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Diocese of York Prayer Diary - December 2019

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COME SEE PRAYER CALENDAR



'Come and See' is the Northern Bishops' Mission to the Diocese of York, led by the Archbishop of York and taking place from 12th to 15th March 2020.

Prayer is the foundation of Come and See, and as the mission draws nearer, Sister Heather Francis OHP (pictured) is kindly putting together a monthly prayer leaflet for us.

Here, you'll find a selection of weekly Bible readings and prayer topics to help you focus your prayers as the weeks get closer. There is also a short service for you to use on your own or with two or three others.

November's focus is on the quote "Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses", as we realise we do not pray alone, and consider questions like 'who brought us to faith' as well as giving thanks for those who enhance our worship with music, poetry, dance, and drama.

We do hope you'll join in this wave of prayer as we ramp up for what is sure to be a wonderful weekend of prayer and mission.

Find each monthly prayer leaflet as it becomes available, with other resources at comeandsee.uk/resources/prayer.

For latest news, events and resources keep an eye on COMEANDSEE.UK.

PAROCHIAL FEES 2020



The national **Table of Parochial Fees**, updated for 2020, is now available to download from the 'Life Events' section of the Church of England website: **[please click here to access the page.](#)**

The table is available in A3 and A4 format and there is also a short summary document.

To all serving and retired clergy, with or without Permission to Officiate from the Revd Canon Dr Daphne Green, Chaplain & Researcher to the Archbishop of York

Dear Colleague

Clergy Discipline Measure

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have set up a working group under the leadership of Tim Thornton, Bishop at Lambeth, to take a good hard look at the **Clergy Discipline Measure** and with a view to developing recommendations for improving practice and future legislative revision.

Completely separately, and quite fortuitously, the community at Sheldon (Mary and Martha) have commissioned independent academic research into CDM and are working with Aston University on this.

As a personal request, I would like to ask you to take time out of your busy schedule to complete this research survey.

This is relevant to you whether or not you have any personal experience of CDM.

There is a dearth of hard evidence on how the CDM is currently functioning so this is an ideal opportunity for you to contribute to our understanding of this important church process and to ensure that it is fit for purpose going forward.

The first stage of the research is a detailed online questionnaire which I am sending you now.

A great deal of care has gone into the design of this, including ethics approval, to ensure that your identity cannot be inferred from the data provided.

No personal data is collected. Age and ordination date is collected by decade. There is no geographical data collected at all.

At Bishop Tim's request, and for GDPR compliance reasons, I am distributing the questionnaire using the diocesan mailing list.

I have no other involvement in the research which is completely independent both of this diocese and the National Church Institutions.

The more clergy who complete the questionnaire, the greater will be the validity and usefulness of the research results.

For frequently asked questions, including how the research project is structured and what will happen to the answers you give, go to www.sheldon.uk.com/cdmsurvey.

[This is the link to the survey questionnaire](#)

If it doesn't work, please email cdm@sheldon.uk.com for a fresh copy.

If you have not been through CDM it will take you about 10 minutes or so. If you have been through CDM or a related disciplinary process/assessment then you will probably need about 30 – 60 minutes.

Please could you make your response before the beginning of Advent.

This questionnaire link is not personal to you and it is fine to share it with any other ordained Anglican clergy you

know. The researchers are especially keen to seek out clergy who are currently under prohibition or have left ministry, so if you are in contact with anyone you think might otherwise be missed please forward this message to them or ask them to contact Sheldon directly.

If you need any more information, or have any concerns before taking part, here are contact details and websites for further information:

- Dr Sarah Horsman, Warden of Sheldon
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- Bishop Tim's Executive Assistant Adam Hobson
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- Lead Researcher Dr Carl Senior
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- Sheldon's CDM project
www.sheldonhub.org/cdm
- The Sheldon community's website
www.sheldon.uk.com

I do hope you will be able to share in this valuable endeavour which has the potential to feed into policy and legislative improvements for the church.

With best wishes

Daphne Green

November 2019



People on the move

The Revd Canon Angela Bailey has been appointed as part-time Diocesan Training Adviser.

The Revd Wendy Bradley, Associate Curate of Aspley in the Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, has been appointed as Vicar of Bilton-in-Holderness and Sutton-in-Holderness. She will be collated by the Bishop of Hull in St Michael & All Angels, Holderness Road, Hull at 6.30pm on Sunday, 15th December.

The Revd Vivienne Hatton, Vicar of the Benefices of Brookfield and Stainton with Hilton, has resigned to be Priest in Charge of Onny Camlad in the Diocese of Hereford from 1 December 2019. Her final service will be on Sunday, 10th November 2019 at 4.00pm in the Parish Church of Stainton.

The Revd Lynn Hellmuth, Vicar of Hackness with Harwood Dale, Ravenscar and Staintondale, Scalby, and Scarborough St Luke, will retire on 31st January 2020.

The Revd David Spence, Assistant Curate of Kirk Ella and Willerby, has left to be Assistant Curate of Cogges and South Leigh in the Diocese of Oxford with effect from 14th November 2019.

The Revd Andrew Stoker, Vicar of York St Clement with St Mary Bishophill, will retire on 30th November 2019.

The Archbishop has appointed **the Revd Stephen Whiting**, Priest in Charge of the Benefice of the Forest of Galtres, to be Area Dean of Easingwold for five years in succession to **the Revd Liz Hassall** (who has held the position since 2014), and will be Commissioned by the Bishop of Selby at 7.30pm on 13th November 2019 at All Hallows, Sutton-on-the-Forest.

Rural Isolation and Loneliness; A toolkit for rural churches

We know that isolation and loneliness are on the increase. Loneliness can have a profound effect on our physical as well as mental health, being lonely is as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. Rigorous epidemiological studies have linked loneliness and social isolation to heart disease, cancer, depression, diabetes and suicide. This will obviously have an economic impact on health care and in other areas; not to mention the effect on the individuals concerned (campaigntoendloneliness.org/threat-to-health).

DEFINING ISOLATION AND LONELINESS

It is important to understand the difference between isolation and loneliness:

ISOLATION – is defined as the absence of social contact e.g. family, friends, access to services or community involvement. The concept is therefore tangible and measurable and can often lead to loneliness. Isolation can often be alleviated by practical steps: improved transport links, increased use of the internet and localisation of services and resources.

LONELINESS – is a subjective feeling when there is a disparity between quantity and quality of social relationships that we have and those we want.

RURAL CONTEXT

It is estimated that there are 20,000 rural churches in the UK. Although some have a small attendance, there remains a unique opportunity for churches to respond to issues of social isolation, as they often provide key community facilities and social interaction in rural communities.

In many rural areas, the only buildings available (if any) which enable local people to meet socially and/or provide community activities are pubs, village halls and church buildings. Often, church members have good links with the wider community and – along with other residents – can be a lifeline to identify and support those with limited mobility.

Download the Rural Isolation and Loneliness Toolkit here.

For information about printed copies of the toolkit please email alisons@germinate.net.

Listen: until Sunday 10th November you can listen to Methodist Development Officer Fiona Fidgin interviewed about the pilot scheme involving four North Yorkshire churches on Radio York last month (from 1:54:50):

www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07p4xv8

