

# Diocese of York Newsletter

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## The 2015 Real Advent Calendar

The Meaningful Chocolate Company is hoping to donate £15,000 from sales of its 2015 Real Advent Calendar to help fund a baby clinic in Kenya and support overseas farmers through Traidcraft Exchange.

The Calendar includes a 32-page Christmas story/activity booklet illustrated by Sophie Allsopp and designed to be used every day in Advent. The new booklet includes all the traditional nativity characters, gives more detail about the Christmas story and has seven Advent challenges. The calendar also comes with 24 Fairtrade Belgian chocolates and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the windows.

David Marshall, from The Meaningful Chocolate Company, said: 'Recent surveys show that knowledge of the Christmas story is fading. The Real Advent Calendar is part of a campaign which hopes to reverse this trend by finding new ways to share the story. By buying



this Advent calendar children, parents and Godparents can share the Christmas story throughout December.'

The Real Advent Calendar costs £3.99. Churches, schools and groups can buy directly from The Meaningful Chocolate Company by visiting our special website at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk) and take advantage of a free delivery offer. Retailers stocking the calendar include larger Tesco stores, Traidcraft, and Shared Earth. Details at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk).

# Leading Your Church Into Growth

This September, the Diocese held its first Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCIG) conference in Scarborough. Eighty people - clergy and lay - from 27 benefices across the Diocese came together to learn how to grow their churches.

The conference was led by Robin Gamble of LYCIG, and his team members Dave Banbury, Ruthi Banbury and Rhiannon King (pictured right).

Comments from people attending the conference included:

- “This is so different to when I trained as a priest – then it was all about maintenance and there was nothing about growth.”
- “The engagement of lay and ordained working and being together – I didn’t realise how powerful that partnership could be.”
- “Robin’s infectious energy was balanced by the more reflective teaching from the rest of the team – a really good mix.”
- “I wasn’t sure about coming but I have benefitted so much. Questions have been answered and new ideas given.”

After the success of this pilot conference, the Diocese will be holding another conference, this time for 80 benefices, from 19 to 22



September 2016 at the Hayes Centre, Swanwick. This conference will again be led by Robin Gamble.

If your benefice would like to send a team, please start thinking and praying about who could come. The team needs to be made up of the incumbent and two lay people. Email [growth@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:growth@yorkdiocese.org) to express an interest in the 2016 conference.

# From Collection to Offering: Encouraging Generous Giving

As part of our Diocesan commitment to becoming Generous Churches Making and Nurturing Disciples, we're holding three sessions on "From Collection To Offering - Encouraging Generous Giving", to help your church address giving, stewardship and generosity. We are pleased to welcome John Preston, the National Stewardship Officer as our guest speaker at these three events.

Whether you are a Vicar, Curate, Reader, Treasurer, Churchwarden, PCC member, or involved in Church Leadership in any other way there will be something here for you.



Topics will include:

- **Teaching and preaching about generosity**  
Ways to encourage church members reflect the generosity of God
- **Beyond the collection plate**  
Additional ways of growing income
- **Reimagining the offertory**  
Practical ideas about moving from collection to offering
- **The Gift Aid treasure hunt**  
Ways of maximising Gift Aid



The sessions take place on:

- Monday 16 November at Stockton on the Forest Village Hall, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- Monday 16 November at St Barnabas Church, Linthorpe, 7.30-9.30pm
- Tuesday 17 November at St Nicholas' Church, Beverley, 10am - 12noon

To book a free place contact David Butterfield on 01904 557278 or [archdeacondavid@yorkminster.org](mailto:archdeacondavid@yorkminster.org).

# Advent Sleepout Challenge



One night can change everything. Could you give up one night of comfort so that someone else won't have to?

Advent Sleepout Challenge, an exciting new event, launches this year with two charities that provide essential and life-changing support to homeless people across the North East: Church Urban Fund and Depaul UK. Both charities are committed to fighting homelessness and other forms of poverty across the UK and work in Partnership at the John Paul Centre, Middlesbrough.

On Friday 4 December, Church Urban Fund and Depaul UK are inviting Christian communities across the North East of England to join them in giving up a night of comfort in a unique response to advent. There are three ways you can take part:

1. Join in the Advent Sleepout Challenge at Holy Trinity, North Ormesby, with the Bishop of Whitby.
2. Sponsor Bishop Paul or anyone else taking part in the Advent Sleepout Challenge.
3. Organise your own Advent Sleepout Challenge on Friday 4 December

Doing one of the above will help raise money for Depaul's North East 'Nightstop' emergency accommodation service and Church Urban Fund's Together Network working locally to transform lives.

In 2014 an estimated 2,744 people were sleeping rough on any one night in England, a rise of 55 per cent since 2010. As well as this, there are 8.8 million people who are struggling with problem debt.

