

# Diocese of York Newsletter

News from  
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the Tees

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## Hornsea church starts Job Club

St Nicholas Church, Hornsea, has opened the town's first Job Club. The Job Club will be run from the parish hall every Monday morning from 9am to 12.30pm. Job seekers from the town can receive coaching for interviews and help finding jobs online, and local jobs will be displayed on a vacancies board.

The job club was started by the Revd Phil Lamb, vicar of St Nicholas Church (*pictured with Yvonne Hird*). Phil said, "Hornsea's a big town, and there are new estates being built here all the time. But there's no support for people who are unemployed here. If you've got no job, you've got to find the money to travel to Beverley or Hull to go to a job centre. So we wanted to open a job club here to help Hornsea folk who are struggling to find work.

"The church has to take a lead in helping people in need. Jesus teaches us to love our neighbour, and that's what we're trying to do here. In 2011 the church opened the first Foodbank in East Yorkshire, to help



people going hungry, and now we're helping people who are unemployed. If we're serious about loving our neighbour, we have to look at the areas where they are struggling and do what we can to help.

"We're not experts, so we'll be learning alongside the people who are coming to the job club, but we believe we can make a difference. One of our volunteers, Yvonne Hird, has experience of job clubs and will be running coaching for interviews with people, to give job seekers more confidence. Opening a job club is something that any church can do, if there's a need in their community."

# The joy of good news for all

Good news! My daughter's had a lovely baby! My friend is recovering from his illness! At long last I've got a job I can enjoy!

When we have good news we are ready to share it. We know that other people will be interested and want to share our joy. This joy is the theme of Jesus' teaching in St Luke's Gospel chapter 15: the joy of the shepherd who finds his lost sheep and brings it home. The joy of the poor woman who finds her silver coin, lost from her meagre savings. The joy of a father who welcomes home his lost son, prodigal son, and still loves the son who never left home.

No wonder that Pope Francis called his guidance on sharing the good news of Jesus *The Joy of the Gospel*. Back in Lent clergy from across our diocese joined with Roman Catholic colleagues from the Diocese of Middlesbrough to learn from this exciting and challenging book. Together we explored the Pope's encouragement to be grateful as we remember what God has done for us in Jesus. We were challenged by the Pope's insistence that "God's heart has a special place for the poor". We were sent out to be "Spirit-filled evangelizers who work and pray". As Francis puts it, "the primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received".

Yet we know we are not always very good at sharing the good news we

have found in the love of Jesus. It's fine to speak about the joy of the gospel, but letting it affect how we talk to others is another matter! Most of us still feel awkward chatting about our faith even though it is very important to us.

So another way we are looking to help us all gain some confidence and have some practical ideas is through running a *Leading your Church into Growth* conference in September. About 30 benefices from across the diocese have signed up, each sending a team of vicar and two lay people. This isn't a magic wand but experience in many places, including a few of our parishes, shows that the ideas proposed are achievable and can be adapted to your circumstances. Over time churches can develop new ways of sharing the good news about Jesus, the joy of the gospel, and see others become disciples of Jesus.

I believe this conference and what will follow on is good news for us! And we can look forward to sharing that joy with those we meet!

*The Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield,  
Director of Training for Missional  
Ministry*

# Church Urban Fund promotes “frugal lunches” for Poverty Sunday



The Church Urban Fund (CUF) is encouraging parishes to take part in activities for Poverty Sunday.

Local churches are being invited to hold a Poverty Sunday Service followed by a “frugal lunch” on 21 June, or on another date that suits, to raise funds for CUF. A “frugal lunch” involves replacing a normal Sunday lunch with soup or another inexpensive meal, with the savings donated to the Church Urban Fund. To download your free resources and find out more visit [www.povertysunday.org.uk](http://www.povertysunday.org.uk).

Paul Hackwood, CUF Executive Chair, said: “We believe this is an important time for churches to get involved. Great work is already being done but the need is immense. The more we can raise money, the more lives are going to be transformed.”

