

People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York

The Revd Becky Allright, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Carlton & Drax, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of Elloughton and Brough with Brantingham for a period of three years. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull in St Mary, Elloughton, at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16 November 2023.

The Revd Andy Baker, Associate Minister of York St Michael-le-Belfrey, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of York St-Michael-le-Belfrey for a period of three years. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Selby in the De Grey Rooms, York at 6.00pm on Sunday, 29 October 2023.

The Revd Melanie Burnside, Assistant Curate of Kirkdale with Harome, Nunnington and Pockley, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of the Benefices of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale and of the Methodist Churches in the Helmsley area for a period of three years. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby in the Parish Church of All Saints, Helmsley at 3.00pm on Sunday, 12 November 2023.

The Revd Paul Deo, Vicar of Heworth Christ Church, York, resigned to be Priest in Charge of Low Moor and Oakenshaw in the Diocese of Leeds, with effect from the 7 September 2023.

The Revd Vicky Earll, Assistant Curate of York St Michael le Belfrey, has been appointed as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Derringham Bank, Hull. She will be licensed by the Bishop of Hull in the Parish Church at 7.30pm on Thursday, 25 January 2024.



The Revd Nick Garside, Assistant Curate of Rural Ainsty, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of Riccall, Barlby, and Hemingbrough for a period of three years.

The Revd Martin Harrison, Vicar of Strensall, retired on the 10 September 2023.

The Revd John Swinhoe, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Woodhorn with Newbiggin, Northumberland in the Diocese of Newcastle, has been appointed as Interim Priest-in-Charge of North Thornaby for a period of three years. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby in the Parish Church of St Paul's, North Thornaby at 7.00pm on Thursday 9 November 2023.

The Revd James Trowsdale, Priest in Charge of Ampleforth with Oswaldkirk, Gilling East and Stonegrave, has been appointed as Rector of the same benefice. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby in the Parish Church of Holy Cross, Gilling East at 7.00pm on Monday, 6 November 2023.

The Revd Irene Wilson, Assistant Curate of Kingston Upon Hull, Holy Trinity (Hull Minster), has been reappointed for a further one year. She will be Licensed by the Bishop of Hull on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 at 2.00pm in Hullen House.



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Safeguarding Week is back—this year from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November.

'Strength in Numbers—we're in this together' offers a range of online training, resourcing and discussion sessions to go beyond the statutory safeguarding training provided by the Diocese to those in all levels of leadership on local churches, with contributions this year from Archbishop Stephen, members of our own safeguarding team, and representatives of other organisations who support and extend the work we all share to make our churches and communities places of safety.

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/safeguarding-week

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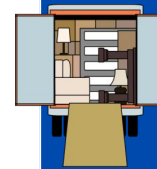
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Carbon Net Zero ~ Peter gets stuck in

The Revd Peter Dillon has started work as the Diocese of York's interim Project Officer for Carbon Net Zero, funded by the national Church of England, to help steer us towards the national 2030 Carbon Net Zero target agreed by General Synod.

Peter writes:

The need to care for God's creation is clear and we are called to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the Earth. To support this York Diocesan Synod (17th July 2023) adopted a resolution welcoming the General Synod's Climate Emergency and Carbon Reduction target and called upon all parts of the Diocese of York to measure carbon emissions and urgently examine what would be required to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030.

To help us with this ambitious target and realise our commitment to Live Christ's Story, we are working on a draft Carbon Zero Net plan for Diocesan Synod in early 2024 and I've been appointed as the interim project support to help develop this plan. I've previously worked as a project manager in the health and social care sector, and recently have been ordained as a Deacon in Blackburn Diocese – I live on the other side of the Pennines!

Over the next few months, we will bring together our data from the Church of England's Energy Footprint Tool, Energy Performance Certificates, building surveys, energy consumption and



travel, that will enable us to have a strategic focus on the largest emitters and busiest buildings in the Diocese of York. We know that many of our most small, rural churches already have a small carbon footprint supported by good maintenance. We will continue to support churches to become "Eco Churches" and increase the uptake of the Energy Footprint Tool which are great ways for us to be ready to bid for the additional funding being allocated nationally by the Church of England.

We will share more information on Carbon Net Zero project and the broader work of the Diocesan Environment Committee including updates on the great projects taking place in many parishes to reduce and improve energy usage that help our churches to be places that are warm and welcoming and those that continue to increase biodiversity and enhance the local environment.

- **If you would like any further information or a conversation about your plans and priorities, please do contact me at peter.dillon@yorkdiocese.org.**

Faith in the North

ster, calling in and blessing the outreach ministry of Destination 211 Bus along the way. This is part of Archbishop Stephen's teaching and preaching ministry, praying along the routes he walks with others.

The Revd Neil Walpole, Associate Priest in the Dewsbury Team Parish said: "Destination 211 Bus ministry reaches out to communities that struggle from high deprivation with the love of Jesus. It provides a warm space and a listening ear for the community in winter as well as offering emergency food. It is an after-school drop-in where real discipleship takes place with craft and a Bible study for parents and children, and we have our worship

'Thrive on the bus', where all can learn and grow in faith. This is an important and practical outreach especially to Chickenley which no longer has a church building nearby. Time and time again we see children sprint down the hill with parents following to join us for drinks, cakes, conversations and to hear the good news of Jesus."



