

People on the Move

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to be a National Discernment Adviser with effect from Monday, 8th May 2023. Her final services will be on Sunday, 30th April 2023 at 9.15am in St James, Romanby, and at 11.00am in All Saints', Northallerton.

The Revd Douglas Robertson, who holds the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate, has been appointed as Rector of the Howardian Group benefice for one year.

The Revd Rich Townend, Assistant Curate of Emmanuel Bridlington and Barmston with Fraithorpe, has resigned to be Priest in Charge of Felton and Longframlington with Brinkburn, Whittingham with Edlingham, and Bolton Chapel, in the Diocese of Newcastle with effect from the 13th March 2023.

The Revd Wendy Wale, Associate Minister (20s-40s) at Beverley Minster with Routh All Saints, has resigned to be Minister of Bar Hill Church in the Diocese of Ely with effect from 20th April 2023.

The Revd Bridget Woodall, Vicar of the Benefice of North Ormesby, has been appointed in addition as Leader of the Brambles Farm, Thorntree and Netherfields Bishop's Mission Order, Middlesbrough.

Free OMG Pop-up Shop

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Ceri, one of their OMG team members, took the lead with organising the shop, and the whole team helped run it.

The shop brought some awareness of the needs in the community and it made Hendrik and Mavis realise how offering a space for practical sharing in the community is a great way to really connect with their local community. Due to the success, Hendrik and the OMG team hope to do two of these every year; one just before the Summer Holidays, and one just before Christmas. The shop was called "such a lifesaver" by many who used it, highlighting the need that OMG identified. They also showed an awareness of the impact the Pop-Up Shop could have had on local businesses, as operating for longer than the five days may have begun to undercut other shops, especially charity shops. However, over these five days, Hendrik estimated that 400 people attended the shop which likely generated some custom for local businesses.

The OMG team expressed reservations around the number of items that people would take, leaving very little for others. They wondered if they would need an item limit. They were pleasantly surprised, however! Nobody took more than they needed, and so many people were desperate to donate money – many were shocked when they were told they didn't need to pay. This really resonated with Hendrik; it was significant to do something so removed from money, and it reminded him of how things are in the upside down kingdom of Jesus.

We are so excited to see how Hendrik and Mavis continue the work God has called them to do.

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Warm Spaces—with Ukrainian guests and hosts



Lesley Newton of St Laurence's Church, Scalby (near Scarborough), writes:

Links have been made with visitors from Ukraine and their hosts through the Warm and Welcome initiative in Newby and Scalby, Scarborough. Relationships began through a Monday afternoon Warm and Welcome get together organised by St Laurence's Church, and the Nag's Head pub, Scalby, together with regular drop-ins at Newby and Scalby Library.

On Sunday 19 February, it was a privilege to welcome many Ukrainian visitors and their hosts to our 10.30am morning worship, for a special service that many of us will long remember. As we sang, 'May the Word of God strengthen us' we were all invited to light a candle and reminded that their 'fragile, flickering flames' were 'signs of hope - for victory, peace, justice... lights shining in the darkness of war; a prayer seeking God's protection, strength and power for the people and friends of Ukraine.'

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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, writes:

Flourishing life for all

In the midst of tumult of the world, you may well find yourself wondering 'where is hope?'

War, and the threat of war, still continues to ravage Europe and many other parts of the world. Thousands of refugees still long for a safe place to call home.

Earthquakes have demolished cities; floods have swept away villages; violent storms flatten buildings. Our TV screens and newsfeeds are flooded with images of people wandering streets surrounded by rubble; little if anything is left to remind them of the place they once called home.

The Cost of Living Crisis continues to dominate headlines – stories of people having to choose between heating and eating, children going hungry because they are missing out on free school meals, the NHS in crisis, teachers going on strike – this isn't only about money, but about quality of life and the safety of vulnerable people.

In Jesus, God promised flourishing life for all people.

So where do we, God's people, find this flourishing life?

How do we speak of the hope that there is life in fullness for all people?