The hope is that this will be a refreshing approach to advent that will allow people to reclaim what advent means to them whilst they take part in a different kind of giving this Christmas.

The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, will be taking part in the Advent Sleepout Challenge at Holy Trinity, North Ormesby on Friday 4 December. He said, "Social deprivation in this area is at a critical point now, with the recent devastating news in Redcar. Supporting this challenge could help to make the difference to so many people. I pray for those people and everyone involved in helping them. Will you join us in this huge task?"

Paul Hackwood, Executive Chair of Church Urban Fund said "Advent is a unique time for Christians as we remember that God chose to walk among us in the most truly humble of circumstances. The Advent Sleepout Challenge is a way for us to respond to that by placing ourselves in our very own 'stables' so that we can support the most vulnerable in our country.

"On top of this, we imagine this will be a really fun way to do something special in the run up to Christmas!"

Bishop of Jarrow who is a Trustee of Depaul said "By December 4th many of us will be well into our thinking about Christmas and what better way could there be to spend a night as part of our thinking about Christmas than to spend a night's sleep-out as we prepare to welcome the Son of God who had nowhere to lay his head.

"The Christmas story not only tells of Mary and Joseph who found themselves homeless in Bethlehem - where no doubt a great deal of sofa surfing was going on that week - but later they find themselves fleeing as refugees into Egypt away from the cruelty of King Herod.

"I have been wondering over the past few weeks about how easy it was to find somewhere to stay when they arrived in Egypt and how the local people treated them. I hope that for all of us this will be a night of good reflection, good company and of course a chance to raise money for two charities who contribute so much to our life in the North East."

Advent Sleepout Challenge invites you to swap your bed for a sleeping bag and stone floor and experience what will be a unique and inspiring night.

To take part in the North Ormesby Sleepout or sponsor Bishop Paul or any of the team taking part, email [middlesbroughsleepout@depauluk.org](mailto:middlesbroughsleepout@depauluk.org).

To organise your own event go to [www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk](http://www.sleepoutchallenge.org.uk). There's an interactive map of all events happening nationally, and personal video testimonies from people who have benefited from church projects supported by CUF.

# Archbishop Sentamu dedicates Afghan Memorial Window

Archbishop Sentamu dedicated a new stained glass window at All Saints Pavement, a memorial to the York men and women who served in Afghanistan - including the three who were killed in action.

The window has been designed and made by Helen Whittaker and Barley Studio in Dunnington, and funded by the City of York Afghanistan Commemorative Appeal. Barley Studio won the Masters Award for the window at the York Guild of Building Craftsmanship Awards, held last night.

The window shows the traditional symbol of peace in the form of a dove, which is also the symbol of the Holy Spirit. Beneath the dove is a winding pavement, a reference to the Church of All Saints Pavement, and in the distance can be seen a glimpse of the Heavenly City. Coloured lines in the pavement refer to the three Regiments which have lost men serving in Afghanistan: the Royal Dragoon Guards (maroon, gold and green), the 40th Regiment Royal Artillery (red and blue) and the Royal Marines (blue, red, green and yellow). The three York servicemen are represented as individual stones, proudly displaying their regimental badges, and flying upwards towards the dove and the Heavenly City. Archbishop Sentamu said, "In my book, the men and women who



served in Afghanistan are the bravest of the brave. This window acts as a constant memory for those who served, those who were injured, and those who were killed in action. It will act as a place where those who served, their friends and families can come to remember and pray for peace."

Helen Whittaker said, "I met with the families of these three men several times while working on the design, and was inspired by their desire for peace and their sons' commitment to their country and their comrades. At the bottom left of



the window, below the inscription, grows a single White Rose of Yorkshire. The White Rose is surrounded by an array of poppies, the universal symbol of remembrance of the fallen. These poppies, placed along the pavement towards the Heavenly City, remind us that the sacrifice of all our servicemen and women in the service of their country should not be forgotten. Whilst their precious earthly lives were lost, they were given so that others might have peace – as Christ was sacrificed on the Cross for the salvation and redemption of all.”

The City of York Afghanistan Commemorative Appeal was launched by The Press newspaper in 2011 and raised more than £17,000, thanks to support from thousands of readers and other residents from

across the city. The appeal aimed to create a public artwork which would pay lasting tribute to the thousands of York men and women who served in Afghanistan - including the three who were killed in action, Marine David Hart, Trooper Ashley David Smith and Lance Bombardier Matthew Hatton.

Chief Reporter Mike Laycock, who organised the newspaper’s fundraising drive, said: “It’s fantastic that, thanks to this newspaper’s appeal and the magnificent response of our readers, the efforts of thousands of York servicemen and women in Afghanistan will never be forgotten. It’s also wonderful that the appeal has led to the creation of such a beautiful window by one of the UK’s most talented stained glass artists, who is based in the York area.”

