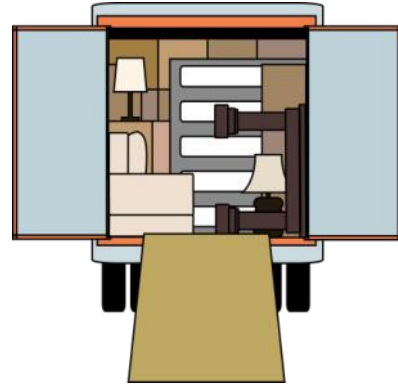


People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



The Revd Simon Askey, previously Dean of Undergraduate Law, University of London and Honorary Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Walworth, St John in the Diocese of Southwark, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Micklegate, York. He was licensed by the Bishop of Selby on Sunday, 22 January 2023.

The Revd Michael Bushby, House for Duty Priest in Charge of Newbald, has been appointed as part-time Priest-in-Charge (0.2FTE) of the Benefice of Newbald for one year. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull at Hullen House on Thursday, 16th March 2023.

The Revd Deborah Coyne, Priest in Charge of Alne, and Brafferton with Pilmoor, Myton on Swale and Thormanby, resigned with effect from 10 January 2023.

The Revd Mick Fryer, Vicar of Elloughton and Brough with Brantingham, will retire on the 25th June 2023. His final service will be on Sunday, 25th June 2023.

The Revd Christine Haddon-Reece, who has held the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge (House for Duty) of Lastingham with Appleton-le-Moors, Rosedale and Cropton for a period of three years. She was licensed by the Bishop of Whitby on Sunday 22nd January 2023.

The Revd Dorothy Lambeth, Associate Minister of Riccall, Barlby and Hemingbrough, retired on the 8th January 2023.

The Revd Lindsey Pearson, Team Rector of Beeston in the Diocese of Leeds, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge (Team Rector Designate) of Marfleet, Hull. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull in the Parish Church of St Hilda, Marfleet at 7.30pm on Thursday, 23rd February 2023.

The Revd Mark Poole, Assistant Curate of Rural East York, has been appointed as Interim Priest in Charge of the Barmby Moor Group Benefice for a period of three years. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby in St Catherine's, Barmby Moor on Monday, 13th March 2023 at 7.30pm.

The Revd Nicholas Whetton, Chaplain to HM Prison, Hull, retired on the 31st January 2023.



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'I can't wait!'



Jan Grey joined the diocesan Generous Giving team at the end of 2022, coming from work in education and community development.

Jan has previously worked with Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust (JRHT) as a Grants Officer and Community Development Worker, and graduated from a funder's leadership programme called

2027, in collaboration with JRHT, Two Ridings Community Foundation and York Cultural Commission.

Jan joins Generous Giving Officer Phil McBride to work alongside churches responding to Living Christ's Story. Phil said, "Jan's arrival allows the team to carry on supporting churches, parishes, and deaneries in their response to God's generosity. She brings a wealth of experience across many disciplines that will help us to cultivate a culture of generosity."

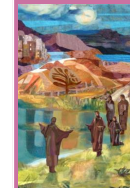
Jan says, "I am so pleased to be starting this new role working within the Generous Giving team. I cannot wait to be visiting churches and working with them to see what God has in plan for giving and growing generosity!"

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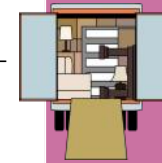
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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

Archdeacon of Cleveland,
Dr Amanda Bloor, writes:

Recalibrating our Lives

Every year, as we enter Lent, I promise myself that I'm not going to get caught up in the race to prove how good a Christian I am by giving up something.

The question, 'what are you giving up for Lent?' can often lead to pressure to go on a diet, cut out some (admittedly unnecessary) food groups such as chocolate or alcohol, and feel better about ourselves by losing a few pounds. And every year, when I hear that question, I try to ask myself why I would be doing this. If the answer is, to prove that I have more willpower than others around me, then it's a pretty self-centred action. Even though a bit of prodding to follow a more healthy lifestyle is probably a good reminder for most of us.

The age-old practice of prayer and fasting throughout Lent is intended to do two things: to encourage the individual to consciously draw closer to God, and to sweep away distractions that get in the way. By eating more simply, we learn to acknowledge what we have; by setting aside the things we don't need, we focus on God rather than our more selfish desires. It's a sort of mental recalibration and something that's often important after the feasting and celebration of Christmas. And of

course, at the end of Lent, after the solemnity and sorrow of Holy Week, we'll feast again as we celebrate Christ's victory over death.

Yet I know from visits to food banks, refugee welcome centres and community shops around my archdeaconry that food, for many, is not a commodity to be given up at will. For far too many, hunger is an ever-present reality. When I see church groups reaching out to the needy in their communities, offering food, welcome, support and hospitality, then I see love in action. I think of Jesus sharing food and company with those who came to him, regardless of their back story, and how he described a place being made ready in heaven for those who did the same.

"Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Perhaps, as we work through Lent, we could all pray to follow his example.



Amanda Bloor

Rhythm of Life resources launched ready for Lent

The Diocese of York's new six-part Rhythm of Life was launched in February, with resources for all.

A Rhythm of Life is a framework, or a pattern of holy living, which helps us to become more like Christ. It is a simple commitment to specific actions that can help us to focus on our faith and nurture us in living more fruitfully. Based around six actions that Jesus asked us to do, our diocesan Rhythm of Life invites every individual and every community to adopt these patterns of holy living to abide in Christ and become more like him. The Rhythm of Life explores themes of prayer, worship, love, generosity, witness, and rest in a series of accessible resources for all ages.

In preparation for Lent, now available are:

- an overview booklet
- a booklet of reflections
- a commitment card
- a children's worksheet
- the first of six video reflections

Each video includes a reflection with questions, and can be used either individually or in small groups for discussion, encouraging us all to discern what our Rhythms of Life might look like during Lent and beyond. The reflections are also available in written form.

The resources are available on the diocesan website (see below), enabling those churches who want to use this as a Lent resource to do so. The follow-up videos will be released on a weekly basis.

Archbishop Stephen says, "My hope is that by engaging with this resource we can think more about how we can live and work together across the diocese in all our parishes, schools and communities by sharing a simple Rhythm of Life.

"It recalls us to our primary vocation to be people of prayer, people who gather around the Word, people who worship God, and people who let these things overflow into every part of our life, shaping who we are and therefore shaping the world around us."

Find out more about the Rhythm of Life, how you can get involved, and how to contact Sammi Tooze, Diocesan Discipleship Adviser, at

dioceseofyork.org.uk/rhythmoflife

