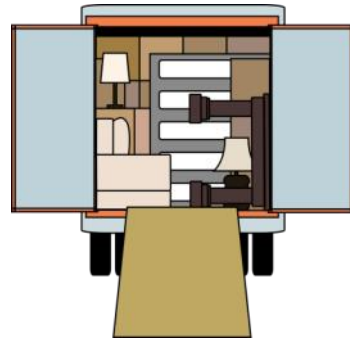


# People on the Move

## Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



**The Revd Trish Anslow**, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Bramham, has been appointed additionally as Assistant Curate of Clifford. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby at St Luke's, Clifford at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6 July 2023.

**The Revd Jane Bell**, Vicar of Scarborough St Columba and St James with Holy Trinity, will retire on Thursday, 31 August 2023. Her final service will be on Sunday, 20 August 2023.

**The Revd Canon Elaine Bielby**, Priest in Charge of Welton with Melton, will retire on 15 November 2023. Her final service will be on Sunday, 12 November 2023 at St Helen, Welton.

**The Revd Rachel Garland**, Associate Minister of Acomb St Stephen (York), has been appointed as Vicar of North Hull St Michael and All Angels, Orchard Park. She will be Collated by the Bishop of Hull at St Michael and All Angels at 3.00pm on Sunday, 3 September 2023.

**The Revd Phil Grayson**, Assistant Curate of Sherburn-in-Elmet and Saxton, has been appointed additionally as Assistant Curate of Brayton. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby at 2.00pm on Monday, 17 July 2023 via Zoom.

**The Revd Dot Hicks**, Assistant Curate of Strensall, has been reappointed to the role and will be Licensed by the Bishop of Selby via Zoom at 4.30pm on 11 July 2023.

**The Revd Peter King**, Assistant Curate of Kirkleatham, has been appointed as Assistant Curate of Coatham and

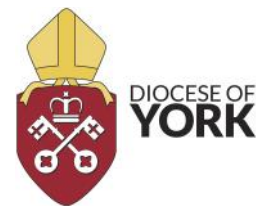
Dormanstown for the remainder of his training curacy. He will be Licensed by the Bishop of Whitby at 3.00pm on Sunday, 3 September 2023 at All Saints, Dormanstown.

**The Revd Philip Maudsley**, Vicar of Banstead in the Diocese of Guildford, has been appointed as Vicar of Filey. He will be Instituted by the Bishop of Hull at St Oswald's, Filey at 3.00pm on Sunday 10, September 2023.

**The Revd Nicola Penn-Allison**, Interim Minister across Southern Ryedale, has been appointed additionally as Area Dean for Southern Ryedale Deanery and Assistant Curate of Weaverthorpe with Helperthorpe, Luttons Ambo and Grindalythe with Wharram. She will be Licensed by the Bishop of Selby at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 28 June 2023 at St Mary's, Old Malton.

**The Revd Wendy Plant**, Assistant Curate of Sherburn in Elmet with Saxton, has been reappointed to the role and will be Licensed by the Bishop of Selby via Zoom at 4.30pm on 11 July 2023.

**The Revd Dr Matthew Porter**, previously Vicar of the Benefice of York St Michael-le-Belfrey, was consecrated Bishop of Bolton on Thursday, 22 June 2023.



# TheNews

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**Middlesbrough Community Grocery, run by St Barnabas' Church with The Message Trust, turned one on 1st June, and is celebrating a year of helping to keeping 1,880 families fed.**

It is one of the largest compassion projects within the Diocese of York.

Saving on average £20 per shopping trip, Community Grocery members not only get to fill their baskets with food, but they get access to a range of courses, such as cookery classes, money management advice, and there is even a Grocery Café and a 'Grocery Choir'!

Lindsey Goodhew, Associate Vicar of St Barnabas, said, "The work of the Grocery has made a massive connection between the church and the wider community."

[www.communitygrocery.org.uk](http://www.communitygrocery.org.uk)

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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Beverley,  
Stephen Race, writes:

**Recently I made my first ever visit to Portugal for a short holiday on the Algarve coast.**

While there, my wife and I stumbled upon a music festival taking place on a nearby beach, and I was introduced to the music of the Swiss DJ and record producer Yves Lerock. I gather I'm about 20 years behind the curve with this and although his music may not be my first choice, there was something infectious about the enthusiasm of the crowd made of people of all ages – babes in arms to grandparents – dancing in the sand and having a wonderful evening in a very modern way.

