

# Diocese of York Newsletter

News from  
the Church of  
England  
between the  
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## Archbishop Sentamu's Pilgrimage



At the time of going to print, Archbishop Sentamu had left Scarborough and was beginning the Harthill leg of his six-month Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing across the Diocese of York.

Speaking of his visit to Scarborough, the Revd Sam Foster said, "It was a wet and windy day as the Archbishop made his way to Eastfield, to visit Westway Open Arms and The Holy Nativity Church. The weather did not stop his enthusiasm for meeting,

greeting and blessing local people who were walking along the high street.

"The Archbishop happily joined the regulars at Westway Open Arms for a bowl of soup at their weekly lunch club. People were very moved, inspired and appreciated the time he took to spend with them."

You can follow and share in Archbishop Sentamu's journey on pilgrimage.[pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org](http://pilgrimage.archbishopofyork.org).

# Imagine...

John Lennon immortalised the word 'imagine', when he encouraged people to dream of a different sort of world, a better future. Such imagining is an important task for Christians, but our own vision is to be inspired by God and his values.

## **Imagine a different world**

God's vision for the future encompasses every aspect of our world and has no limits. The bible gives us an insight into God's vision of a 'new heaven and a new earth' – everything will be transformed. But as we look around our world and the transformation that is needed, then such imagining isn't always easy. In a complex world, beset with issues of great enormity, we can feel overwhelmed and fail to imagine a better future. Too often, we give up believing change is possible, we get used to injustice and discrimination and they become the accepted norm. When this happens, let us ask God to teach us how to 'imagine' afresh.

## **Imagine a different church**

Most churches long to engage more meaningfully with their community and to see more people's lives touched by the gospel. Churches want to flourish, they want to embrace mission, and they want to grow. In our diocese there are many examples of this desire being expressed in imaginative ways, either by breathing fresh life into traditional approaches or finding completely new ways to be church.



Yet, in other places, churches struggle to imagine a different future or to see how it could happen. Some have got stuck in past ways, an air of despondency has set in and it becomes hard to see new possibilities or imagine how anything could be done differently. Again, for some of us, there is the need to learn how to 'imagine' afresh and see a better future.

## **Imagining with God**

Our capacity to imagine a better future is deepened as we draw closer to God. It is found not in activity but in prayer, silence and contemplation – for it is here that we find God's heart. As we journey through Lent, reflecting upon God's character and seeking his Spirit afresh, let's ask God to grow our vision for a different world and a different church. And as we imagine God's new future, so let us work together to see it fulfilled. Let's imagine...

*The Ven Andy Broom,  
Archdeacon of the East Riding*

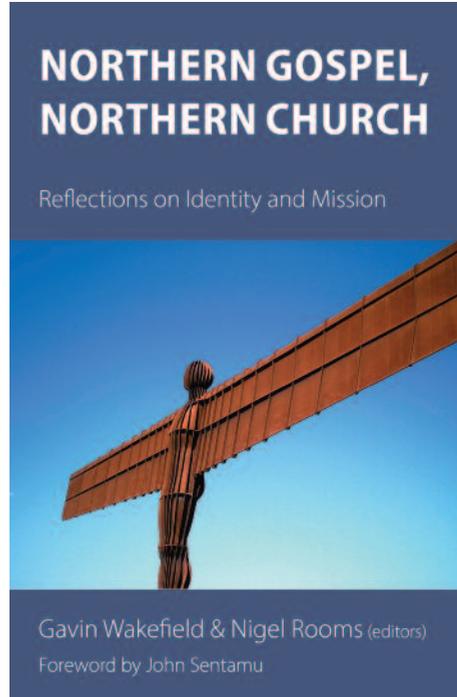
# Northern Gospel, Northern Church

Our Diocesan Director of Training for Missional Ministry, the Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield, has co-authored a new book - Northern Gospel, Northern Church: Reflections on Identity and Mission. Co-authored by Nigel Rooms, and with a Foreword by Archbishop Sentamu, there are also chapters from the Rt Revd Dr John Thomson (Bishop of Selby), the Revd Matthew Porter (Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey, York), and Su Reid (Sub-Warden of Readers in Stokesley Deanery).

From the monks of Lindisfarne to the Synod of Whitby, the North is historically considered to be a cradle of Christianity in England, but in today's society is there a "gospel for the North"?

