

Diocese of York Newsletter

News from
the Church of
England
between the
Humber and
the Tees

December 2015

Acts 435 Another Gift Appeal

The Archbishop of York's online charity, Acts 435, is inviting people to consider giving #anothergift this Christmas to help someone in need.

Executive Director, Jenny Herrera commented: "With #anothergift, we would like people to think about how they might help someone in need with heating costs, food or a roof over their head this Christmas and at the same time give thanks for the things they have."

Acts 435 is supplying packs for Sunday School groups and Primary School classes to decorate an Acts

435 Christmas Tree with baubles including a message such as 'Help! No coat for winter' to raise awareness of those struggling in poverty in the UK.

Acts 435 focuses on fast financial help to people in need. This year it marked its 5th anniversary and met its 5000th request for help. It has released a new video explaining how donations can transform someone's life. All donations received by Acts 435 go directly to those in need. Find out more at www.acts435.org.uk, or by contacting Jenny on 01904 707021.

**A small gift can make
a big difference**

**ACTS
435**

#anothergift

'...giving to anyone who has need.'



Journeying with God

God's love has no limits. How far would you go in order to show love to anyone in need? Does it depend on who that person is? For someone we truly loved we might be willing to risk everything if we thought we could make a difference. For others, maybe there would be limits to our risk taking!

In Jesus we see love that never tires of support, never loses trust, never gives up on anyone and never exhausts hope. In coming to earth as a baby, Jesus bridged the gap between heaven and earth, between humanity and God, and in his life death and resurrection he did for us that which we could not do for ourselves. That first Christmas was the ultimate demonstration of the love of God for humanity, for you and for me, and it is this amazing reality that we celebrate in this fantastic season of Advent and Christmas.

Between Advent this year and Trinity 2016, I will be setting out on my Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing, where I will be seeking to tell everyone I meet about this amazing love of God made visible in Jesus Christ. In comparison to the lengths to which God has already gone to draw us back to Himself, my pilgrimage may seem like a comparatively puny journey. And yet, I long to let everyone in this Diocese know that the love of God for them means that they are precious beyond compare. The power of God also



means that there is nothing that we face where God is not able to make a difference.

For those of you who will be providing a welcome and hospitality along the way, thank you. For those who will be praying for me, thank you. If you happen to see me walking through your town or village, why not come and join me so that together we can make Jesus Christ visible - Emmanuel, God with us.

We are a Church on the road in mission, because we are joining in with a God who is already on the road seeking out those whom He loves. I invite you to join me on that road, not just as part of my Pilgrimage, but as a way of life, as we seek to reach out to those around us with this amazing message of the lengths to which God has already gone to bring us home. A very Happy Advent and Christmas to you all.

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Christmas Starts with Christ

If you're getting frustrated with the increasing commercialisation and secularisation of Christmas, join in a national campaign to remind people of the reason for the season.

Christmas Starts With Christ is a national, ecumenical advertising campaign helping churches put the story of Christ's birth at the heart of Christmas. There are free posters, church packs, web banners and videos that your church can use to reach out to people in your area, all available from the website www.christmasstartswithchrist.com.



Admission of Readers

Seven people were admitted as Readers at York Minster on Saturday 14th November.

The names of those admitted as Readers, and their Licenced parishes are:

- Martin Adams, Hutton Cranswick w Skerne, Watton and Beswick
- Heather Bingley, Rudston, Boynton, Carnaby, Kilham. Burton Fleming w Fordon, Grindale and Wold Newton
- Margaret Hall, West Buckrose
- Geoff Hill, St Nicholas Guisborough
- Susan Hill, St Nicholas Guisborough
- Alison Hutchinson, St Peter's Norton
- Sylvia Swan, St Cuthbert, Marton in Cleveland

The following people were welcomed and licensed as Readers:

- Anne Mott, Heslington
- Trish Barker, Hutton Cranswick w Skerne, Watton and Beswick
- Helen Buckingham, Scarborough St James w Holy Trinity

Please pray for all our Readers, their families, and the parishes in which they serve.