The Revd Jane Natrass, Priest-in-Charge at All Saints Pavement said, “We have been glad to be part of plans to install such a beautiful window in the City of York. We are grateful for Helen Whittaker’s work and for the generosity of so many people. It is a fitting memorial to those who gave their lives in Afghanistan which looks back at the cost of war but also helps us to look forward to continue to seek peace in our world. We have been touched by the number of people who have taken prayer cards depicting the window and offering prayers for peace.”

# Rod Steward concert benefits Holy Trinity Church



Rod Stewart will be performing in Hull next year, with proceeds going to Holy Trinity Church. David Kilburn, Executive Chairman of MKM, secured the star's performance at the KC Stadium.

The Revd Canon Dr Neal Barnes, Vicar of Holy Trinity Hull has paid tribute to David and thanked him for nominating the church's transformation project to benefit from the show.

Neal wrote to David congratulating him on his "coup" and saying that everyone at Holy Trinity had been "bowled over" by his generosity in donating the event's proceeds to Holy Trinity's development project and Hull's Daisy Appeal.

In his letter he added: "It is a

significant gesture and will go a long way to helping us bring about this much-needed transformation to our wonderful building and the surrounding area.

"Our plans will not only help us serve the local people and those in need much more effectively, but will also aid the vital regeneration of the Old Town. Holy Trinity is one of the jewels in Hull's crown but could be so much more! Your donation - and the extra profile it will give the project - could be a real game changer and we can't thank you enough!"

Rod Stewart's show at the KC Stadium on June 14 next year is part of his 2016 tour of stadium venues. Tickets are on sale at [www.ticketline.co.uk](http://www.ticketline.co.uk).



# The gift of life with Christian Aid

At a time of year when Christians around the world celebrate the birth of Jesus, thousands of children in Nigeria are longing for a precious gift, that of life. In the west African country, where 60 per cent of people live below the poverty line, 250,000 children under the age of five die as a result of malaria every year. This one country accounts for a quarter of all cases of malaria in Africa.

Women with malaria are particularly vulnerable, as they have a higher risk of miscarriage, premature delivery, stillbirth, severe anaemia and delivering babies with low-birth weight – a leading cause of child mortality. And as pregnancy reduces a woman's immunity to malaria, a pregnant woman is three times more likely to suffer from serious disease as a result of malaria infection than a non-pregnant woman. A lack of knowledge and poor access to information on health issues make the situation worse and malaria accounts for 11% of all maternal deaths in Nigeria.

Malaria claimed the lives of two of Mary Patrick Odey's children. Both Mary's four-year-old son Kenechukwu and six-year-old daughter Anah suffered the

headaches, thirsts and fevers of malaria – and both lost their lives.

This Christmas, we're asking for help to deliver the precious gifts that could save lives: long-lasting, insecticide-treated mosquito nets and an effective public education programme delivered by trained community health agents. With support from Christian Aid, Mary and her community, in Ora-Eri, south-eastern Nigeria have now been provided with life-saving mosquito nets and shown how to use them effectively by community health agents. Mothers have been taught how to spot the symptoms of malaria so Mary is able to protect her daughters Kosi and Christiana, as well as her grandchildren.

No child should die from a preventable disease. Your donation could help Christian Aid prevent many thousands of unnecessary deaths from malaria. Just £3 could buy a life-saving net and £60 could train three community health workers to deliver the nets and life-saving health advice in their local area.

For more information, please visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/christmas).

## Chairs wanted

St James Church, Old Ellerby, is looking for some unwanted chairs. They only need about 8 but any extra would be gratefully received, they would prefer folding chairs but we would be glad of any. If you can help, please contact churchwarden Su Yu on [su.yu@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:su.yu@hotmail.co.uk).

# What's On

Tues 3 – Weds 4 Nov - Clergy Pre-Retirement Course at Wydale Hall. Independent financial advisers from Ecclesiastical Financial Advisory Services will talk about the practicalities of retirement and preparing for retirement: pensions , housing and finances. The second part of the conference will allow more time for questions and also reflection on the life changes that come with retirement. Email [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) or tel 01904 699504.

Tues 3 Nov - An Invitation To Eucharistic Ministers in the Guisborough and Whitby Deaneries, St Hilda's Church Hall, Kirkleatham, 7pm. An invitation from the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby, to join him in an evening of fellowship. Please RSVP: Mrs Julie Elphee 01642 593273, [julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:julie.elphee@yorkdiocese.org).

Fri 6 – Sun 8 Nov - Women's Spirituality Weekend at Holy Rood House. 'Welcoming Mary the Mother of Jesus', led by the Revd Elizabeth Baxter. For more details please contact 01845 522580 or [enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk) .

Sat 7 Nov - Craft Fair, All Saints Church Hall, Driffeld, 10am – 4pm.

