

Community Groceries:

St Barnabas' compassion initiative helps bridge the gap

Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson recently visited a major new compassion initiative in the north of the Diocese of York - the Middlesbrough Community Grocery.

Middlesbrough Community Grocery is based at St Barnabas' Church, Linthorpe, and is a joint venture with the Christian charity, The Message Trust. Community Groceries bridge the gap between foodbanks and high street shops. A year's membership costs just £5 which enables members to shop twice a week at a cost of £4 per shop. An average £4 shop buys a basket of groceries including fresh fruit and vegetables worth between £20 and £25. The shop is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Over 1,000 households are already signed up as members with hundreds of customers shopping each week, serving an area of great need.

And the Grocery is about more than shopping; customers also have access to a range of courses including debt advice, cooking, mental health and Alpha. There are even plans to start a Grocery Choir!

"It's incredible how fast the grocery has



grown in its first four months", said the Revd Lindsey Goodhew, Associate Vicar of St Barnabas.

"It's proving such a blessing to the community."

- Middlesbrough Community Grocery relies on a large team of volunteers; if you are interested in getting involved please contact lindsey@st-barnabas.net



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New Readers for the Diocese of York



Liz Crawshaw (left) and Karen Banks were admitted and Licensed as Readers by Archbishop Stephen in the annual Reader's Service in York Minster this autumn.

Liz, a retired solicitor, serves in Coxwold, Husthwaite, Crayke, Brandsby and Yearsley.

Karen is a primary school teacher and serves at Selby Abbey.

Diocesan Warden of Readers (and Archdeacon of Cleveland) the Venerable Dr Amanda Bloor said, "It's always exciting to see people responding to God's calling and moving forward into a variety of ministries.

"Karen and Liz will find as Readers that they're part of a long tradition that is hugely valued and which expresses itself in many different ways in order to serve today's church.

"God calls all sorts of people to minister - today we welcome a teacher and solicitor into Reader ministry, but they join a huge range of people of all ages and all backgrounds, united in serving Jesus Christ through his people."

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/readers

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Above: Serving Readers gathered at Wydale Hall in October for food, fellowship and worship, sessions on the future of Reader ministry in the Diocese and workshops for Ministerial Development.

Next Bishop of Beverley

The Revd Canon Stephen Race, currently Rector of Central Barnsley in the Diocese of Leeds and also Area Dean of Barnsley, has been appointed as the new Bishop of Beverley.



Speaking of his new role for the Northern Province of the Church of England, Fr Stephen said he would strive for positive dialogues within the church and looked forward to serving people across the whole region.

"I am slowly getting used to the idea that I have been called by God to be a bishop in His church and that I have been invited to take on the role and responsibility of the Bishop of Beverley," said Fr Stephen.

"I recognise the challenges that come with being the Bishop of Beverley, but will seek to be a Bishop for the whole church and rejoice in the gift of the Five Guiding Principles which offer us a profound way to live despite our differences. I continue to pray for the fruitfulness of our ecumenical dialogues that seek to draw churches into the unity for which the Lord prays. I hope that reconciliation will be at the forefront of my life as I seek to serve the Church as a bishop in an increasingly complex world."

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell said: "Like every person who is called

into episcopal ministry Fr Stephen won't just be a Bishop for those committed to his care, but for the whole church. Indeed, I very much look forward to Stephen encouraging those parishes who look to the Bishop of Beverley for pastoral and sacramental care to continue to play their full part in the lives of the communities and dioceses of which they are part."

"I welcome the appointment of Stephen as the next Bishop of Beverley," said Bishop of Leeds Nick Baines. "He has been a very effective parish priest and area dean in this diocese and will bring to his new ministry great wisdom, experience and gifts."

Stephen was born in Zimbabwe during the struggle for Independence and was raised in the Anglican Provinces of Central and Southern Africa. His commitment to social justice took root while he was still at primary school in South Africa during the anti-Apartheid struggle, but it was during his O-Level year as a sixteen year old in Botswana that he first felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit that ultimately led to his ordination.

Stephen met and married Jane while they were at university. Jane is a full time primary school teacher and they have four adult children.

www.seeofbeverley.org.uk

Diocesan Policy on Bullying & Harassment launched

The Diocese of York has adopted a Policy on Bullying and Harassment to encourage behaviours and practices to eliminate both harassment and bullying from relationships and interactions in parishes and within the diocesan administration.

Bullying and harassment can occur within any working or collegial relationship, regardless of the status of those affected or behaving in challenging ways.

The policy sets out principles and standards for all who interact with others within the Diocese, whether clergy or lay, voluntary, stipendiary or salaried. It has been devised by a group convened by Archdeacon of Cleveland Dr Amanda Bloor, who draws on her previous work in promoting the wellbeing of laity and clergy, and approved initially the Archbishop's Council and then by Diocesan Synod on the 2nd July 2022.

In addition to offering definitions of both bullying and harassment, the policy offers routes for those affected to raise the issue with independent Harassment Advisers, who will be able to support and advocate on behalf of those who may feel unable to act for themselves.



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