We find our hope in the resurrection story, the story that doesn't end on the cross, but never goes round it. We speak of the way Jesus came to serve – washing the feet of his disciples, eating with sinners, breaking bread with his friends – service that demands justice. We speak of the empty tomb – the women running down the road to share their amazement at what they had found – there is life after death. We speak of the encounter on the road to Emmaus – where those who loved Jesus didn't realise he was walking alongside them – Jesus is alive.

We tell these stories, and we tell our stories, because the hope of God made known in Jesus is a story that is to be continued in my life and your life, and for the sake of the world. We know that death doesn't have the final word because God is love and God is life, and that is our story.

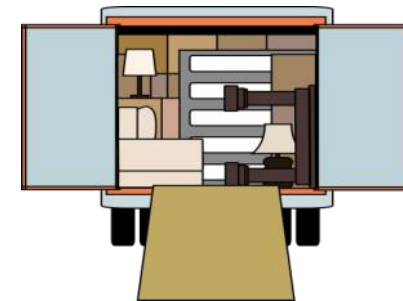
May you all have a very Happy Easter!

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People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



The Revd Anthony Bennett, Assistant Curate of Haworth and Cross Roads with Lees in the Diocese of Leeds, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of Middle Esk Moor and as Deanery Enabler for Whitby Deanery for a period of three years. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby in St Hilda, Egton, at 3.00pm on Sunday, 21st May 2023.

The Revd Nigel Benson, Assistant Curate of Haxby and Wigginton, has been appointed as Assistant Curate of Harton. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby in St Mary's, Sand Hutton at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 28th March 2023.

The Revd Mark Brosnan, Vicar of Kirkbymoorside with Gillamoor, Farndale, Bransdale and Edstone, will retire on the 31st May 2023. His final service will be on Sunday, 31st May 2023 in All Saints', Kirkbymoorside.

The Revd Jane Emson, Assistant Curate of Middlesbrough St Thomas and of South Bank, has been appointed as Assistant Curate of the Brambles Farm, Thorntree and Netherfields Bishop's Mission Order, Middlesbrough.

The Revd Bridget Gillespie, Assistant Curate of Kirkbymoorside with Gillamoor, Farndale, Bransdale, and Edstone, has been appointed as Associate Priest of Kirkbymoorside with Gillamoor, Farndale, Bransdale and Edstone. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby at 10.30am on Sunday, 26 March 2023 in All Saints', Kirkbymoorside.

The Revd Clive Hall, Church and Community worker in Stranton Benefice in the Diocese of Durham, has been appointed as Interim Minister (known locally as Associate Vicar) in

the South Holderness Coast Benefice with particular responsibility for the Parish of Withernsea with Owthorne. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull at St Matthew, Owthorne at 7.30pm on Monday, 22nd May 2023.

The Revd Martin Hammond, formerly of the Diocese of Coventry, has been appointed as Chaplain to York Hospital. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby at 3.00pm on Tuesday, 21st March 2023 via Zoom.

The Revd Shelly Jones, Assistant Curate of Cottingham, has been appointed additionally as Chaplain to Archbishop Sentamu Academy. She will be licensed in a private ceremony at Hullen House by the Bishop of Hull on Wednesday, 3rd May 2023.

The Revd Joe Kinsella, Priest in Charge of Thornton Dale, and of Upper Derwent, has been appointed additionally as Area Dean of Northern Ryedale for a period of five years from 27th March 2023. He succeeds **the Revd Gareth Atha** who has held the post since September 2021.

The Revd Paul Kronbergs, self-supporting Assistant Curate of St Columba with St Paul and of St John the Evangelist in Middlesbrough, has been appointed as half-time Assistant Curate of St Columba with St Paul and of St John the Evangelist in Middlesbrough.

The Revd Fiona Mayer-Jones, Vicar of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston, has resigned

Ring for The King!

In 2022 church bells rang out in joyous celebration of HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, and later in muffled mourning for her funeral.