Does it make sense to talk of a gospel for a specific place when there is "one Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5)? Can we even consider the North of England as a distinct entity with its own particular identity?

This book brings together prominent practitioners and academics to answer these questions and explore what it means to proclaim the gospel in the North of England from many angles: housing estates to ancient cathedrals, Biblical reflection to street evangelism, history to economics.



To find out more, or preorder a copy, visit the Sacristy Press website at [www.sacristy.co.uk](http://www.sacristy.co.uk).

## Step Forward

Booking is now open for the next Step Forward event on Saturday 12 March. Step Forward is a day for anyone aged 18 to 30 considering ordained ministry in the Church of England.

Archbishop Sentamu said, "Serving God is one of the best things you can do with your life and there are many ways to carry out this calling. If you are a Christian aged between 18 and 30, might God be encouraging you to consider ordained ministry in the Church of England?"

As well as time for worship, prayer and Bible study, there will be an opportunity to find out what being ordained is really like – its highs and lows, space to look at your own experience and what God might be calling you to in the future, and the chance to discover how the selection process and ordination training programmes work

For more information or to book a place, visit the website [www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk](http://www.stepforwardanglican.org.uk).

## God Calling

A day for young people (aged 14-18) to begin to explore what it might mean to follow God for the rest of their lives, on Saturday 12th March at The Emmaus Centre, Wydale

Have you ever wondered 'What is my life for?', 'How can I make a difference in the world?', 'What might God want me to do with my life?', 'What would it be like to follow Jesus' call?'

Come and have some fun, meet other people of a similar age, and explore together what God might have in store for us if we are willing to follow his call. It will include stories of other people's experiences and time to explore and reflect on who we are and what we might have been made for.

For more information contact Jon Steel on [ercyas@ydbf.karoo.co.uk](mailto:ercyas@ydbf.karoo.co.uk) or 07711880042

## The Revd Michael Snowball RIP

It is with regret that we announce that the Revd Michael Snowball, who had the Archbishop's Permission to Officiate, died on Sunday, 17th January 2016.

Mr Snowball was 72 and is survived by his wife Cynthia.

# On the Road in Mission

In announcing his Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing Archbishop Sentamu said “We are a church on the road in mission...”

In recent times there has been more and more emphasis on mission, especially as our world and our lives change at an ever faster pace. What does mission really mean? How do we respond to the changes around us? How can we see community built and strengthened?

This Lent (and during the Archbishop’s journeying around the Diocese) a special course is being run for churches in Hull Deanery. Making use of the Mission Shaped Introduction sessions which have been used by over 75,000 people on every populated continent. The four, 90-minute sessions explore:

- Rediscovering mission: How are we caught up into God’s mission to His world?
- Changing world, changing church:

How might the church respond amidst so much change and uncertainty?

- Re-imagining church - community: How can we develop authentic community in a world shaped by consumerism and individualism?
- Re-imagining church - discipleship and leadership: How can we develop healthy church in today’s world?

There are two separate courses:

- Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm at St Martin’s North Road, West Hull HU4 6DD on 24th Feb, 2nd, 9th and 16th March
- Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm St Michael’s Holderness Road/Marfleet Lane HU9 4TJ on 25th Feb, 3rd, 10th and 17th March.

More info from Matthew Brailsford; [matthew.brailsford@ukgateway.net](mailto:matthew.brailsford@ukgateway.net).

# In the footsteps of St Hilda

Get the date in your diary for a wonderful pilgrimage this summer. From 26th to 31st July, youth groups, children and families are invited to join in the footsteps of St Hilda, on a pilgrimage walk from Hinderwell to Whitby.

The 42 mile pilgrimage, St Hilda’s Way, was created last year by the Revd Nancy and John Eckersley, and it visits eight churches and chapels dedicated to St Hilda, as well as two

other churches named after St Hedda and St Mary.

Youth groups, children and families are invited to come for all five days, just an afternoon, or anything in between. You could do the whole route, or just a stage along the way. Toddlers, children, teenagers and adults are all welcome to join in. Get the date in your diaries, and look out for more information later in the year!

# Archbishop Holgate's School at the heart of York's Flood response



Between Christmas and New Year Archbishop Holgate's School was at the very centre of the relief effort to the people of York following the flooding of the River Foss and River Ouse. On Boxing Day the school swung into action as an Emergency Rest Centre for local residents and their pets. Initially over 100 people, along with dogs, cats and even rabbits were housed in the class rooms of the English block. The school provided warmth, protection, food and beds for people affected, whilst volunteers and council workers assessed people's needs. Thankfully, after some had spent three nights sleeping on camp beds in classrooms all of the evacuees were appropriately rehoused.