In this Diocese, Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland (TMC) is the local response of

Church Urban Fund, working in partnership with the Diocese of York. The project has been working across Middlesbrough for over 2 years and is expanding its work into Redcar and Cleveland. Working with local churches and Christian activists TMC has supported the development of a variety of projects including Food Banks, support for asylum seekers and refugees, the Positive Pathways project supporting homeless people and Hope 4 Summer - summer activities for vulnerable families and children.

Heather Black, Development Officer with TMC said: “At a time when local families and individuals are struggling with the basic necessities of food, warmth, shelter and clothing, and many are experiencing isolation and loneliness, the church is actively responding in Christ’s name. It is often simple acts of human kindness shared with love that can bring hope and enable human flourishing.”

# St Hilda's Way

A new 42 mile Whitby pilgrimage, St Hilda's Way, is being launched on Sunday 28 June. St Hilda's Way starts at Hinderwell and finishes at Whitby Abbey, visiting eight churches and chapels dedicated to St Hilda, as well as two other churches named after St Hedda and St Mary. At each location there is a special focus on a different aspect of the Saint's life, something to find in the church and the opportunity for reflection and meditation.

On Sunday 28 June the Way will be launched with a special service at St Hilda's Holy Well at Hinderwell Church, led by the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, the Bishop of Whitby. There is then a led pilgrimage and the first leg of the trail, from Hinderwell to Scaling Dam, will be walked that afternoon. The full walk will be completed over the following five days, culminating on the cliff top at Whitby Abbey on Friday 3 July.

The idea for St Hilda's Way came from the churches in Whitby, inspired by the icon of St Hilda written by Edith Reyntiens. Veteran long-distance walkers the Revd Nancy and John Eckersley, have lent their assistance in devising the route and writing the guidebook.

The guidebook has extracts from the Ordnance Survey OL27 map covering the route in short sections of between two and six miles. Nancy has taken most of the photos and written the majority of the 'special interest' content. John has devised the route.

The route for the inaugural walk is:

## **Day 1 - Sunday 28th June**

- 11.00 am – Service of Blessing at St Hilda's Well, Hinderwell
- 12.00 noon – Picnic Lunch
- 1.30 pm – Start of walk – Hinderwell to Scaling Dam

## **Day 2 – Monday 29th June**

- 9.30 am – Meet at Scaling Dam Visitor Centre car park
- Walk – Scaling Dam to Danby Station to Danby Church

## **Day 3 – Tuesday 30th June**

- 10.00 am – Meet at National Park Visitor Centre, Danby
- Walk – Danby to Lealholm to Glaisdale to Egton Bridge

## **Day 4 – Wednesday 1st July**

- 9.30 am – Meet St Hedda's Church, Egton Bridge
- Walk – Egton Bridget Mortuary Chapel to Egton to Sleights

## **Day 5 – Thursday 2nd July**

- 9.30 am – Meet Sleights Railway Station
- Walk – Sleights to Sneaton to Whitby Railway Station

## **Day 6 – Friday 3rd July**

- 9.30 am – Meet Whitby Railway Station
- Walk a Church Town Trail to visit St Hilda's RC Church, St Hilda's Priory, St Hilda's CofE Church, St Mary's Church, Whitby Abbey

All are welcome to join all or part of the inaugural walk but please let Revd Barry Pyke ( 01947 840249 or pykefamily@tiscali.co.uk) know before you come so we have an idea of how many to expect. Further detail at [www.whitbydeanery.org](http://www.whitbydeanery.org) or [www.johneckersley.wordpress.com/StHilda](http://www.johneckersley.wordpress.com/StHilda).

# New Altar for Rievaulx Abbey

On 4 June Archbishop Sentamu, accompanied by the Bishop of Whitby; the Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough; the Prior of Ampleforth and the Chair of the Methodist District of York and Hull, will dedicate the newly built high altar at Rievaulx Abbey.