Standing there, I couldn't help but notice the cliffs that formed the backdrop to the festival: the cliffs that are a striking feature of that coastline. A quick Google search told me that they are at least 25 million years old, made up of rock formed between 252 and 66 million years ago. What was fascinating about the rocks, apart from their breathtaking beauty, was the abundance of ancient shells contained within them, all slowly making their appearance after millennia hidden away.

While listening to 21st century music, I could touch something millions of years old.

We adhere to a faith that is a little over 2000 years old. In the grand scheme of things, that's nothing at all, and yet we believe and proclaim that the Jesus Moment in history is pivotal.

That suggestion is as mind-blowing as touching or holding a 25-million-year-old shell, or was it 252 million years old?

However, as Christians it is something we hold onto dearly and we must continue to hold onto it. Jesus may have been Incarnate for an incredibly brief moment in time, but all that he said, did and represented conveyed and conveys something that is eternal – present even before the most ancient landforms came into being and to be present long after they have disappeared. We belong to someone who is beyond our imagination.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life." John 1 v 1-4 .

+ **Stephen**



A glimpse of some of June's Ordinations of Priests, at Hull Minster on the 4th. From left: the Revd Jonny Guy, the Revd Jenny Rankin, Bishop of Hull Dr Eleanor Sanderson, the Revd Shelly Jones, Archdeacon of the East Riding Andy Broom.

## People on the Move ~ continued from pg 12

**The Revd Rob Slater-Carr**, Assistant Curate of St George the Martyr, Southwark, has been appointed as Vicar of York St Luke. He will be collated by the Archbishop of York at St Luke's at 7.30pm on 5 September 2023.

**The Revd Julie Smith**, Vicar of Barrowford in the Diocese of Blackburn, has been appointed as Vicar of Marske in Cleveland. She will be Collated by the Bishop of Whitby at St Mark's, Marske in Cleveland at 3.00pm on Sunday, 6 August 2023.

**The Revd Catherine Turner**, Assistant Curate of Bramerton in the Diocese of Norwich, has been appointed as Interim Rector of West Buckrose for three years. She will be Instituted by the Archdeacon

of York at St Mary, Birdsall at 7.30pm on 22 August 2023.

**The Revd Glenda Webb**, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Bramham, has been appointed additionally as Assistant Curate of Clifford. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby at St Luke's, Clifford at 7.30pm on Thursday, 6 July 2023.

**The Revd Adam Young**, Assistant Curate of North Ferriby, has resigned with effect from Monday, 3 July 2023.

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With regret, we report the death of the **Revd Canon Derek Hall** on the 22nd June at the age of 97. Canon Hall served his whole time in this Diocese including as Canon of York, Chaplain to Castle Howard and 22 years at York St Chad.

# Karen Banks

## ~ Children's Society Diocesan Ambassador

Gill Dean, Community Relationship Manager for The Children's Society covering the Diocese of York, writes:

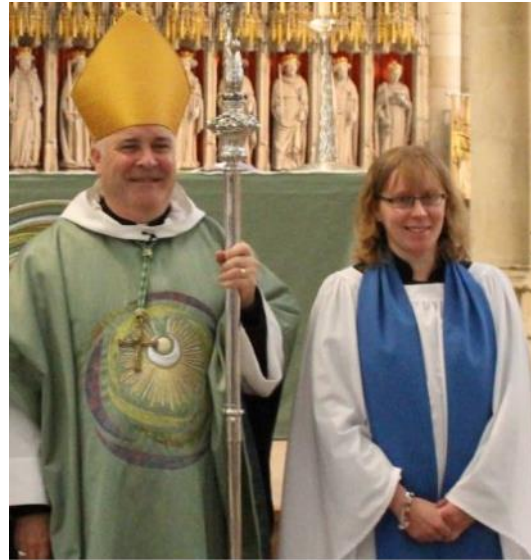
I'm delighted to welcome on board Karen Banks, who was commissioned as The Children's Society's Diocesan Ambassador for York Diocese by the Archbishop of York in York Minster (pictured) at the end of last year.

Karen's role as Diocesan Ambassador is voluntary but integral to maintaining communications within the Diocese and looking for opportunities to promote the work of the Children's Society.

Karen is a primary school teacher from York who worships and serves as a Licensed Lay Minister (Reader) at Selby Abbey. "I saw the call for a Diocesan Ambassador for York and the role found me. I am looking forward to helping to help promote the work of the Children's Society here in the Diocese of York."