Whilst all this activity was taking place in the Harris Building, the Main school acted as a base for teams from the police, army,

mountain rescue, the ambulance service and the City of York Council Major Incident Response Team (MIRT). Many rescue teams from across the country showed out in force to help out including some from Merseyside, Exmouth and Dartmoor as more local teams had been sent to Cumbria. Staff from Devon and Cornwall Mountain rescue slept in the staff room, whilst others grabbed a few hours laid on benches in the Main Hall or on mats in the gymnasium.

None of this impressive response could have been possible without the hard work and dedication of a small core of staff at the school who worked tirelessly. This included Site Supervisor Jake Drummond, Cleaning Supervisor Denise Rafferty and Catering Supervisor Matt Richardson.

They did a fantastic job liaising with the different agencies, providing food and hot drinks throughout the day and night, and keeping the place clean and tidy whilst the emergency teams were in and out. Jake Drummond said: “The community response has been outstanding – residents and businesses donated more food than we were able to cope with, which meant we were able to distribute the excess to other places where it was needed, such as Arclight, Carecent and other hostels.”

Other school staff also spent some time in the school providing support where it was needed too. They were joined by students and parents who also gave up their Christmas holidays. Holly Hardstaff, one of the schools 6th form Students Leaders, volunteered her time sorting through all the items that had been donated to the school. “It was amazing to see what a sense of community spirit York really has! The donations really were second to none; from whole sets of toiletries and cleaning products, to new clothes and bedding, although there was the odd can of empty deodorant! The help local people wanted to give the people affected by the floods was outstanding! York’s generosity shone through in times of dire need for certain people.”

School Chaplain Richard Nihill said: “I was able to spend some time in the school with both the emergency services and with people evacuated,

chatting as well as helping out practically. It was certainly eye-opening. It is not often the car park contains a mobile police command unit, rescue boats, army lorries, a fish and chip van feeding tired rescue workers and a mobile coffee van from Bridlington giving them warm drinks. Compassion is one of our school’s core Christian values and it was wonderful that we could facilitate that concept being put into practice by caring people from the locality and across the UK. I witnessed Archbishop Holgate’s pupils bring in bags of food from their pantries, supermarkets drop off huge quantities of prime meat, our own staff work tirelessly and numerous emergency personnel from Caterick to Cornwall thank the school for its welcome. A very memorable week indeed.”



# Happy Birthday to Mothers' Union!

This year will see Mothers' Union mark 140 years of faithful Christian outreach to families of all faiths and none. Since 1876, when Mary Sumner first brought together parents in her own parish to build their confidence in bringing up their children, we have grown to an organisation of over four million women – and men – in over 80 countries of the world.

Why celebrate 140th, rather than wait for 150th? In the Old Testament of the Bible, in the first book of Samuel, there is the story of Samuel marking an unlooked for victory against the mighty Philistines by erecting a stone between Mizpah and Shen, naming it "Ebenezer" meaning "stone of help" as a permanent reminder of the leading and guidance of God "Thus far has the Lord helped us".

Over the past 140 years, Mothers' Union has faced, and will continue to face, many challenges. Family life is under increasing pressure and the call on our resources is higher than ever. But we can look at how we are meeting these challenges and say,

like Samuel, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."

This year over 500,000 people will benefit from Mothers' Union's support for family life. Many more will know the support of our membership without any tally being taken – because not only our programme work but in their daily lives our members support families in prayer, in voicing their support for policy changes and in their practical support.

There has never been a more challenging, or more exciting time to be part of Mothers' Union. Our hope is to train more members to help more families; to encourage greater outreach across those countries and communities where family life is under greatest threat. To do this we need your help. Please support Mothers' Union in bringing positive change to family life through its work worldwide To find out how you can help Mothers' Union mark 140 years of faith in action contact our Supporter Care line on 020 7227 0620 or email [communications@mothersunion.org](mailto:communications@mothersunion.org)



# On the Move

The Archbishop of York has re-appointed Canon Jennifer Reid to the College of Canons, York Minster for a period of three years.