A member of our congregation, Chris Bryant, now sadly deceased, but a generous benefactor to this project and churches across the denominations in Helmsley, initiated the vision to return Rievaulx Abbey to being a living witness to the Christian Gospel now, in this twenty first century. Funding from three anonymous donors from overseas has also been found through the Archbishop of York. Worship has continued sporadically on this site since its dissolution in 1538. This restoration of the altar re-establishes permanent sacramental presence in Rievaulx Abbey.

We are very grateful to English Heritage for supporting and executing the building up of the altar.

## On the Move

The Archbishop has appointed the Revd Michael John Proctor, Vicar of South Cave and Ellerker with Broomfleet, to be Rural Dean of Howden for a period of five years in addition to his existing responsibilities. Mr Proctor succeeds the Revd James Little.

The Revd Elizabeth Baxter has been re-appointed as Director of Holy Rood House, Thirsk.



The service is at 7pm. Do join us to celebrate. The grounds are open for the service from 6pm so do bring a picnic. We cannot provide chairs but please do bring your own seating or rugs. Unfortunately there are few toilets and there is limited access for those with disabilities.

If you know you are coming please let us know with numbers to [Rievaulx46@gmail.com](mailto:Rievaulx46@gmail.com).

*The Revd Tim Robinson, Vicar of Helmsley*

# Holy Rood House celebrates 21 years as a centre for Creative Arts in Health and Well-being



In the picturesque village of Sowerby, just a short walk from Thirsk, are two beautiful old houses, one of which was the house of Miss Warner, alias Mrs Pumphrey with her famous Pekinese, Tricky-Woo, from *All Creatures Great and Small*. These are the centre of the Holy Rood House community.

On St David's day, the house was filled with celebration and a toast is raised to give thanks to the creative God for the 21st anniversary of the place of Creative Arts in Health and Well-being. Holy Rood House is a centre of health and pastoral care which uses creative arts to help and heal the guests who stay there.

Inside the house are works of art, some beautiful, some simply strange blots and swirls of colour, all created

for therapeutic purposes. The idea is to use artistic mediums such as painting to take all your worries and troubles and let them out through the body and into the art. They are not created to look aesthetically pleasing or to be put on display, but many of them are stunning and packed with emotion and meaning.

Lots of the people celebrating were community companions, a group of people from around the country who support the work of the house; many of whom have had first-hand experience of the therapeutic activities of painting, sketching, moulding clay and weaving as a way to heal and relax. They believe that creative arts are a gift from God integral to healing, and that they are vital to individuals and to communities.

The guest of honour at this celebration was Tom Ramsden (*pictured left with art therapist Elaine Wisdom, and right with Holy Rood Director the Revd Elizabeth Baxter*), High Sheriff of North Yorkshire, who shares this community's passion for the arts. In his year in office Mr Ramsden has been working to set up an exciting project called 'Arts for Change', a fund which aims to promote the arts and use them as a way of transforming people's lives. This will bring fantastic opportunities for charities, groups and individuals to apply for funding and use it to spread the benefits of the arts around the area.

I asked him whether he was an artist himself. Although he claims he isn't himself, he says his mother, a trustee and valued supporter of Holy Rood House, and his wife and daughter are all very artistic. Being surrounded by creative people, the arts have clearly had a huge influence on his life, and given him a passion for spreading their joy and benefit.

Holy Rood uses several other ways of helping and healing the guests who

## Rest in Peace

The Ven Michael Ernest Bowering, who had the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate, died on Saturday 25 April. Mr Bowering served in the Diocese of York from his Ordination in 1959 until 1987 when he was appointed Archdeacon of Lindisfarne. Mr Bowering was 79 and is survived by his wife, Aileen and three children, Paul, Alice and Joanne.