**Karen's email is**  
**karen.banks@childrenssociety.org.uk.**

If I can be of any support to you in your church or community, for example if you need a speaker, wish to hold an event for The Children's Society or are considering Mission Giving towards our work, then please do get in touch with me, Gill Dean, either at [gill.dean@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:gill.dean@childrenssociety.org.uk) or mobile 07850 500958.



# The Children's Society

# Heralds and Servants:

Archbishop to ordain ten new Deacons to serve in the Diocese of York

Ten women and men with varied stories of God's call to serve are due to be ordained Deacon by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, in York Minster on Saturday 1st July. The preacher is the Revd Canon Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Bishop's Adviser For Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Affairs in the Diocese of Blackburn.

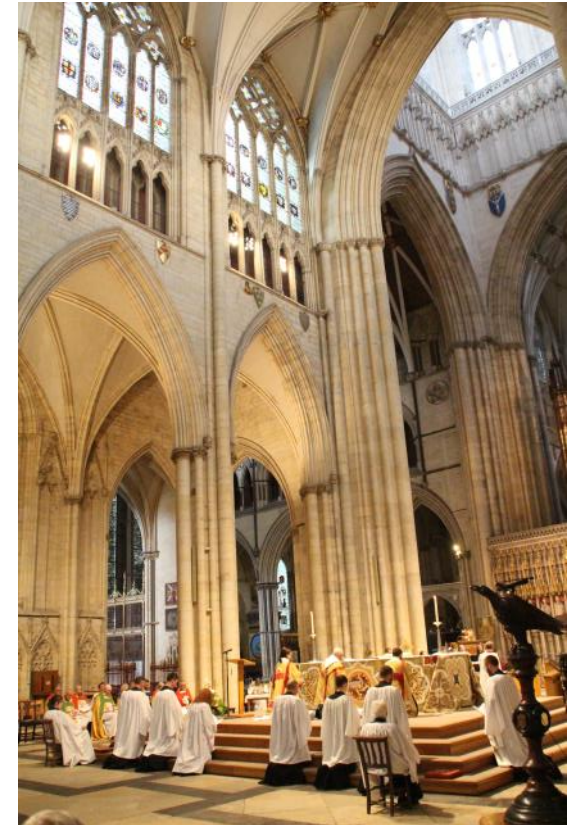
Deacons are called to work in the community and assist in church; each candidate will serve as Assistant Curate in a parish within the Diocese of York, the Church of England between the Rivers Humber and Tees and between the A1 and the Yorkshire coast.

The ten are aged from 26 to 64, and will continue their training in service alongside an experienced priest; some will be ordained priest themselves in the future.

Archbishop Stephen said, "I've loved hearing the different stories each of these candidates tells about the ways God is calling them - by surprise or over many years, through moments of joy or sometimes in the midst of great pain - and it's a privilege to share their excitement in answering that call.

"As deacons they will be heralds of the gospel and servants of those they meet and whose lives they touch; I'll be praying for them as they set off on these next steps in their journey, living Christ's story in the communities they are called to serve."

**The candidates, and the parishes in which they will serve, are overleaf (P4)...**



## Meet the new Deacons ~ *from pg 3*



**Marion Barella will serve as Assistant Curate at St Paul and St Barnabas, York.**

Married to Nic with two daughters, Marion has been

involved in full-time Christian ministry for many years, serving internationally and nationally.

"Ordination came as a surprise, but through prayer and wise counsel, I sensed the invitation from God to give my small offering to Him and He would do the rest.

"My desire is to share the love of Jesus in relatable ways and to see growth and transformation in communities."

Marion studied Part-Time at St Hild College which she says has been transformative: "I have encountered people from different traditions and learnt from them.

"As I start my curacy at St Paul's and St Barnabas in York, I am excited to continue to learn and see where God wants to move, and join with him."



**James Cawdell will serve as Assistant Curate at St Barnabas, Linthorpe (Middlesbrough).**

He grew up in church, but he says

that in October 2007 things changed for him: "Whilst receiving communion, I noticed the colours in the church grow brighter, and the pictures become sharper - and then I immediately knew that the God my parents had taught me about was my God." James had wanted to be a chemistry teacher growing up; while studying Chemistry at York God called him to be a priest.

"Walking across the campus I almost heard a voice call me, and the memories of people telling me they thought God was calling me to be a priest came back into my mind."

He has trained for ordination over three years at Cranmer Hall, Durham.

"I am going to work with the community in St Barnabas, Middlesbrough. I am looking forward to getting stuck in with all that is happening at the Church, youth work, student team and wider community."



