

# People on the Move

## Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York

**The Revd Robert Desics**, Vicar of South Thornaby, has resigned to be Chaplain to His Majesty's Land Forces with effect from Monday, 11 September 2023.

**The Revd Timothy Goode**, Rector of Lee in the Diocese of Southwark, has been appointed as Canon Pastor of York Minster, to be known as Canon for Congregational Discipleship and Nurture. He will be collated by the Archbishop of York in York Minster on Saturday, 9 September 2023 during Evensong.

**The Revd Peter King**, Assistant Curate of Kirkleatham, has been appointed as Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Coatham and Dormanstown for the remainder of his training curacy. He will be licensed by the Bishop of Whitby at 10.00am on Wednesday, 6 September 2023 at the bishop's house.

**The Revd David Messer**, Priest in Charge of Sigglethorne with Nunkeeling and Bewholme, and Skirlaugh, Catwick, Long Riston, Rise and Swine with Ellerby, has additionally been appointed by the Bishop of Hull as Area Dean of North Holderness for a period of five years. Mr Messer succeeds **the Revd Shirley Hebden** who has held the post since 14 April 2021.

**The Revd Andrew Moreland**, Vicar of Seamer, East Ayton and Cayton, has been appointed as Vicar of South Cave and Ellerker with Broomfleet. He will be instituted by the Bishop of Hull at 7.30pm on Thursday, 23 November 2023 in All Saints, South Cave.

**The Revd Ben Norton**, Priest in Charge of the Kingswood Conventional District, Hull, has resigned to begin a Regular Commission with the Royal Army Chaplains Department with effect from Monday, 11 September 2023.

**The Revd Shena Moray-Evans**, Vicar of Newby and of Scarborough, St Luke, has

resigned with effect from Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

The following have accepted the invitation to become members of the College of Canons of York Minster, and are to be collated by the Archbishop, and admitted and installed by the Dean at York Minster on Saturday 16 September 2023 during Evensong:

**The Revd Sue Binks** to be Canon and Prebend of Bilton

**The Revd Mark Carey** to be Canon and Prebend of Bole

**Captain Richard Cooke CA** to be Canon and Prebend of Wistow

**The Revd Liz Hassall** to be Canon and Prebend of Givendale

**Dr Helen Lawrence** to be Canon and Prebend of Salton

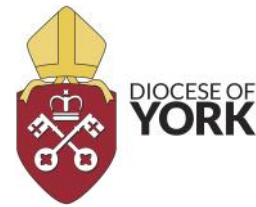
**The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh** to be Canon and Prebend of Holme

**The Revd Paul Peverell** to be Canon and Prebend of Hushwaite

**The Revd Peniel Rajkumar** to be Canon and Prebend of Wewang

**The Rt Revd Stephen Race**, Bishop of Beverley, will be admitted and installed also during this service.

On a date to be advised **the Revd Caroline Pinchbeck** will be admitted and installed as Canon and Prebend of Langtoft.



# TheNews

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## Bishops of Whitby and Selby to retire next summer



**Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell** said, "It's been such a privilege to work and to share God's ministry in this diocese with such talented and warm colleagues.

Paul and John each bring clear vision and a sharp mind to bear on every issue and challenge, and they share a gift for passing on their own excitement and enthusiasm for the Gospel and for their experience of encountering Jesus Christ wherever they go and in everyone they meet.

"I'm very glad that we still have them on board for the next year while the Diocese of York continues prayerfully to discern how we can live Christ's story in a fast-changing world."

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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of the East Riding, Andy Broom, writes:

## Breaking the 'Rules of Prayer'

### Are there 'rules' for our prayer life and having a healthy life with God?

Of course, the answer to that is 'no' but for many people it can feel that if not 'rules' then there are certainly 'strong conventions'. Some have been brought up with the 'Daily Quiet Time', others with Morning Prayer as an expectation, and for some saying Evening Prayer too. Some people have prayer lists, some rosary beads and others have been taught to simply sit silently and 'be' in the presence of God. Some follow lectionary readings, others have a daily guide for bible readings.

All of the above can be helpful in giving our life with God a shape and direction. However, as I reflect on my life with God I realise that sometimes I have struggled to adapt my prayer life because I have felt bound by my perception of these conventions and rules. Even in the last few years I've found myself feeling uncomfortable when I have found Morning Prayer too wordy and have shortened it; or having tried to learn to sit in silent prayer I've realised that I pray better walking slowly around my garden. I realise that this might tell you much about me and my personality, not everyone will necessarily have such struggles!

However, I don't think I am alone in feeling the pressure of conformity to norms and expectations. Nor the loyalty to our past and the church tradition that has formed us – for many, any movement from such a heritage can be difficult, even more so if close friends still share those assumptions and practices. Under Living Christ's Story the first objective is 'Becoming More Like Christ'. This is the call upon all our lives and it is from this that our lives, ministries and activities flow. It needs to be a priority for us all. Whilst for some the shape of their life with God will remain largely unchanged over time, many others sense a need to develop their approach to God. How important it is that we know ourselves and if we sense that need to adapt and change we are not held back by a mis-placed loyalty to rules, conventions, our past or even other people. If you sense you need to break a 'rule' or 'convention' or release yourself from mis-placed loyalties, then don't be held back. It might be the very thing God is inviting you to embrace on your journey to become more like Christ.