The Revd Canon Ronald Albert Marchant, who was resident at Dulverton Hall, Scarborough, died on 15 April.



stay there at difficult points in their lives. It has beautiful gardens, and even has some goats!, and has a supportive and loving community. Guests of all ages go there from all over the country, and find a welcoming space where they can find God's peace and healing. With the help of God I trust it will keep providing a place of sanctuary and great blessing for many in the future.

To keep up with the news about the 'Arts for Change' fund visit the Community Foundation's website at [ww.trcf.org.uk](http://ww.trcf.org.uk). And if you want to explore more about Holy Rood House visit their website at [www.holyroodhouse.org.uk](http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk).

*Rosalynne Hutchings*

# Cherishing Churchyards Week

Why not celebrate the beauty of your churchyard or burial site with your local community during National Cherishing Churchyard Week from Saturday 6th June - Sunday 14th June?

Caring for God's Acre, the charity dedicated to the conservation of burial sites of all kinds is promoting National Cherishing Churchyards Week and helping people to organise events which celebrate these special places in the heart of our communities.

For instance a rich diversity of plant and animal life can be discovered in burial sites and they often contain distinctive and veteran trees such as Yew trees, the oldest living things in Britain. The stonework of the memorials and boundary walls provides a home for a mosaic of mosses, ferns and lichens. Burial sites are also important places for archaeology and history, providing

an accessible resource for community learning. Most important of all - they provide a tranquil place for remembrance and quiet reflection.

Events offered during Cherishing Churchyards Week could include activities for families such as a quiz, a mini beast safari, tree bingo, letter or leaf rubbing, making gargoyles out of clay. Open days could be held with guided tours. Volunteer activity days such as making compost areas, scything grass, memorial recording, bramble clearing, nest box making. Special workshops could be organised in dry stone walling, memorial safety and care, plant identification, geology, tree care or creative writing and art.

For further information on Cherishing Churchyards Week or the work of the charity, Caring for God's Acre, take a look at [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

## Free to a good home

A complete set of costumes for a traditional Passion Play (suitable also for a Nativity Play), both adult and children's sizes, many originally purchased in Nazareth, Palestine. More than 50 outfits in all. Ideal for Church, School or Community Drama group. Complete with moth-proof storage trunk. Contact the Very Revd John Allen on 01723 859854.



# Taking Funerals Seriously

Whether you are involved with funerals, bereavement ministry, or work with the dying as a vicar, curate, chaplain, Reader or lay person, there will be something for you at 'Taking Funerals Seriously'. This conference, the first national Church of England conference on death, dying and funerals, is a valuable opportunity to explore changing culture, trends, research and theology around this crucial ministry.

The conference will take place 10-12 June at Woodland Grange, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Highlights include the launch of national funeral research and resources, key note speakers on theology, culture and pastoral care, and a visit to the National Funerals show, the major trade show for the funerals industry

For more information about the conference, to see keynote speakers and to book online, visit [www.takingfuneralsseriously.org](http://www.takingfuneralsseriously.org).

# The Contribution of Faith to Reconciliation

This year's theme for York St John's summer symposium on the Challenge of Leadership in a Changing Church is "The Contribution of Faith to Reconciliation", to be held on 3rd June.

There is a growing view that some aspects of our world faiths contribute more to deepening division than promoting reconciliation. In this our fourth Symposium we aim to bring together significant contributors to present and debate the positive role which faith can make to reconciliation. Faith leaders at local, national and international levels have a responsibility to be as informed as possible about the particular contribution which they can make. In this Symposium we aim to offer the latest thinking accompanied by engaged dialogue on this vital subject.

The Keynote Speaker is Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford in the newly-created Diocese of West Yorkshire and The Dales. His previous post was as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Interfaith Adviser. He has worked in India and has a doctorate in the study of Islamic preaching.

Responders to the main presentation include Revd Dr Sarah Hills, Canon for Reconciliation, Coventry Cathedral Dr Ataullah Siddiqui, Reader in Religious Pluralism and Inter-Faith Relations, Markfield Institute of Higher Education.