**Simon Clark will serve as Assistant Curate in Easington with Skeffling, Keyingham, Ottringham, Patrington, Welwick, and Winestead.**

His faith had waxed and waned until about 15 years ago when his young granddaughter died, and it was then that both Simon and his wife Audrey felt strongly the presence of Jesus hold-

## Canterbury Cross for Canon Linda Ali



**Canon Linda Ali, one of the lay Members of the Church of England's General Synod representing the Diocese of York, has received the Canterbury Cross for Services to the Church of**

**England from Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.**

Launched in 2016, the Lambeth Awards recognise contributions to community service, worship, evangelism, interfaith cooperation, ecumenism and education.

Linda's award is for her outstanding contribution to the cause of Racial Justice in society and in the Church of England over 25 years.

Born in Trinidad and Tobago in 1943, Linda came to Britain in 1961 to study beauty therapy/film & stage make up in London.

Despite experiencing racial discrimination, and not wishing to disappoint her parents, Canon Ali was determined to make a success of her life.

After a long career in Trade Mark management, between 1997 and 2001, she completed undergraduate and post-graduate degrees with a developing focus on Racial Justice, including an

MA thesis titled 'West Indian Nurses working in the National Health Service 1950s-1960s'. This led to research with The National Archives to develop an online exhibition about people of colour in Britain since the Roman Empire.

As an active member of the Set All Free Executive, from 2005 to 2007, she helped prepare the national resources and events for the 2007 Bicentenary Commemoration of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.

She was also involved with the Centenary Commemorations of the WWI Armistice, in 2018, through the project 'They Also Served', honouring the contributions made by African and Caribbean service personnel in the Great War.

A General Synod Member since 2005, Linda was a member of the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (CMEAC) between 2005 and 2015/6.

Concurrently, she was actively involved in 'Turning up the Volume', a project that aimed to increase the number of minority ethnic clergy in senior positions, and as the CMEAC Diocesan Link Person for the Diocese of York.

Linda Ali was elected to the Chapter of York Minster in 2021.

Most recently, she has been instrumental in establishing, with the Archbishop of York, the Diocese of York Racial Justice Task Group, including appointing the advocates who will progress this work with the next generation.

## Meet the new Deacons ~ from pg 7

up my career as Head of Maths. I started studying with York School of Ministry in Theology, Mission and Ministry and this led to discernment."

Since 2020 Julia has been training for ordination at St Hild College and hopes to be awarded a BA later this year.

"It has been an incredible journey and being part of such a special community has been inspiring, helping me to grow in faith. I have been grateful to many for their support during my training including my husband and children and those from my home church."

Julia is excited to serve a new community and looking forward to walking in faith alongside others.



**Donneta Thomas will serve as Assistant Curate at Northallerton with Kirby Sigston.**

Donneta says that her journey to ordination began seven years ago with a firm trust in God; at a career crossroads Donneta felt God calling her to serve in every aspect of life, not just Sundays.

With her background in education she has served the church as a lay Children and Families Minister.

"My passion remains that of supporting children, youth, and families grow in faith. So, following ordination as a Distinctive Deacon I will serve my curacy working as Children and Families Minister."

Donneta studied for ordination part-time over the last two years at St Hild College, gaining a BA in Theology, Ministry and Mission.

"My husband and two adult sons continue to be my strength, keeping me grounded and upholding my faith through the joys and challenges of life."

ing and reassuring them that everything was going to be OK.

Serving as a Recognised Parish Assistant at his home church of St Wilfrid's in Ottringham, Simon knew he was being called to further service, leading to a long process of discernment and then training and formation with St Hild College.

"I was only able to get to where I am with the constant love, support and encouragement of my darling wife of nearly 30 years, Audrey.

"Devastatingly Audrey fell ill early in 2022 and sadly passed away at the beginning of October 2022. It was the day she died that once again I felt the strong presence of Jesus.

"As far as I was concerned that was the end of my journey towards ordination, but our Good Lord had other ideas and through his all-encompassing love, I have received unbelievable support from my family; my tutors and fellow Ordinands at St Hild College; and my church family."

At a time of great excitement, opportunity and trepidation in the South Holderness Deanery as it begins to implement new ministry and mission plans in response to 'Living Christ's Story', Simon is "truly excited" as he prepares to start his curacy.



**Elaine Curry will serve as Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity Church, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.**

Her faith journey began in childhood

when she started to attend Church after an encounter with an affirming headmistress who told her, "God loves you".

