

All Saints', Kirkbymoorside – Getting the Habit



Retired speech and language therapist Lynn Goslin (pictured) is a bell-ringer and home group leader at All Saints' Church,

Kirkbymoorside. Her

retirement coincided with vicar Mark Brosnan 'nudging' his churches into setting up home groups.

'When we first started the home groups Mark provided some study material. We used that for the first two terms, but it didn't entirely suit the needs of our three groups... we wanted something that was a bit more relevant to our lives, which would help to develop our own thoughts.

'Of course I chatted to a few friends, including [Holy Habits contributor] Sr Helen Julian, and she said, 'Well I've just written some reflections for this – would you like to have a look at it?' And 'it' was one of the HOLY HABITS Group Studies booklets. So I took it to the home groups leaders' meeting and we decided we'd give it a try.'

The groups meet weekly, either afternoon or evening, and work in blocks of five. They began working with the Fellowship group studies and will move on to Prayer.

'It's interesting that in this particular set of five sessions I really felt that we gelled as a group in a way that we

hadn't before. People were beginning to share personal information and also to discuss how we might develop things in the church ... relationships have definitely grown and deepened.'

Members of Lynn's group particularly enjoyed the questions in the study notes and found them 'very relevant and thought-provoking.'

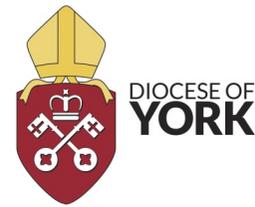
'They've helped people develop their thinking and they feel they're much more able to apply the Bible teaching to their own lives.

'I've observed the group becoming more vocal and a lot more self-reflective: rather than treating the studies as a kind of distant, more cerebral process and just dissecting a Bible passage, it's been much more about what does this mean to me.'

For Lynn personally, what has been the most rewarding outcome of working with HOLY HABITS?

'I've loved the fact that people's needs are being met. ... I would say that as a result of studying HOLY HABITS in the group we're all finding new ways to support each other and to contribute to the life of the church and the wider community.'

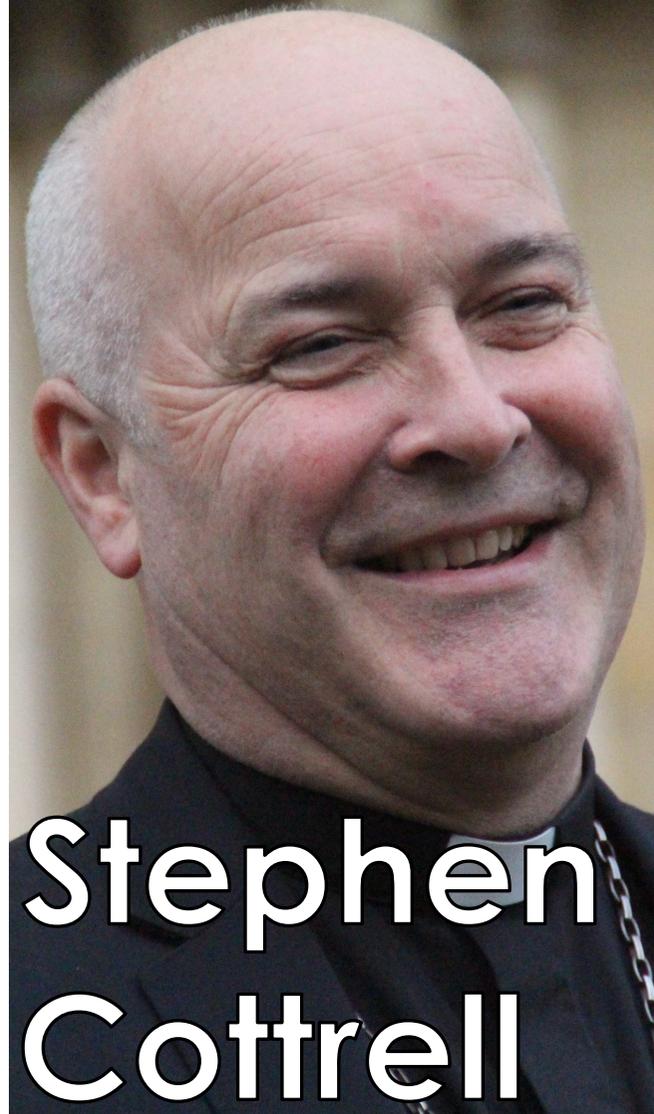
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The next Archbishop of York



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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Bishop of Whitby,
Paul Ferguson,
writes:

I'm writing this before the General Election takes place, and by the time you read this, it will all be over. Or will it?