Since then there has been a nationwide drive, 'Ring For The King', in an attempt to recruit 8000 new ringers in time to ring for the Coronation of King Charles on May 6th.

Lynn Goslin writes:

This initiative highlights a serious concern for those who love to hear the bells and for those who have the joy and satisfaction of ringing them: in many places across the country, the local bells have fallen silent because of the loss of ringers (an estimated 8,000, hence the campaign) during the pandemic.

In All Saints' Kirkbymoorside ringing for the Coronation has a very personal aspect. At the age of 92, the Revd Michael Stephens negotiates the steep stairs up to the tower ringing room twice every week, for practice night and for service ringing. His notebooks record that he rang peals and quarter peals for the late Queen's wedding, for her Accession, and for her Coronation. Seventy years on he is looking forward to adding a second Coronation to his list of celebratory ringing.

Following in Michael's footsteps up those steep stairs is our latest recruit, 14 year old Callum, who has been learning the ropes (literally) for the last

year and is making steady progress. A recruit from an Open Tower Day, he too is excited about the opportunity to make a very public joyful noise on Coronation Day. "I like ringing" he says, "I can get away from my sister! And it's peaceful when you get it right." Asked about the downsides he says "Sometimes I have a bit of trouble getting up for Sunday ringing" but, like Michael, he is becoming a very reliable member of the band and will join thousands of ringers across the country in ringing for the King on Coronation Day.

A new bellringer wrote recently to the Times: "You make music without being a musician, connect with your heritage...and get a very respectable upper body workout into the bargain."

- If you would like more information on 'Ring For The King' or bell ringing in general contact the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers at ccbr.org.uk/bellringing/ring-for-the-king.
- For local information contact The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers at yacr.org.uk.
- Topmost pictures: the Revd Michael Stephens, 92, shares some of his 77 years' experience with 14-year-old Callum.



'On a Hill Far Away' ~ celebrating York's Upper Room Community

Lisa Whitley was moved to plant a wooden cross bearing the name of the Upper Room Community when she visited Lithuania's 'Hill of Crosses' recently:

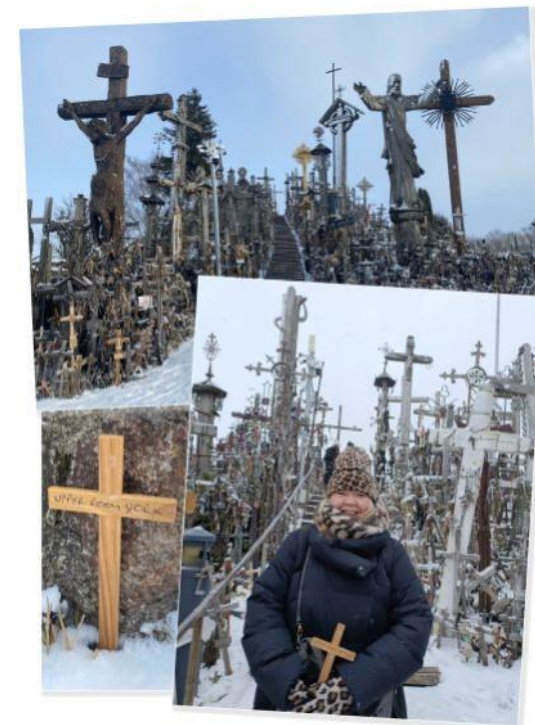
Recently I visited Riga in Latvia, and whilst we were researching places to visit, we came across a hidden gem called the Hill of Crosses, just across the border in Lithuania. So on a winter's day we crossed the border and visited, and were not disappointed.

Our Guide told us this was a sacred place of historical importance to the people of Lithuania. He then went on to tell us that at least three times the site had been bulldozed (the crosses burnt and the metal ones sold to scrap dealers to dispose of).

In September 1993 Pope John Paul II visited the site declaring it a place of hope, peace, love and sacrifice, and since then it has become a place for Christians of all denominations to visit to lay a cross or rosary, or as a place of sanctuary. The larger crosses (over two metres in height) need planning permission I might add!