**Andy Broom**

# retire in summer of 2024

## Bishop of Whitby



Working with the Archbishop of York, Suffragan Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson has held particular responsibility for the care of the people, parishes and clergy of the Archdeaconry of Cleveland,

which includes Middlesbrough, Northalerton, Thirsk, Pickering and the Cleveland coast from Robin Hood's Bay westwards.

Brought up in the Wirral, Bishop Paul studied in Oxford and then Cambridge, where he went on to train for ordination at Westcott House. He served for three years in a parish in Chester before becoming Sacrist and Chaplain at Westminster Abbey in 1988, and later Precentor. From 1995 to 2001 he was Canon Residentiary and Precentor at York Minster, and in 2001 became Archdeacon of Cleveland. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and is believed to be the first Fellow to be consecrated a bishop. Paul's wife, Penny, died early in 2022; they have three grown-up children and five grandchildren.

As Bishop of Whitby he has also served within the Diocese of York as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, Mission and Pastoral Committee and Sub-Committee, and Vice-chair of the Diocesan Board of Finance. He has been Chair of the Diocese of York Education Trust, Dales Academies Trust, Together Middlesbrough & Cleveland, DBE Services Ltd, and of the Council of Westcott House (Cambridge). He is a Governor at York St John University, a Member of Hope Sentamu Learning Trust, Pathfinder Academy Trust, and Ebor Academy Trust; a Director of Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd, and Co-Convenor of the Anglican-Lutheran Society, and a Member of the Church of England's Porvoo Panel.

Bishop Paul said, "I get up every morning looking forward to a day's work, which is a real gift: but the time comes when it's right to move into the next phase of life and discipleship, so I shall be leaving my post as Bishop of Whitby next July when I shall be just 69."

- October 2023 marks the centenary of the creation of the suffragan see of Whitby; Bishop Paul will be leading a celebratory four-day walk (12th-15th) from Whitby to Lastingham, of which more details will be published soon.

# Bishops of Whitby and Selby to

**Bishop of Selby the Right Reverend Dr John Thomson and Bishop of Whitby the Right Reverend Paul Ferguson will each have served ten years since their consecration together by the 97th Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, in York Minster on the 3rd July 2014.**

## Bishop of Selby



Working with the Archbishop of York, Suffragan Bishop of Selby Dr John Thomson has held a particular responsibility for the care of the people, parishes and clergy in the Archdeaconry of York, which

includes Selby, Market Weighton, Malton, Easingwold and latterly the City of York itself.

Brought up in Uganda, Bishop John studied at York University, trained for ordination in Oxford and South Africa, and following four years in a Sheffield parish was a Tutor at Saint Paul's College and an Assistant Priest at St Bartholomew's Church in Makhandia (formerly known as Grahamstown), South Africa, and an Assistant Lecturer at Rhodes University. In the 1990s he

became Vicar of St Mary Doncaster, and gained his PhD at Nottingham University. From 2001 until moving to Selby he was Director of Ministry in the Diocese of Sheffield and an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral. Bishop John is a recreational and passionate cyclist who has become known as 'the Biking Bishop of Selby'. He is married to Susan and they have two grown-up children and two grandchildren.

As Bishop of Selby he has also served within the Diocese of York as Ambassador for Mission and Ministry, Ambassador for Rural Life and Faith, the lead Bishop for the Diocesan Link with three Dioceses in the Western Cape of South Africa and on the Diocesan Environment Steering Committee. He has also served as Chair of St Hild College Council, Co-Chair of the Methodist-Anglican Panel for Unity in Mission (MAPUM), as a Member of the Church of England Environmental Working Group, chairing its Net Zero Carbon 2030 subcommittee, as a Trustee of the Selby Abbey Trust and the Yorkshire Churches Rural Business Support Charity (YCRBS), as Patron of Citizens Advice, Selby, and of the Abbot's Staith Partnership (Selby) and as a Member of Selby Educational Trust.

Bishop John said, "The past ten years have been a remarkable journey serving in this Diocese and it will be a huge wrench to leave even though the time to do so is right."

# Join the Centenary Walk

## for the Bishopric of Whitby: 12th-15th October

**Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson has long thought that the centenary of the creation of the bishopric of Whitby in 1923 should be marked in some way, and Archdeacon of Cleveland Dr Amanda Bloor suggested a pilgrimage walk.**

"There have been walks to Whitby, but fewer from there," says Bishop Paul.

"So we will walk in four self-contained daily sections from St Mary's Whitby to St Mary's Lastingham.

"People are very welcome to join for as much or as little as they like. Each day will start with prayers (if you prefer, you can come just to the prayers!) and there will be a concluding service on the last afternoon.



"Please make your own arrangements for refreshments, and for picking up and dropping off at the start and end of each day's walk.