My impression is that the lead-up to the election was marked much more than others by a widespread sense of frustration. But different people were frustrated by different things! — some by the seeming stalemate about Brexit, some by the way in which supposed 'facts' turned out not to be true, some by the single issue of Brexit taking over the whole agenda ... and so on.

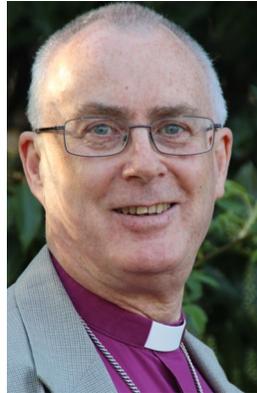
There's a big job to do, in restoring our political life as a nation. But it would be wrong to leave that to people who are now members of Parliament. Politics, after all, is how we live in the polis, in society. It's a job for all of us.

We won't all think the same way about particular policies. It's often said that as Christians we should show what it means to disagree well. That's important and it's right: respect for those who don't agree with us is a virtue.

But not everything in public life, every opinion, attitude or action, has an equal status. Faith demands that we are more discerning.

In Psalm 85 we read 'Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.' Without mercy — compassion, especially for those who are vulnerable and poor — our common life becomes self-seeking. Only with truth, free from manipulation and misrepresentation, can trust flourish. Righteousness — justice and the balance of rights and responsibilities — is the foundation of sound economics as well as of a fair legal system, and critically, addresses how our actions and decisions now affect the planet and the environment that future generations will inhabit. Peace is more than the absence of conflict: it is the shalom, the health and wholeness of individuals and nations, internally and in relationship.

All this is more than 'professional politicians' can do themselves. Are we ready to look beyond the aftermath of an election and all take our part as people of faith in our stewardship of the future?



+ Paul Whitby

The idea was made possible when St Mary's with Holy Apostles in Scarborough was identified as one of the locations for a 20s to 40s initiative. "There is a real mix here at St Mary's" says Jake. "The church here is quite like the church I was at in Walsall in lots of ways. It has lots of civic responsibilities in the town, there are lots of connections they have with 20s to 40s with lots of baptisms and weddings, and it also quite an impoverished area with a lot of overlap to 'People in Poverty' ministry. That's what brought me round in my thinking – that in this particular context with this particular church we could see that both our gifts could be complimentary."

Jake and Hannah will be working as part of a team at the church led by incumbent, the Revd Richard Walker, and serving in a mixed area which, as well as being a seaside town welcoming many visitors, includes a large amount of deprivation.

Their joint appointment brings the number of 'Multiply' ministers to be appointed in the Diocese of York, since April, to thirteen. Thanks to national funding, fourteen ordained or lay specialist ministers are being appointed in thirteen locations as part of the diocese's strategy to reach those in their 20s to 40s, under-represented in the life of the church.

And although it is early days for the job-share, Jake and Hannah are very positive about the possibilities. "It has been really nice already working together," says Hannah. "I think there is a strength in having someone you can bounce your ideas off and have the support of being able to encourage each other and pray with each other."

"Already Hannah has been invited to a ladies' evening which I wouldn't have been invited to" adds Jake, "so it gives us different opportunities to use our different strengths and a broader scope of people we can engage with. But we will be doing a lot of work together as a shared ministry – and we certainly won't be taking shifts and handing over to the other person on a Wednesday lunchtime!"

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Jake and Hannah begin coastal 20s to 40s job share



Scarborough has just gained two new 20s to 40s Multiply ministers in a unique, half-and-half, job-share.

The Revds Jake and Hannah Madin, who married a year ago in York will be bringing their partnership into their ministry after being jointly appointed to serve at St Mary's with Holy Apostles, Scarborough as 20s to 40s ministers.