On the day we visited it was snowing heavens high, and there was a real peaceful serenity to the place which I hope the photographs capture. And because of the adverse weather we had the place to ourselves!

Our guide gave us time alone for us to



explore, and I took myself off to purchase a cross and place it to thank God for our Upper Room Community, the 20s-40s group I am part of run by the Revd Matt Woodcock from St Barnabas' Church in York.

To me that cross is now part of a place of wonderful significance; over time it will get battered by the weather, and my handwriting on it will fade, but that doesn't matter. It's there on that beautiful hill whether it's in the snow, wind, hail rain or sun.

I was truly moved by the Hill of Crosses.

Racial Justice Charter for the Diocese of York

The Racial Justice Charter for the Diocese of York was adopted by its Diocesan Synod in November 2022, and sets out a theological vision for the work of racial justice seen within the Diocese's commitment to Living Christ's Story.

Together with the commitments that will flow from it, the Charter mirrors work in other Dioceses across the Church of England, and will help all in the Diocese to work for Racial Justice in every aspect of our life as the body of Christ.

In his foreword, Archbishop Stephen says that "My desire is for us to be a Christ-like

and Jesus-shaped community that reflects every race and heritage in the Diocese of York: in our mission, our congregations and our leadership."

Since the publication in 2021 of "From Lament to Action", the report of the Church of England Racial Justice Task Group, we in the Diocese of York have worked to find how we might commit ourselves to respond to racial injustice and to be people who are anti-racist.

Inspired by the courageous advocacy of Canon Linda Ali, Archbishop

Stephen called together a working group during 2021; Yvonne Bowling and Rob Suekerran are the co-chairs of what has become a Diocese of York Racial Advocates Group, commissioned by the Archbishop at the Diocesan Synod in April 2022.

The Advocates primarily work in Archdeaconries to promote racial justice and to help point parishes, schools, chaplaincies and new worshipping communities to resources enabling us all in becoming people who are not just for racial justice but are intentionally becoming anti-racist.

The Racial Justice Charter, which can be downloaded from this page, was commended by the Advocates to the November 2022 meeting of York Diocesan Synod. The Synod overwhelmingly endorsed the Charter.

- A strategic implementation plan will be formed in 2023 when a set of commitments and actions to accompany the Charter is brought back to York Diocesan Synod for further discussion and work on costings.



Download the Racial Justice Charter for the Diocese of York at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/racial-justice

'OMG Malton's Free Pop-Up Shop

Jennifer and Aimee are on the Multiply team, the Diocese of York's programme to reach 20s-40s. They recently caught up with Hendrik Klaver, Multiply minister in Malton, eager to hear about OMG's community project that was featured on the local news and attracting a lot of attention on social media:

anyone to go through at home. This was hugely successful – 90 bags were taken home! He and Mavis also planned outdoor gatherings, providing a space for small groups of people to meet and socialise, helping to combat loneliness in their community. These gatherings were so successful that they have continued post-pandemic, attracting a wide variety of age groups.

Last summer, the team at OMG Malton had an idea for a 'Free Pop-Up Shop for Kids'. They noticed an increased interest by the community in sharing and living more sustainably whilst they were aware that others in the community were struggling financially - compounded by the Cost of Living Crisis.



During the lockdowns, Hendrik and his wife Mavis were particularly worried about the effects of the pandemic on the people in their local community, especially since they hadn't been working in the community long before lockdowns. They were, and continue to be, able to provide a variety of events and resources, attracting those new to faith as well as maintaining involvement for those who aren't.

They created 'Bible Adventure Bags' filled with activities and resources for

The Fitzwilliam Estate provided OMG with an empty shop space for one week in November, enabling the shop-like atmosphere and a place to store the donations. The generosity of the community inspired them, as they were inundated with donations until they couldn't take any more! These donations included children's clothing, maternity wear, toys, baby care equipment, and books all available to anyone in the community.

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