Please do put Sunday 7th February in your diaries as Reader Sunday. It is a chance for Readers to preach and share a bit about Reader ministry. If you don't have aq Reader, could you borrow one from a neighbouring parish?

Aviators' Window

The Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, dedicated a window to a pioneering aviator at St Mark's Church, Marske-by-the-Sea, on Sunday 1st November.

The new window, created by Ann Sotheran, commemorates Edward Petre, who was killed in an accident at Marske in 1912, as the weather deteriorated whilst he was attempting the first non-stop flight from London to Edinburgh.

Churchwarden of St Mark's Church, Sue Sotheran said, "Marske has connections with aviators going back to the early days of flying. In 1908, Robert Blackburn flew his first monoplane along the beach, reaching an altitude of four or five feet! We wanted this new window to recognise the pioneering spirit of these early aviators, and mark the tragic death of Edward Petre at Marske.

"The left-hand light of the window shows the east coast of England, with Edward's flight path as a red line, and his Martin Handasyde monoplane in the sky above Marske. As well as commemorating Edward, the window is also dedicated to the airmen of the Royal Flying Corps based at Marske in World War One, who gave their lives in the service of the country."

Bishop Paul said, "Ann's beautiful window is a fitting testament to Edward Petre and the airmen who trained at Marske in World War One. The words 'They shall mount up on wings of eagles' from the book



of Isaiah in the Bible has been linked with aviation since its first days, and as well as reminding us of the eagles' wings in the badge of the Royal Air Force, they recall Edward Petre's strong Christian faith. The bravery of the pilots in those dangerous early days was the foundation for all the developments that have led to safe modern air travel."

Deliver life this Christmas



This Christmas we'll be celebrating the arrival of Jesus, and remembering the journey Mary made to Bethlehem.

All new life is precious, and for new mothers the experience should be a special and joyful time. But today, sadly there are still thousands of women giving birth in appalling and dangerous conditions.

Every minute a newborn baby dies from infection caused by a lack of safe water and an unclean environment. This Christmas, can

your church raise vital funds to help give women the safe water they need to deliver life?

We're delighted that the UK Government will match every donation pound for pound, doubling the impact your church can make.

Your church can help by holding a collection, Christmas feast or festive get-together. Download our Sunday School resources, PowerPoint presentation, birth story booklet and more at www.wateraid.org/uk/deliverlife-churches.

What's On

Fri 27 Nov – Fri 4 Dec - Nativity Crib Festival, St Nicholas Church Guisborough. On display will be more than 50 cribs - made, owned and loaned by schools, local groups and businesses and the congregation.

Tues 1 Dec - World Aids Day Vigil, Holy Rood House. For more details please contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Thurs 3 - Sat 5 Dec - Advent Retreat, Wydale Hall. "Coming Soon": A Celebration of the Coming of Christ. This Advent Retreat offers an opportunity to step aside in the delightful surroundings of Wydale Hall to reflect on the coming and becoming. We will use some of the traditional advent signs and symbols including the advent wreath, the advent antiphons and even Christmas cards! This retreat will be led by the Revd Andrew De Smet, a parish priest on the edge of the North York Moors and York Diocesan Advisor and Coordinator of Pastoral Care, a counsellor and a spiritual director. To book, contact 01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org.

Fri 4 Dec - 'Lo! He Comes!' The Stamford Bridge Singers at Bar Convent Chapel, Blossom Street in York, 7.30pm.

Sat 5 Dec - Coffee Morning, in Sunnyfield House, for St Nicholas Church Guisborough. This event will be a celebration of Advent and Christmas in music and words and will include some congregational items for all to join in with. Tickets cost £12 and they include a glass of wine and mince pies, available from 01904 643238 or reception@bar-convent.org.uk, or via www.bar-convent.org.uk.