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

The Revd Michael Reginald Bushby, (Priest in Charge, House for Duty), has been re-appointed as Priest in Charge, House for Duty, of the Benefice of Newbald.

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 Alison Hutchinson, (Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Rudby in Cleveland with Middleton, held in plurality with Crathorne, Kirklevington with Picton and High and Low Worsall), has been appointed as Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Whorlton with Carlton and Faceby. In addition, she has been licenced as Sessional Anglican Chaplain at HMP and YOI Kirklevington Grange.

The Revd Ruth Katherine Newton, (Assistant Curate, SSM of the Benefice of Walkington, Bishop Burton, Rowley and Skidby), is to be

re-licensed as Assistant Curate, SSM of the Benefice of Walkington, Bishop Burton, Rowley and Skidby.

The Revd Linda Robinson, (Assistant Curate, SSM, of the Benefice of Newington with St Andrew's, Hull), has been re-appointed as Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Newington with St Andrew's, Hull.

The Revd Carol Sunley, (Assistant Curate in the Benefice of North Ormesby), has been appointed as Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Ormesby.

The Revd Philip William West, (PTO, Diocese of Sheffield) has been appointed as House for Duty Assistant Curate for the Benefices of:

- Burstwick, Burton Pidsea, Humbleton with Elsternwick, Halsham and Thorngumbald
- Easington with Skeffling, Keyingham, Ottringham, Patrington, Welwick and Winestead
- Hedon, Paull, Sproatley and Preston in Holderness
- Withernsea with Owthorne, Garton-in-Holderness with Grimston, Hilston, Hollym, Holmpton, Roos and Tunstall.

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# What's On

Weds 2 – Fri 4 Mar - Journey to the Cross Retreat, Wydale Hall. A prayerful retreat to celebrate Lent and to focus attention on the coming of Easter. Contact 01723 859270 or [admin@wydale.org](mailto:admin@wydale.org).

Thurs 3 Mar - Redeeming Our Communities Conversation, Archbishop Holgate's School, York, 7pm. Come to meet with others from your local community churches to discuss ways of working together for the good of the community. Register for the event at [www.roc.uk.com/york](http://www.roc.uk.com/york), 0161 393 4511 or [info@roc.uk.com](mailto:info@roc.uk.com).

Fri 4 Mar - Women's World Day of Prayer Service, Castle Howard Chapel, 2pm.

Sat 5 Mar - Understanding Yourself and Others: Myers Briggs type indicator CMD event, Diocesan House, 8.30am – 12pm. Discover your own personality type and explore how understanding your own and others' personality traits can help us minister effectively in a range of situations. Led by the Revd Jeremy Fletcher, Vicar of Beverley Minster. Contact [training@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:training@yorkdiocese.org) or 01904 699504.

Sat 5 Mar - Mission Explored Course, St John Newland, Hull, 8.30am – 12pm. Contact [vivwhitton@gmail.com](mailto:vivwhitton@gmail.com) or [www.stjohnnewland.org.uk/explorinmission.htm](http://www.stjohnnewland.org.uk/explorinmission.htm).

Sat 5 Mar - Non-residential Renewal Day, Wydale Hall, 10.30am – 3.30pm. Renewal days are opportunities for people to come to Wydale and spend a day worshipping, receiving quality Bible teaching, praying and being prayed for. Contact 01723 859270 or [admin@wydale.org](mailto:admin@wydale.org).

Sun 6 Mar - Annual William Temple Lecture, Room SK037, Skell Building, York St John University, 7.30pm. The Revd Robin Griffith-Jones will give the annual William Temple Lecture on 'Magna Carta, Archbishop Langton and Covenantal Kinship under God'. Contact [kingsley.boulton@stolave.org.uk](mailto:kingsley.boulton@stolave.org.uk).

Mon 7 Mar - York and District CMS Association Prayer Lunch, Spurriergate Centre, York, 11am onwards. For further details please contact Eileen Wishart on 01904-633705.

Mon 7 – Weds 9 Mar - Yorkshire Spice breakaway for clergy spouses, Wydale Hall. Join us for time away for fellowship, teaching, refreshment, companionship and mutual understanding. Contact [yorkshire.spice@yahoo.com](mailto:yorkshire.spice@yahoo.com) or 07425 171741.

Fri 11 – Sun 13 Mar - Men@Wydale Retreat, Wydale Hall. A whole weekend of teaching, worship, banter and quiet for men of all ages. Contact 01723 859270 or [admin@wydale.org](mailto:admin@wydale.org).

