

## Cycling to Work... from the Tees to the Humber

**New Priest-in-Charge of Hull Minster, the Revd Dominic Black, was licensed to start his new job by the Bishop of Hull, Alison White, at a small spatially-distanced ceremony at the Minster on Wednesday 8th July.**

He'd arrived by bike with his younger son Ben (14), having pedalled 100 miles from his previous church of the Holy Trinity, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough on the Tees Estuary, via York Minster to Hull Minster, (also dedicated to the Holy Trinity), on the Humber.

Dominic, who cycles for work whenever possible and describes himself as "a non-lycra cyclist", said, "When I saw the radical plans to promote cycling in Hull and it was clear that we couldn't have a large public service there was only one way for me to arrive!

"I am coming to the Minster at a pivotal time; the word Minster comes from an Anglo-Saxon word for a community of prayer and mission that went out to proclaim the Christian faith in word and deed.

"The City of Hull has one of the lowest rates of churchgoing in Western Europe. My prayer, coming to serve here, is that the people of the city might find again the joy of the Gospel that inspired those who boldly built this great building.

"Holy Trinity Church – Hull Minster – wasn't built to be a museum but as a bold statement of future hope.

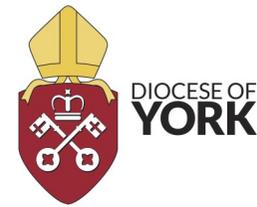
Thanks to the work led by Neal Barnes as Vicar and continued recently by Bishop Frank White as Interim Minister,

there has been a remarkable physical transformation of the building in the last few years which speaks anew of this hope."

"A healthy church is one that is diverse, outward looking and willing to work with all people of good will for the common good."

Bishop Alison said, "The Minster is at the heart of our great City and it is a special joy to welcome Dominic Black who brings his gifts and energy as we work together to see this place flourish."

Hull Minster Churchwardens, Robin Alden and Iain Ogilvie, said, "We are delighted to welcome Dominic to lead the team here at the Minster. We look forward to building on what we have achieved in recent years and, with our next phase of development ready to commence and a new priest, we step out in faith with confidence."



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## The 98th Archbishop of York

**See pages 3-5 for the beginning of Archbishop Stephen Cottrell's ministry in the Diocese and Province of York**



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# To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archdeacon of the East Riding, Andy Broom, writes:

## So what does 'normal' look like now?!

There is much talk of the 'new normal' as we seek to make sense of the COVID 19 crisis and begin to look to the future. Many are saying that we don't want to simply go back to 'the way things were' and that 'lessons must be learned'. It strikes me that this must be right - given all we've experienced in recent months, now is an opportunity for reflection and embracing helpful changes.

In some of the Scandinavian countries, as children prepared to return to school recently significant training was offered to teachers to enable them to support the well-being of the children. Alongside this the government invested in various new resources further to aid the return. However, apparently within minutes of their return none of this was needed as most children just got back on with things the way it had been before lockdown... 'normal' for them hadn't changed. Whilst this reflects the great resilience within children, it may also reflect the natural human trait to prefer to live with what we know. Whilst our heads might say we want a 'new normal', our hearts and instincts seek the reassuringly familiar.

So what does it mean for our churches? In Romans 8 we're reminded that 'God is at work in all things' and that 'he calls us according to his purposes'. God has been at work in his church and in his world throughout this crisis. What have we learned about being church in such different circumstances? And what might this mean for the future – are we simply going to return to the familiar, or does God have new purposes for his Church?

Finding space to think and pray can often be a challenge but maybe individually and together we would do well to carve out time consciously to reflect on our experience in lockdown. How might your church set aside time and space to ask what has God been showing us? What is the 'new normal' that he is calling us to embrace? And together to ask him to give us the courage to follow his call.



**Andy Broom**

# Mustard Seed: Church reaches out in places where life is tough



## The Diocese of York has secured funding to implement its plan for 'growing disciples in places where life is tough.'

The Church Commissioners have approved funding of £1.369m for the 'Mustard Seed' programme, alongside other grants for growth initiatives across the national church.

Mustard Seed is all about growing worshipping communities of local people, who are followers of Jesus, with a vision to see these develop as places of welcome, hospitality and support for people in the challenges they face.

Based in a church or other community building, they will offer opportunities for prayer, experiencing the love of God, exploring faith, and encountering Jesus Christ. Mustard Seed has grown from careful listening to more than a hundred lay people and clergy in the poorest communities in the Diocese, and re-

sponds to a growing awareness that the church needs to grow local leaders in places where life is tough.

The new funding will enable the roll-out of 'Stepping Up,' nurturing learning communities to bring people together who are involved in the mission activity of their local church.