Sat 5 Dec - Multi-Church Challenge Workshops, at Old Malton Community Centre. Most of our parish churches are linked to one or more others. How do we work well in partnership? This is a workshop for all involved in leadership in multi-church situations. It would work well for small groups to come together and will be an opportunity to gain new insights, share experiences, celebrate good practice, re-evaluate and, if necessary re-orientate! Led by the Revd Richard Walker, the Revd Canon Terry Joyce and the Revd Canon Angela Bailey from the Diocesan Training Team. Book via training@yorkdiocese.org or tel 01904 699504.

Sat 5 Dec - Jesus is coming! An Advent Celebration by In the Father's Hand, St Paul's York , 2pm – 4pm. This event is suitable for people with learning disabilities or complex needs - but everyone is welcome! Contact us on 07788 123538.

Sat 5 Dec - Christian Aid Presents Carols at Selby Abbey, 6.30pm. "A Christian Aid Big Christmas Sing" featuring performances from local schools and organisations. Enjoy a spectacular Christmas concert in a magical setting to help bring hope and healing to some of the world's poorest communities. Tickets: are £5 on the door (children free), for more info contact on 01925 582826.

Thurs 10 Dec - 'Hideaway Day' Pre-Christmas Quiet Day, Holy Rood House. For more details please contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Wed 16 Dec - Gareth Davies-Jones Christmas Concert for Christian Aid, Haxby and Wigginton Methodist church, 7.30pm. Admission is free but any donations will be given to Christian Aid's Christmas appeal. For more information please contact scooper@christian-aid.org or 07970 735861.

Sat 19 Dec - Christmas Concert with Cadenza , All Saints Parish Church Driffield, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 to include refreshments. Contact 01377 241817.

Mon 21 Dec Annual Bazaar at St Nicholas Church Guisborough Parish Hall, 10am to 4pm.

Weds 23 – Sun 27 Dec - Christmas Houseparty, Holy Rood House. For more details please contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Thurs 24 Dec - Carol Sing at York Railway Station, York Christian Aid. Christian Aid need church music groups/singers to commit to a one hour slot – please contact Steph Cooper on 0113 244 4764 or SCooper@christian-aid.org.

Weds 30 Dec - Sun 3 Jan - New Year Houseparty, Holy Rood House. For more details please contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

On the move

The Revd Luke Tillett, (Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Beverley) has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of Acomb Moor.

The Revd Valerie Clarke, (Assistant Curate, Beverley Minster), will retire with effect from 17 January 2016.

The Revd Christine Haddon-Reece, (Vicar of the Benefice of Middle Esk Moor), will retire with effect from 31 December 2015.

Peter Lyddon RIP

We are very sad to report that Brigadier Canon Peter Lyddon MBE, former Chapter Steward of York Minster, died on Wednesday 7th October.

Following a full career in the Army, Peter joined York Minster in 1996, initially as Chapter Clerk (as the Senior Lay Adviser to the Minster's governing body was then known) before subsequently being appointed as the Minster's first Chapter Steward in May 2000, leading the Minster's lay staff for a total of ten years until he retired in 2006. Peter also served on the Minster's governing body as a Lay Canon (Prebendary of Masham) and Lay Member of Chapter from May 2000 until he retired in 2006.

In the wider Cathedral world, Peter played a pivotal role in the creation and development of The Cathedrals' Workshop Fellowship, working as its unpaid Administrator from the inception of the initiative in 2006 until 2012 to enable Apprentices from its eight member Cathedrals to

be trained on specialist degree-level Stonemasonry courses accredited by the University of Gloucestershire.

Peter maintained close links with the Minster in what was a very active retirement, both as a regular worshipper and an enthusiastic member of the Minster Community. He served for many years as a Voluntary Guide, and kindly came out of retirement to assist the Precentor and a small Working Group in coordinating the complex practical arrangements for the Royal Maundy that was held in the Minster during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year in 2012.

It was as Major Lyddon (The Royal Green Jackets) that Peter was awarded the military MBE in December 1979 in recognition of distinguished service in Northern Ireland during the summer of 1979.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Peter's widow Nicky and all of their family.

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