Sat 7 Nov - Vintage Musical Afternoon, All Saints, Pocklington, 3pm – 4pm. Sing along or just share memories as you listen to a variety of

music from the 1900-1940s.

Mon 9 Nov - Worshipping with those living with Dementia, Diocesan House. This session will offer some theological reflection on memory and personhood and focus specifically on how we can enable worship for dementia sufferers and their carers. Led by the Revd Dr Rowan Williams: Chaplain at York University, Rowan has a background in ministry with Alzheimer sufferers and those with learning disability. Open to Clergy, Readers & RPA's. Email [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) or tel 01904 699504.

Sat 14 Nov - 'Conversations': The Spirituality of Engagement' with Jan Sutch Pickard, St Mary's Priory Community Centre, Malton, 10am to 12pm.

Sat 14 Nov - Admission of Readers, York Minster, 11am.

Sat 14 Nov - Hull Churches Together Annual Quiz, St Michael's church hall, Holderness Road, 7.30pm. Admission £4 per person including a "Pie & Pea" supper. If your church is interested please contact Tony Baker 07949301335 or [tonybaker2255@live.co.uk](mailto:tonybaker2255@live.co.uk) with expected numbers

Mon 16 – Tues 17 Nov - From Collection To Offering - Encouraging Generous Giving. See page 3.

Weds 18 Nov - Parish Monasticism Exploration Day, Clifton Parish Church, York. This day is designed to gather together those who are interested in the new monastic movement, through worship and discussion, as we discern ways to renew religious life within our congregations. Email [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) or tel 01904 699504.

Sat 21 Nov - "All prepared for Christmas?" Fair and Grand Christmas Auction at St. Oswald's

Church, Flamborough, 10am - 2.30pm. Come and visit our Christmas fair which includes tombola, gifts, soft mascots, second-hand books, chutneys, jams, flower arrangements and lots more. An exciting Grand Christmas Auction will start at 2pm.

Fri 27 - Sun 29 Nov - Advent Retreat with Helen Warwick, Holy Rood House. For more details please contact 01845 522580 [enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk).

## Communications Strategy Workshops

Almost all churches have at least one channel of communication - whether it's a noticeboard, a newsletter or a website - but we rarely think of how to use our channels of communication to strategically reach out to people and share our messages and stories. Eleanor Course, Diocesan Communications Officer, is offering a series of local workshops to help churches work out their own communications strategy, communicate more effectively, and grow in influence in their communities.

- Beverley & Howden - Monday 2nd November
- Bridlington & Scarborough - Monday 9th November
- Derwent & South Wold - Thursday 12th November
- Easingwold & Southern Ryedale -

Wednesday 18th November

- Hull - Tuesday 24th November
- Guisborough & Whitby - Monday 30th November
- Mowbray & Northern Ryedale - Monday 11th January
- New Ainsty & Selby - Thursday 14th January
- Harthill & North Holderness - Monday 18th January
- Stokesley & Middlesbrough - Wednesday 20th January
- York - Monday 25th January
- South Holderness - Monday 1st February

All sessions at 7.30pm. To book a place or find out more, please contact Eleanor on [comms@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:comms@yorkdiocese.org) or 01904 699530.

## On the move

The Archbishop has re-appointed the Revd Timothy Martin Harley Boyns as Area Dean of Hull West for a further period of five years. This is in addition to his existing responsibilities as Vicar of Hessle and Rural Dean of Hull.

The Archbishop has also re-appointed the Revd Paul Smith as Area Dean of Hull Central and North for a further period of five years. This is in addition to his existing responsibilities as Rector of Cottingham.

The Rt Revd Harold William Godfrey, (Bishop of Peru) has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Lastingham with Appleton-le-Moors, Rosedale & Cropton.

The Revd Dr Jan Goodair, Chaplain to Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School in the Diocese of St Alban's, has been appointed as Chaplain to Pocklington School.

The Revd Peter Michael Hallsworth, (Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Bridlington Quay Christ Church) has been appointed as Associate Minister of the Benefice of Clifton.

The Revd Christopher John Hayes who holds the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate has been appointed as Chaplain to the York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust to minister in Malton, Bridlington and Scarborough.

The Revd Lynda Ann (Lyn) Kenny has been appointed as Assistant Curate of the Benefice of South Cave and Ellerker with Broomfleet.

The Revd David Barry Williamson who has Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of West Yorkshire & the Dales has been appointed as Chaplain to St Leonard's Hospice.

The Revd Judy Cook, (Assistant Curate (SSM) in the benefice of Nunthorpe) is retiring.

The Archbishop has granted Permission to Officiate to the Revd Michael David Bradley Sinclair of Langton, the Revd Janet Heather Fife of Whitby, the Revd John Tallant of Drifffield, and the Revds Stuart Edwin Dyas and Sylvia Denise Dyas of York.

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