at night.' There was much laughter. Perhaps Archbishop Justin has never had a cat.

999 for instructions.

The device is designed to be used by someone with no medical training, with an in-built speaker giving simple step-by-step instructions to operate.

It was purchased by the Church in partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity and The Pavers Foundation and with support from the Spirit of Harmony Men's Barbershop Chorus and The Shepherd Group Band, who held fundraising concerts in the Church to raise funds towards the defibrillator.

Vicar of Holy Redeemer the Revd Simon Biddlestone thanked all those who had helped with the purchase and installation of the defibrillator: "It's good news for the whole community as anybody can use it. We hope that it never needs to be used, but if it does it could save someone's life."

Pictured left to right: Richard Wilton, Musical Director of The Shepherd Group Brass Band; Becky Philpott, Multiply Lay Leader at Holy Redeemer; Helen Ashby, PCC Vice Chair; the Revd Simon Biddlestone, Vicar of Holy Redeemer, All Saints Upper Poppleton and St Everilda's Nether Poppleton; Dean Whitehouse and Nick Bryant of the Spirit of Harmony Men's Barbershop Chorus.

To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Whitby, Paul Ferguson, writes:

A couple of months ago, when hundreds of bishops, spouses and other guests from around the world met for the Lambeth Conference, we spent a lot of time studying the First Letter of Peter.

In the letter is this verse (5.8): 'Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.' So, we asked, what does that picture of the roaring lion mean to us — and what are the 'lions' that threaten the well-being, the very existence, of the church where you are?

It was noticeable that the people who seized on this, and were most energetically engaged in the discussion, were the bishops who had spent time as youngsters looking after

livestock, in places where lions and other predators were a day-to-day danger: they had sometimes had to form a group to hunt lions and fight them off. (I was reminded of the story of young David in 1 Kings 17 where he says to Saul 'Your servant has killed both lions and bears.')

For some of our sisters and brothers, the 'lions' are the forces of persecution, from forces who claim to be acting in the name of other faiths, or from governments and agencies who see the truths and hope in the Gospel as a menace to their activities based on corruption and self-interest. Those



Beside the Seaside ~ Brid baptisms

Archbishop Stephen led a happy crowd from Emmanuel Church, Bridlington, at the town's South Beach early on an August Sunday morning where five people joined him in the sea to commit or re-commit their lives to Jesus Christ through the waters of baptism.

After drying off, the five candidates joined the Archbishop at Emmanuel Church's 11.00am service of Holy Communion where another candidate was baptised by the more-frequent method of water poured on the head, and two more people re-affirmed their own baptismal vows.

Archbishop Stephen confirmed four candidates; confirmation is a sacrament of belonging, a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit for those who feel their Christian faith has reached a stage of maturity and permanence in their life.

"Making a public commitment to being a follower of Jesus is a huge step and a moment to celebrate and remember. And if you're at the seaside, where better to experience the washing away of past hurts and the re-birth than out in the waves? A fantastic way to mark a new beginning - Bridlington beach on a summer's morning!"

Baptism candidate Ryan Hartshorne, who made his decision to be baptised after taking part in Emmanuel Church's Alpha Course said, "Since I started



coming to church a lot of good things - positive things - have happened in life, and I wanted to make a commitment for myself to the faith and the church.

"We've all done things in the past - made mistakes - and will probably continue to do so, but I wanted that fresh start, and to have that clarity of mind - my past's in my past, and it's all about the future!"

Curate of Emmanuel Church the Revd Rich Townend said, "This is such a wonderful day. There's been a thousand reasons why these candidates shouldn't have made it to the waters of baptism, but by the grace of God and their commitment to following him, we have made it!"

"Each of them has an incredibly complex and personal story and the church has been their very own 'ark of salvation', giving them refuge and protection from the battles around them as they journey into new life with Christ."

Unbreak my Heart...



A lifesaving defibrillator has been fitted outside The Church of the Holy Redeemer in Boroughbridge Road, York.

The device, which delivers an electric current to restart the heart when someone is in cardiac arrest, has been placed in a prominent position on the outside of the church hall, and is available for the community to use.

It can be seen from the busy Boroughbridge Road and has been registered with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS), meaning that any member of the public can access it, by calling

Prayer and welcome from around the globe

The Rt Revd Dr Eleanor Sanderson began her ministry as Bishop of Hull in three very different September services that all came with a strong flavour of Aotearoa New Zealand, where Yorkshire-born Eleanor has served her whole ministry as Deacon, Priest and Bishop up to this moment.



Joined by Archbishop of New Zealand and Polynesia Philip Richardson, and representing the Diocese of Wellington the Revd Rebecca Apperley,

as well as other family and friends from the other side of the world, Bishop Eleanor was commissioned by Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell in a Service of Welcome at Hull Minster on the evening of the 22nd September 2022.

The following evening she joined the congregation of Emmanuel Church, Bridlington, and friends from across the East Riding, for an informal Service of Prayer and Welcome during which she was interviewed about her life and faith journey by Archdeacon Andy Broom, and responded to a number of questions from the floor.

The service ended with prayer and anointing for those who came forward, and a first blessing from the new Bishop of Hull.

Bishop Eleanor becomes a member too of the College of Canons at York Minster (the Mother Church of the Diocese of York); on Sunday afternoon 25th September she was Admitted by Acting Dean Canon Michael Smith in a private meet-

ing of the College in the Minster's Chapter House.

Shortly afterwards during the four o'clock service of Sung Evensong in

for Bishop Eleanor



the Minster's Nave, Bishop Eleanor was formally 'installed' in 'the stall representing the Bishopric of Hull' before a lesson was read by Rebecca Apperley and Archbishop Philip Richardson preached.

Archbishop Philip spoke both of the strength of Eleanor's call to the ministry of a bishop and to Hull, and of his own sorrow and that of others in Aotearoa New Zealand at losing her,

before a group of those with presenter past NZ connections joined together in an unaccompanied sung prayer in one of the indigenous tongues heard in the Anglican church there.