There will be breakout groups to enable detailed discussion of the presentations.

For more details or to book a space, visit [www.yorks.ac.uk/challenge-of-leadership](http://www.yorks.ac.uk/challenge-of-leadership).

# What's On

Mon 1 Jun - 'Adrian Plass and the Church Weekend' - St Edward the Confessor, York, 7.15pm. An evening of theatre, stories, music & laughter with Searchlight Theatre Company, World Vision and Adrian & Bridget Plass. Tickets: £12 (concessions £10) from 01904 709111 or parishoffice@care4free.net.

Weds 3 Jun - A Symposium on: The Challenge of Leadership in a Changing Church: The Contribution of Faith to Reconciliation. See page

Thurs 4 Jun - Dedication of the new altar at Rievaulx Abbey. See page 5.

Sat 6 Jun - In the Father's Hand Summer Party!, St Andrew's Church, Huntington Road, York, 2pm - 4pm. There will be dancing, games, crafts and cream teas. Suitable for people with learning disabilities or complex needs - but everyone is welcome! For more information contact 07788 123538 or visit our website: [www.ifhyork.org.uk](http://www.ifhyork.org.uk).

Sat 6 Jun - Stamford Bridge Singers concert, St Patrick's, Patrington. 7pm. Under the baton of Stuart Nettleship, the Singers will entertain with a wide range of music by Vivaldi, Schubert, Rutter, Britten, Faure, Sullivan and more. For further details go to [www.stamfordbridgesingers.co.uk](http://www.stamfordbridgesingers.co.uk).

Sun 7 Jun - William Temple Association, York Group, York St John University, 7pm. The Revd Canon Charles Dobbin will give the last talk in a series of four talks by different speakers on 'Living with Difference'. Contact 01904 411535 or [kingsley.boulton@stolave.org.uk](mailto:kingsley.boulton@stolave.org.uk).

Mon 8 Jun - York and District CMS AGM and talk, The Tithe Barn, Nether Poppleton, 7pm. York and District CMS Association invites you to hear the Archbishop's Evangelist, the Revd Canon Roger Simpson.

Weds 10 Jun - Ebor Lectures on Theology and Public Life, York St John University, 7pm. The Rt Hon Frank Field MP will deliver a lecture on "Give me a child until they are 4: toughening up the Jesuit teaching on shaping children's life chances". Admission to the lecture is free via [www.yorks.ac/eborlectures](http://www.yorks.ac/eborlectures).

Weds 10 Jun - Serving the world: the opportunities and challenges of chaplaincy. Chaplains are engaging with those who know little or nothing of the Christian Story and more often than not in a multi-faith environment. This session will help us to explore the gifts and skills needed to be an effective chaplain.

Sat 13 Jun - 'Conversations': Personality and Prayer, Alison Geary, Old Malton Priory, 10am - 12.30pm. Contact 01653 692370 or [pcrobinson53@gmail.com](mailto:pcrobinson53@gmail.com).

Sat 13 Jun - Concert of Song and Music, St. Oswald's Church, Flamborough, 7pm.

Sat 13 Jun - Roughshod: IrRESISTible, at Hollybush Christian Fellowship, Thirsk, 6.30pm. Box Office: 01845 587386. Tickets: Free.

Mon 15 May - Mental health awareness day, Old Malton Community Centre, from 10am. A day which aims to increase your understanding of, and response to, mental health issues, as they bear on those affected and their carers, covering issues in working age adults and the elderly.

Weds 15 Jun - Serving the world: the opportunities and challenges of chaplaincy, Christ Church Bridlington, 7.30pm. See Weds 10 Jun.