It's the first such ministerial 'job-share' in the Diocese of York and the innovations don't stop there. At their joint licensing service, led by the Bishop of Hull, the Rt Revd Alison White, Jake and Hannah were presented with a variety of unusual symbolic gifts including a balloon filled with glitter, a pan, and a picture of their wedding in October 2018.

"We had chosen some of the gifts ourselves," explained Hannah. "The balloon represents Archbishop John Sentamu's words that the church

needs 'less meetings and more parties', the pan represents hospitality, something we feel is important to mission, and the wedding picture that we will be ministering as a couple."

Before moving to the coast, Jake (27) and Hannah (29) were curates in York – Hannah at St Paul's Church Holgate and Jake at St Hilda's, Tang Hall. But they met several years ago as trainee ordinands studying at

Cranmer Hall in Durham, and for two years had to conduct a long distance relationship when Jake started his first curacy in Walsall, back in his home diocese of Lichfield.

Both are excited about their new ministry although as Jacob confesses he wasn't quite as keen initially. "The 20 to 40s ministry appealed much more to Hannah than it did me. Hannah was in a pool of people who took part in a discernment process while I was going to take up another role."

"But after a year of doing separate curacies in the same place," adds Hannah, "it just felt sad that we were going our separate ways all the time and unable to invest in the same communities. So we started talking about the idea of working together."

The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, is to be the 98th Archbishop of York

The announcement came from 10 Downing Street on Tuesday 17th December, that HM The Queen had approved the nomination of Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell to be Archbishop of York following the retirement in June 2020 of Archbishop John Sentamu.



A renowned preacher, author and communicator, he will be the 98th occupant of the see of York - in a line of succession dating back to St Paulinus in 627AD.

As Primate of England and Metropolitan of the Province of York, he will share in the leadership of the Church of England in partnership with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, at a time of change and challenge for both the Church and the country.

He said: "I am humbled and excited at the prospect of becoming the 98th Archbishop of York.

"I will receive the baton from Archbishop Sentamu. These aren't just big shoes to fill, but a big heart and a big vision.

"However, I am not daunted. Archbishop Sentamu and I have worked together in mission on many occasions and I hope to build on the work he has pioneered. Working alongside the Archbishop of Canterbury, I hope to help the church be more joyful and more effective in sharing the gospel and bringing hope and unity to our nation."

Joyful News

The Bishop of Hull, the Rt Revd Alison White, who was one of six members of the Crown Nominations Commission representing the Diocese of York, responded to the announcement on behalf of the Suffragan Bishops of Whitby, Selby and Beverley:

"This is great news! People across the Diocese have been praying that God would send us the person he is calling to be the next Archbishop of York.

"In Bishop Stephen these prayers are answered and this is joyful news for us.

"We look forward to working with him to make Christ visible in all we do."

- **Bishop Stephen is married to Rebecca, a potter. They have three sons.**

The 98th Archbishop of York

Bishop Stephen says:

“Although I was born and grew up in Essex, I lived and served in Huddersfield for nine years. I know and love the north of England. Two of our children were born there.

“I now look forward to returning and being a voice for the North, sharing the liberating good news of the gospel and helping to address the discrepancies of wealth and opportunity that too often favour the South.”

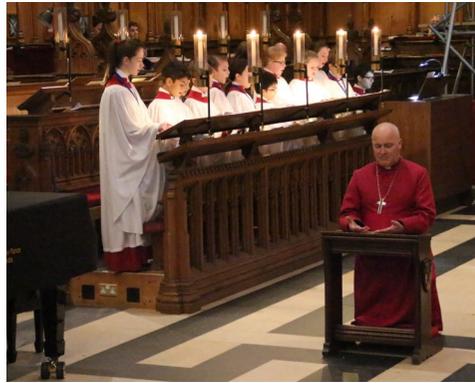
Archbishop Justin said: “I am delighted that the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell has been nominated to become Archbishop of York.

“Archbishop Sentamu's ministry has been extraordinarily significant. In Bishop Stephen there is a worthy successor.

Bishop Stephen has the Gospel in his belly and a tiger in the tank!

“He is someone who radiates the joy and love of Jesus, making his hearers want to meet and know Christ better.