Elaine's theological education started at the Yorkshire School of Ministry, and three years of part-time training for Ordination at St Hild College, Mirfield, where she gained a BA in Theology, Mission and Ministry accredited by the University of Durham: "I am thankful for this life-changing opportunity to study, grow in God, and make lifelong friends."

Elaine says she thoroughly enjoyed her placement with the rural Benefice of Whorlton, and she gained experience running the Starz Children's and Families Club ministry within an urban housing estate in Middlesbrough.

"Far beyond words, I would like to thank my husband Paul, son Chris and daughter Emma for never failing to support me and believing in my journey towards Ordination; I look forward to serving, witnessing, and learning more from those I meet in my curacy."



St Mary's Churchyard, Farndale, which is managed to encourage wild flowers and grasses

## Meet the new Deacons ~ from pg 5



**Heather Grocock will serve at Emmanuel Bridlington and Barmston with Fraisthorpe.**

Having lived in the Midlands since birth, Heather

moved to Bempton in 2015. She has worked in a variety of roles, latterly as a Family Learning Tutor with Warwickshire County Council, and is now self-employed with a small retail business.

"I've attended church since childhood – my faith growing strongly in my teens. I've felt called to some form of ministry since then, but the real sense of God pushing me towards Ordination came at the Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCiG) conference in 2018."

Heather trained for ordination at St Hild College: "It's been fantastic to be with such a diverse community, to share experiences and learn with, and from others; most of my church experiences have been in rural, traditional settings."

Heather is excited to be serving her curacy in a predominantly urban setting, to experience the different challenges this brings, but most importantly to bring the word and love of God to people in their everyday lives.



**Dr Sam Mawer will serve as Assistant Curate at St Nicholas, Guisborough.**

Sam describes herself as "A country bumpkin," whose favourite place is

outside, dwelling in God's creation, exercising two dogs and 'doing things' in the garden despite the lack of green fingers.

She began working in the NHS in 1993 and married Anthony in 1995. They have two daughters who are 22 and 18.

"My calling began ten years ago. After a long period of prayer, a series of events and God constantly nagging me, I agreed with God that I would commit to the discernment process and leave the rest to his direction. And he has brought me here after training at St Hild College.

"In my new ministry in Guisborough, I hope to be a servant of God to forgotten people, letting them know they are loved by God regardless of who they are or the situation they find themselves in."



**Mairi Taylor-Gibson will serve as Assistant Curate at Holy Redeemer, Acomb and at Nether and Upper Poppleton, York.**

Mairi first went to church, with a friend, aged six, and became a Christian aged 11. She has worshipped in traditional and relaxed Anglican traditions. At 14 Mairi felt called to work for God; she volunteered in church children's work and at 25 became employed as a church youth worker.

More recently, while serving as a youth worker outside the church, she has been leading, preaching and running church toddler groups.

Married to Roy with two girls, Bobbie and Amelie (and Pringle, a hyperactive terrier), Mairi studied for ordination part-time at St Hild's for two years: "It was an amazing community of diverse, faithful people looking to learn and serve God in the world.

"My hope for the future is to take the love of Christ out into the community and introduce people to the love of God for them."



**Charlie Shefford will serve as Assistant Curate at Beverley St John and St Martin (Beverley Minster) with Routh All Saints.**

He came to faith at the age of 20 while living and working in

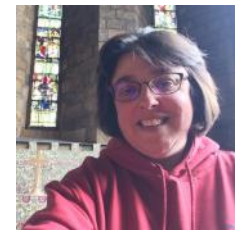
Australia as a demolition labourer, quickly became fascinated by Christian history and theology and returned to the UK to undertake an 'Access to Higher Education' course before studying theology at university.

During his first year studying theology at Durham University Charlie joined St Margaret's Church, which he describes as 'brilliant'.

"Being part of a great church community and studying theology gave me lots of room for discernment and thinking about God's calling for my life. It was here that I first felt a call towards ordained ministry and began the official discernment process."

Married to Zoe with a small child, Charlie trained for ordination for two years at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield.

"I am extremely excited to begin my curacy and look forward to working with and serving all those who make up the parish."



**Julia Staves will serve as Assistant Curate at Brompton with Deighton, East & West Rounton and Welbury (near Northallerton).**

She has always been involved in church but about 12 years ago made a commitment to God and found herself journeying towards ordination.

"After trying to ignore my calling for a few years in 2018 I finally gave in, giving