"Our walk will mark the link between two of our ancient Christian sites. We shall give thanks for the great figures of the past — including Hilda, Chad, Cedd and Cædmon from the 600s,

and those who suffered through the persecutions of the 1500s — and pray for the life, work and witness of God's church for today and the future.

"If you are able, please do join us on one or more of the days from Thursday 12 to Sunday 15 October."

**Further details on the diocesan website  
[www.dioceseofyork.org.uk](http://www.dioceseofyork.org.uk)  
when available.**

# Minster Celebration of Lay Ministries

**A Celebration of Lay Ministries Service on Saturday 23 September at 11.30am in York Minster is to mark a new chapter in the recognised ministries of lay people in the Diocese of York.**

As the body of Christ in the Diocese of York, its people and church communities will give thanks for the rich gifts of those who serve in a variety of lay ministries, all of which are a vital part of the ministry of the whole people of God as participants in God's mission to the world.

The service will include:

- an affirmation and welcome for those who have previously been called Recognised Parish Assistants and who will now be designated Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs). Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) are lay people active in church life, who have a particular gifting, vocation or calling to lay ministry, i.e. those called to work collaboratively alongside their wider ministry teams with a focus on growing, nurturing and serving the wider parish community. Authorised Lay Ministers are resourced through a new formation programme, The Deepening Discipleship Project; this embodies the commitment by the Diocese of York to seeing lay ministry emerge from the soil of discipleship, and to locating ministry amongst the whole people of God who are called to join in God's mission to the whole of life.

- the admission and licensing of five new Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) and the licensing of Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) transferring in to the Diocese of York or renewing their ministry after a period of out of ministry. The ministry of all serving LLMs (Readers) and ALMs will be celebrated, and long-service certificates awarded to LLMs whose ministry has continued for many years. Licensed Lay Ministers (Reader) are lay people who represent the church in a public, representative or leadership role. Licensed Lay Ministers (Reader) are involved in three main areas of ministry; Teaching the Faith, Enabling Mission and Leading in Church and Society. From Autumn 2023 Reader formation begins with The Deepening Discipleship Project, learning alongside those being formed for Authorised Lay Ministry. A further formation year will follow before Licensing and LLM (Readers) are expected to commit to further resourcing post-Licensing.
- the licensing of two new Church Army Evangelists; commissioned by the Church Army, its Evangelists share the gospel with those on the margins of society; help to communicate God's love in word and action with those who would rarely step inside the doors of a church building. The Church Army is a mission community of people with a passion for evangelism who are transforming lives and

neighbourhoods throughout the British Isles and Ireland; its Evangelists live and breathe God's love in creative and pioneering ways.

This will take place within a service of the Eucharist at which Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell will preside, while Bishop of Doncaster Sophie Jelley, the Church of England's national lead bishop for Lay Ministries, will preach.

Warden of Lay Ministry and Director of Lifelong Learning for the Diocese of

York, Lynn Comer, said, "It's a joy to celebrate the wealth of lay ministry taking place across the diocese and exciting to see people taking up these newly-reimagined lay ministry roles. We are continuing to explore what the future of our church in the Diocese of York will look like as part of our commitment to Living Christ's Story here, and today's service shows just a few strands of the many ways that God calls us all to be part of that plan."

Those to be newly admitted and Licensed as Lay Ministers (Readers) are]:

- **Allison Ward** - St Barnabas, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough
- **John Alastair Wordsworth** - Great and Little Driffield (with Langtoft with Foxholes, Butterwick, Cottam and Thwing)
- **Sharon Ruth Wordsworth** - Great and Little Driffield (with Langtoft with Foxholes, Butterwick, Cottam and Thwing)
- **Sarah Ann Clarke** - Nether with Upper Poppleton, York
- **Stephen Percival** - Wilberfoss with Kexby

Two Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) will be Licensed to parishes in the Diocese of York having transferred from other parts of the country:

- **Kevin Philip Boak** - Scalby
  - **Helen Anne Jackson** - Emmanuel Bridlington and Barmston with Fraisthorpe
- Two people are to be licensed as Church Army Evangelists:
- **Joanne Milns** - Withernsea with Owthorne
  - **Kia Macpherson** - Marfleet (Hull)

**Around 100 of those newly re-designated as Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) will be present, to give thanks for their ministry to date as Recognised Parish Assistants and to affirm their calling and commitment to their new role in parishes across the Diocese of York.**

Six Licensed Lay Ministers (Readers) will receive long service awards:

- *With over 50 years' service as of December 2023:*  
**Mr David Jefferson** - Beverley Minster
- *With over 40 years' service as of December 2023:*  
**Prof David Ferguson** - Benefice of The Moorlands
- *With over 25 years' service as of December 2023:*  
**Mrs Olwyn Cooke** - New Marske  
**Mrs Pam Dean** (recently retired) - Pocklington and Owsthorpe and Kilwick Percy  
**Mrs Christine Hill** - Wilton (focal minister)  
In her absence as she cannot attend the service: **Miss Liz Donaldson** - St Alban, Hull