“He has been a Bishop for 15 years,



Bishop Stephen Cottrell kneels in prayer during his first visit to York Minster as Archbishop Designate on the 17th December

and wherever he has gone he has spread the love of God, leading churches to be more confident in what they believe and more passionate in what they do for their communities.

“His long experience in many areas, including nine years in the north of England, means that he brings wisdom as well as gifts in his ministry. He writes beautifully, engagingly and honestly, easily read and profoundly thoughtful.

“He is committed not only to speaking of Jesus, but to the renewal and reform of the Church of England in every aspect, as a church with a living, spiritual presence in every community. He is committed to the church as a place

The Diocese of York's Director of Making and Nurturing Disciples, **the Revd Richard White**, said, “In Heather we've found a servant-hearted, energetic and encouraging leader to roll-out and drive the delivery of our **Mustard Seed** vision.

“She will be initiating the Stepping Up development programme; launching the **Mustard Seed** Ambassadors initiative; developing a vision and resources for Community Hubs, and participating in the creation of the key funding bid.

“Heather's rich experience and work to date will be a firm grounding for every one of the challenges facing her; and the Diocese will pray for her and offer every support for the relationships and networks she will plant and grow.”

Heather is a gift to us—I can't think of a better person to energise us all

Bishop of Hull the Rt Revd Alison White leads development of the 'Mustard Seed' project in the Diocese of York: “**Mustard Seed** is an ambitious strategy

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to unlock resources so that we can all flourish, especially in areas where the going can be tough.

“Heather is a gift to us. She brings her wealth of experience, clear mind on the matter, and warm personality. I can't think of a better person to energise us all.”

Heather said, “I'm delighted to be appointed as the **Mustard Seed** Programme Leader in the Diocese of York; I look forward to working with others to pioneer this new piece of work, and am excited to see the potential of local people growing as disciples and leaders in their own communities.”

- **Heather will take up her post from Sunday 3rd February 2020.**

Team Leader appointed for 'Mustard Seed'

Heather Black, currently Development Officer for Together Middlesbrough and Cleveland, has been appointed Programme Leader for the new Mustard Seed initiative in the Diocese of York.

Heather will oversee implementing the ambition of the Diocese of York to invest prayer, time and resources in supporting churches and individuals in making disciples and growing worshipping communities in places facing multiple deprivations.

Her work will focus on two key areas of work: **'Stepping Up'** (equipping and nurturing courageous local disciples to be witnesses, leaders, pastors and planters in their local communities) and **'Ambassadors'** (catalysing a flow of partnership and generosity between parishes in prayer, energy and financial giving, helping to change the culture of the whole diocese).

The **Mustard Seed** vision is to enable the growth of 'Community Hubs' – places of Christian hospitality and welcome in local communities, where people can experience the love of God, receive support and prayer and encounter Jesus. We pray that in each hub there will be new disciples following Jesus, who will grow in faith within these local worshipping communities.

Mustard Seed will work alongside **Multiply**, a programme working to



make disciples amongst people in their 20s, 30s and 40s; the two programmes addressing the 'Reach' goal of the Diocese of York's goals of 'Reach, Grow, Sustain', adopted as part of an over-arching strategy following diocese-wide consultations in 2016.

Heather Black is well-known in the Diocese as one of its elected lay Members of the Church of England's General Synod, in which capacity she was also a Member of the Crown Nominations Commission working to appoint the next Archbishop of York.

of safety, of growth and of hope. He leads on the work of tackling our past failures in our attention to diversity, to outer estates. He has deep experience of both urban and rural work.

"With a particular passion for Kenya, Bishop Stephen knows well the variety and vibrancy of the Anglican Communion and is utterly committed to the life and unity of the communion as a whole.

"Personally, I know that he will be both an encouraging and a challenging colleague, and am sure that working together we will be able to address spiritually and practically the great challenges facing our country, and facing the Church of England."

Archbishop Sentamu said: "In 1997 I was a member of the Springboard Committee, the Decade of Evangelism Initiative set up by the then Archbishops of York and Canterbury.

"In that year I met Bishop Stephen Cottrell and Bishop Alison White, who succeeded Bishop Michael Marshall and the Revd Canon Michael Green as Springboard Missioners.