Sat 12 Mar - Conversations 2016  
Lenten reflections on the paintings  
of Sieger Köder , St Mary's Priory  
Community Centre, Malton , 10am -  
12.30pm.

Sat 12 Mar - York Branch Company  
of Servers meeting, Howden Minster,  
2pm. Contact Tony Parker on  
01430 235308 or  
tony.parker56@yahoo.co.uk.

Sun 13 Mar - 'Threshold' Service -  
Mysteries of our Christian Faith  
"The Cross", York Minster, 7pm.  
Threshold services aim to provide an  
alternative format for worship and  
are open to anyone and everyone  
curious about faith, worship,  
exploring belief and how to find and  
know Christ.

Mon 14 Mar - "Make Time"  
(Mindful Messy Church for Grown-  
ups), St Helen's, Escrick, 7.30pm -  
9pm. Meditative music...  
mindfulness and Spiritual colouring  
books...rolling tea and coffee...varied  
arts and crafts activities...

Weds 16 Mar - Ebor Lectures - 'The  
Possibilities and Problems of Peace  
on Earth: The United Nations,  
International Law, and National  
Interests', York St John University,  
7pm. Contact 01904 876474 or  
eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk.

Thurs 17 Mar - The Hebrew  
Background to Holy Week - CMD  
event, Swainby Church Hall.  
Contact training@yorkdiocese.org or  
01904 699504.

Sat 19 Mar - Choral Evensong with  
the Northern Cathedral Singers,  
Holy Trinity Hull, 6.30pm.

Mon 21 Mar - Services of Blessing of  
Oils and Renewal of Ordination  
Vows, St. Hilda's Church,  
Grangetown, Middlesbrough, 12pm.  
The Bishop of Beverley will be  
presiding and the Bishop of Whitby  
will be preaching.

Tues 22 - Sun 27 Mar - A Holy Week  
Journey to the Cross: An Easter  
experience in the grounds of Wydale  
Hall. An interactive, prayerful  
journey to help you reflect personally  
on the Easter Story. Contact 01723  
859270 or admin@wydale.org.

Weds 23 - Tues 29 Mar - Holy Week  
and Easter Retreat, Holy Rood House.  
Have trips out to discover the crosses  
on the North York moors, and reflect  
on an exhibition of embroidered  
icons by Dr Romola Parish. Contact  
01845 522580 or  
enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Thurs 24 Mar - Services of Blessing  
of Oils and Renewal of Ordination  
Vows, York Minster, 11am. The  
Bishop of Whitby will be presiding  
and the Bishop of Selby will be  
preaching.

Thurs 24 - Tues 29 Mar - Easter  
Break, Wydale Hall. Activities will  
include Good Friday reflections,  
Easter Sunday services (including a  
sunrise service for the intrepid) and  
the eating of chocolate eggs. Contact  
01723 859270 or admin@wydale.org.

## On the Move (cont.)

The Revd Stephen Patrick Walker, (Vicar of the United Benefice of St Mary Theydon Bois and All Saints Theydon Garnon in the Diocese of Chelmsford) has been appointed as Rector of the Benefice of West Buckrose.

The Revd Stephen Gamble, (Vicar of Kirby Misperton with Normanby and Salton, held in plurality with Middleton, Newton and Sinnington), has resigned to be Vicar of the United Benefice of Kirklington, Burneston, Wath and Pickhill in the Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales.

The Revd Brian James Lees, (Priest in Charge of Hutton Cranswick with Skerne, Watton and Beswick and Priest in Charge of Nafferton with Wansford), will retire with effect from 3 March 2016.

The Revd Canon Richard Rowling, (Rector of the Benefice of Thirsk), has resigned to be Anglican Chaplain to HMP Northumberland in the Diocese of Newcastle.

## Newsletter to pause production

Eleanor Course, Communications Officer and Editor of this Newsletter, will be leaving her role for the Diocese at the end of February, to study for a PhD in Theology. Until a new Communications Officer is appointed, this Newsletter will not be produced after April 2016. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. You can keep up-to-date with news from across the Diocese via the regular enews bulletin. If you don't receive this and would like to, please email [office@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:office@yorkdiocese.org). Items in the enews bulletin, which will include the monthly letter from the Archbishop's Staff, can be used in Parish Magazines.

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