Loving God,
guide by your Spirit
the churches of the North;
that following in the footsteps
of the Saints who have gone before us,
we may walk in the way of Christ,
share His love with others,
and build your Kingdom of peace
in the communities we serve.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Archbishop of York Celebrates

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell hopped on board a bus on the 10th October, to bless its use for ministry in Dewsbury as he outlined plans to celebrate stories of faith in the north, and help renew the missionary purpose of the Church in the North over the coming years.



The Archbishop's launch event for Faith in the North at Dewsbury Minster was on the 10th October, St Paulinus' Day in the Church's calendar, celebrating the life of the saint who established the Church of Saint Peter in York in the year 627 and who became the first bishop of York. Archbishop Stephen, the 98th Archbishop of York, led prayers in the Chapel at Dewsbury Minster dedicated to St Paulinus, and was joined by many church leaders from across the North.

Archbishop Stephen said: "The purpose of marking the mission of

Paulinus is not to look back, but to look forwards, and to learn from some of the features of mission in Anglo Saxon times and the spirituality which shaped it. Exploring our spiritual roots in this way offers a wonderful opportunity to share the Christian faith in churches, schools and in all the communities we serve.

Under a banner of 'Faith in the North' and working with others in all our dioceses in the Church of England, I am encouraging similar patterns of mission, celebrating our faith stories from the great Northern Saints of the past and from today's church. In doing this, I hope we can equip the Church for its service and mission today, find ways of reaching out to others, and plant new Christian communities."

Earlier, Archbishop Stephen joined in Morning Prayer at Wakefield Cathedral, and walked with Bishop of Huddersfield Smitha Prasadam from Christ Church South Ossett to Dewsbury Min-



Feeding the five thousand: Tools with a Mission

In the miracle story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand, Jesus commands his disciples to distribute food amongst the large crowd which had gathered to hear him.

The disciples were perplexed - five loaves and two fishes didn't look like nearly enough - but in Jesus' hands what looked like nothing was transformed into enough for everyone, and more!

For their Harvest Festival service the members of St Helen's Church, Skipwith (between York and Selby) decided that not only would they support their local food-bank by donations of food, but they would also donate their unwanted tools to Tools With a Mission (TWAM).

TWAM is a Christian charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation. This also contributes to environmental sustainability by reducing waste and carbon emissions in the UK.

The congregation heard the gospel story, and then heard two modern day stories of lives transformed by seemingly insignificant gifts. In Uganda, a boy orphaned by war, living in a refugee

camp and headed for a life of crime, heard about a training centre where he could learn carpentry. With tools supplied by TWAM he was able to learn



a trade, provide for his family, and then go on to train other young men who were then enabled to support their families too. A young mother abandoned by her husband, given a sewing machine and trained to be a seamstress, was able to feed her children and even send them to school.

In a few months' time these donated tools and sewing items will find their way to Africa. Whose lives will be changed by these seemingly small gifts?

- **To learn more about TWAM and how your church can help, go to www.twam.uk.**

A long walk from Whitby

A hundred years since the creation of the Suffragan See of Whitby in the Diocese of York, today's Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson and Archdeacon of Cleveland Amanda Bloor set out to walk over four days from Whitby itself—the historic home of St Hilda—to Lastingham, across the North York Moors and near the southern edge of the Archdeaconry of Cleveland within which the Bishop of Whitby ministers, and the historic home of St Cedd.

Accompanied at times by friends old and new, with local clergy, church members and even a number of Diocesan Office staff, the band was largely blessed with good weather for their scenic autumn walk.

Bishop Paul said, "We know that there was close contact between the abbeys at Whitby and Lastingham in the 600s, so there was a real sense of tracing the journeys of our forebears. There were particular moments when we could sense being in the same landscape that they knew, and it's always special to see places that aren't visible from roads.

"We were a fair-size and different group each day, and we met a few other walkers who were interested to hear what we were doing. Special thanks must go to the people who gave us hospitality and prayed with us at our waypoints of Whitby, Egton, Goathland, Newton-on-Rawcliffe and Lastingham — and to the children of Egton CofE Primary School who prayed for us in a brilliant Collective Worship and gave us beautifully-wrapped flapjack to send us on our way. We even managed never to get lost!

"The most demanding part? — Day 3 (Goathland to Newton-on-Rawcliffe over Wheeldale Moor): longer and more exposed with some hills to climb, boggy ground, and a bright but at times very breezy day — demanding maybe, but like the rest very enjoyable."

Archdeacon Amanda adds, "You look at things differently when you walk.

"Over four days, I appreciated afresh the beauty of our North Yorkshire countryside and had wonderful conversa-

tions with people who joined in the pilgrimage — when we had breath to do so! "We began by remembering Saint Hilda and ended with Saint Cedd; we wondered if our paths had been trodden by earlier pilgrims or even the saints themselves.

"Beginning each day with prayer located this as pilgrimage rather than just a walk in the countryside and it was lovely to finish with Evensong which was joined by several of those who'd walked part of the route with us.

"The four days were marking a centenary, but they firmly located us in a much older story, that of Christian faith in this part of the country.

"Here's to the next hundred years!