Fri 19 – Sun 21 Jun - Flower Festival at St Hilda's, Ellerburn. The festival opens with a concert by 'Sing and Tonic' at 7pm on 19th June. Church open Saturday and Sunday from 10am - 4pm. Celebratory Evensong 5pm on Sunday 21st June with the Bishop of Whitby in attendance. Contact [lizcowley@onetel.com](mailto:lizcowley@onetel.com) or 01751 460391 for concert tickets or further information.

Fri 19 Jun - An Evening with George Hudson, St Peter and St Paul's, Scrayingham, 7pm. Actor and storyteller Chris Cade will chart and celebrate Hudson's varied life as a millionaire, bankrupt, celebrated

personality, outcast, railway visionary and discredited trickster. Tickets £9.50, available from [georgehudson.eventbrite.co.uk](http://georgehudson.eventbrite.co.uk).

Sat 20 – Sun 21 Jun - 150th Anniversary of St John the Evangelist, Middlesbrough. Open day on Saturday from 10am to 5pm with archive exhibition, flowers, entertainment and refreshments. On Sunday at 6pm: Sung Mass of Thanksgiving for 150th Anniversary with the Bishop of Beverley. Further details: please contact Fr Stephen Cooper on 01642 824779.

Sat 20 Jun - 'Are You Coming to Strawberry Fair?', St Nicholas Church Guisborough, 10am–3pm, Stalls, refreshments, raffle, tombola, etc.

Sat 20 Jun - Medieval Summer Fayre, Bridlington Priory, from 1pm. Medieval Summer Fayre with royal procession, stalls, Morris Men, refreshments and much more. More information on [www.bridlingtonpriory.co.uk](http://www.bridlingtonpriory.co.uk) or tel 01262 672221.

Sat 20 Jun - June Jamboree, All Saints, Hessle, from 1pm. Music, barbecue, grand raffle, cake stall, white elephant stall, activities for children and all that goes to make up a classic summer fair.

Mon 22 – Weds 24 Jun - International Conference on Peace and Reconciliation, York St John University, see page 9.

Mon 22 Jun - Quiet Day - Treasures Both New and Old, Wydale Hall. Bishop Paul Ferguson will look at some of the treasure trove in the words that provide a framework for our prayers and build up our spiritual lives. Book via 01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org.

Mon 22 Jun - Special Public Lecture on Religions at the Service of Peace, York St John University, 6.30pm. Speaker: Fr Prof Jamal Khader, Rector of the Latin Patriarch Seminary in Beit Jala, Bethlehem.

Weds 24 Jun - SPIDIR Resource Day - Music and Spirituality, Wydale Hall, led by the Revd Canon Peter Moger, Precentor of York Minster. Book via 01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org.

Thurs 25 Jun - Managing Major Building Projects in Places of Worship, St Mary's Brammall Lane, Sheffield. Book at [www.purcelluk.com](http://www.purcelluk.com).

Thurs 25 Jun - My school, my ministry: A day on school chaplaincy, Wydale Hall. We shall be looking at a range of aspects of chaplaincy, including ways to support it and make it more effective, and how to

enable networking between chaplains. Book via [julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org).

Fri 26 - Sun 28 Jun - Celebration of 900 years of worship at St Peter's, Wawne. There will be a Flower Festival during the weekend and on Sunday at 11.00 am we will welcome Archbishop Sentamu to lead our worship. For more details contact 01482 825908.

Fri 26 & Sat 27 Jun - "In the Year of our Lord, 1536", with Weighton Waytes Choir, 7.30pm. Composed by Carole Readman and performed in Tudor costumes, at Aughton Church on the Friday, and Selby Abbey on the Saturday.

Sun 28 Jun - Jazz Vespers at St. Martin's Church, Lowthorpe, 6pm. With the Rev Ray Quartet.

Tues 30 Jun - RSCM North and East Yorkshire Lecture, at Ripon Cathedral, 6pm. An evening seminar/lecture to be given by Philip Moore, Organist Emeritus at York Minster. Choral Evensong at 6pm, lecture at 7pm.

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