"Bishop Stephen has the Gospel in his belly and a tiger in the tank!

"I am glad he is returning to the Northern Province where he with others developed the Emmaus course for evangelism, nurture and discipleship. His greatest passion is to share the Gospel with everyone in a friendly and accessible way.

"His nomination as my successor has gladdened my heart and he can rely on my prayers. He and Rebecca will find a warm welcome here at Bishopthorpe and throughout the Northern Province.

"Bishop Stephen, God is blessing you."

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The role of the Archbishop of York

Joëlle Warren, Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission for York, said: "The commission was excited by Bishop Stephen's vision for the change needed to see the Church grow - both in numbers and depth of faith. We are sure he will be a powerful voice for the Christian faith, the Church of England and the people of the north of England.

"He is a natural communicator and evangelist, able to inspire and challenge people, and someone who will be able to work with the Archbishop of Canterbury to lead the Church, engaging with clergy and lay people and the wider community in the exciting missional challenge ahead."

A Day Out in York

Bishop Stephen Cottrell's first visit as Archbishop Designate



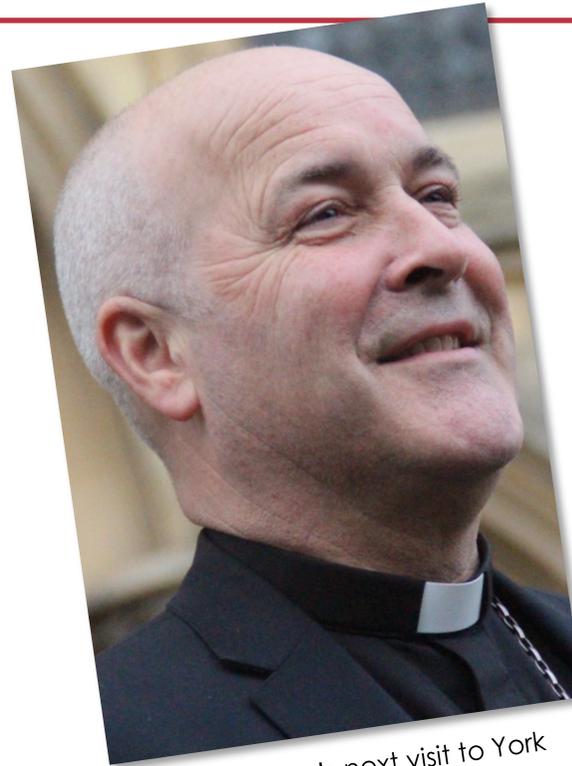
Bishop Stephen was introduced to the national media in London at 9.00am on the 17th December by Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby



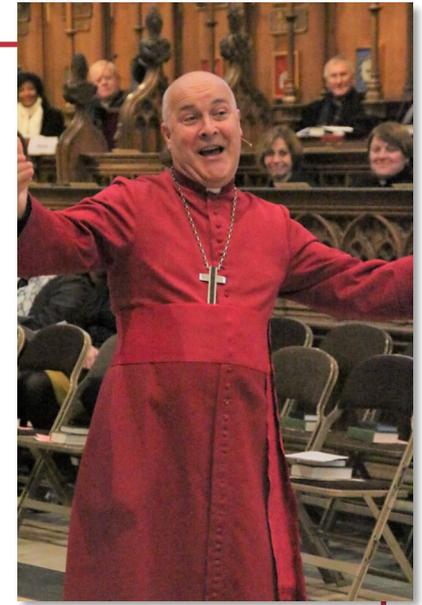
Followed by the hatted Bishop of Whitby and accompanied by the Dean of York, Bishop Stephen arrives at York Minster to a battery of media cameras



L to R: Archdeacon of the East Riding Andy Broom, Dean of York Dr Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Hull Alison White, Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Mrs Rebecca Cottrell, Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Beverley Glyn Webster, Archdeacon of York Sam Rushton



Bishop Stephen's next visit to York Minster may be for the inauguration of his ministry as Archbishop of York probably in summer of 2020



A few words from Bishop Stephen about his own journey to faith, his astonishment about being Archbishop of York Designate, and his thanks to those who made the arrangements for welcoming him today.



Bishop Stephen records an interview in York Minster's Lady Chapel for that evening's regional television news