Participants will grow in their own faith and become more confident and effective in reaching out, sharing that faith and making new disciples.

Each person will support growth in their own parish church, and some will go on to pioneer new worshipping communities from its existing mission. Stepping Up will begin in Middlesbrough and Hull from September 2020, and Scarborough, Bridlington and Redcar & Cleveland in 2021.

Mustard Seed Sponsor, Bishop of Hull Alison White said, "We are so full of thanks to God that our national Church has

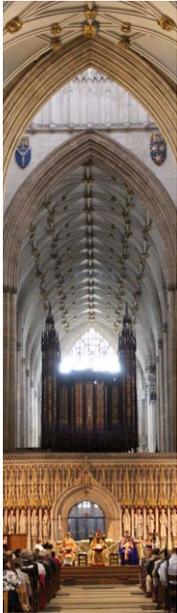
caught our vision for unlocking the potential of local disciples and leaders in communities where life is tough.

"So many people have worked and prayed to bring us to this point. Mustard seeds are being planted and now we will all need to nurture them and watch them grow!"

Heather Black, Mustard Seed Programme Leader, has been involved with a team in shaping the final stages of the bid process that has now secured Church Commissioners' funding: "This is the best news for Mustard Seed, but better still for those communities where we will be able to invest time and resources into local people who want to share God's love within their own communities.

"I am excited to see how the small seeds of hope we are planting, through prayer will grow and flourish."

# Lay Worker start for new Curates



Twelve women and men who had prepared to be ordained Deacon in York Minster on Sunday 5th July, were Licensed during approved online ceremonies that afternoon to begin their ministry in a lay capacity in their training or 'title' parish in the Diocese of York.

The law requires that an ordination service should include Holy Communion and be open to the public to attend; while public worship in the Church of England is subject to strict limitations due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this made ordination temporarily impracticable.

It is hoped that the candidates will be ordained in York Minster in late September, subject to confirmation in the coming weeks.

The candidates are introduced below; please uphold them all in your prayers as they begin their ministry in these unexpected circumstances, but confident of God's grace.

**Kirsty Dennett** looks forward to serving as Assistant Curate in her home parish of Clifton, York.

**Vicky Earll** will serve as Assistant Curate at St Michael-le-Belfrey, York.

**Will Ellis** will serve as Assistant Curate in the Parish of Whitby.

**Jane Emson** will continue to serve as a 'Multiply Minister' helping to build a new worshipping community at Brambles Farm and Thorntree in Middlesbrough.

**Nick Garside** will serve as Assistant Curate in Rural Ainsty (Bilton in Ainsty; Healaugh; Hessay; Moor Monkton and Wighill).

**Phil Grayson** will serve as Assistant Curate at Sherburn-in-Elmet with Saxton.

**Fiona Hill** will serve as Assistant Curate at Scarborough, St Columba and St James with Holy Trinity.

**Vanessa Kirby** is thrilled that her curacy is at St Oswald's and St Chad's in Middlesbrough.

**Alan Leach** will serve as Assistant Curate at All Saints, Rudston.

**Mark Poole** is excited to serve God and His people as Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Rural East York (Dunnington, Holtby, Stockton-on-the-Forest and Warthill).

**Jane Robson** will serve as Curate in Great Ayton with Easby and Newton under Roseberry.

**Richard Townend** will serve as Assistant Curate at Emmanuel Church (East Riding Archdeaconry).

# Archbishop Stephen's ministry begins

**Archbishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell took up the historic Braganza Crozier – his staff of office – in a short ceremony at York Minster, following the legal Confirmation of his Election as the 98th Archbishop of York.**

The Confirmation of Election marked the moment at which Stephen became Archbishop of York, and included music from York Minster Choir and Manor Church of England Academy, York.

In a video following the service, young people from across the north of England read a letter written by the mediaeval religious scholar Alcuin of York. Stephen offered his first address as Archbishop of York; prayers were offered for the new Archbishop, the Diocese of York and the Northern Province of the Church of England, as well as for the wider world in these difficult times.



## Archbishop Stephen's ministry begins—continued



Following the service, the new Archbishop made a short walk of pilgrimage through the streets of York to the shrine of St Margaret Clitherow, where he was welcomed by the Rt Revd Terence Drainey, Roman Catholic Bishop of Middlesbrough.

After a few moments of prayer, Archbishop Stephen returned to the Crypt of York Minster where he prayed at the tomb of St William of York before moving to the Minster's High Altar to take up his Crozier where Archbishop Sentamu laid it down on the 7th June.

### Knock three times

In place of the custom for a new bishop or Archbishop to knock three times on the Cathedral Door with his Crozier to request admission to his Enthronement Service, Archbishop Stephen walked to the Minster's West End and knocked three times on the inside of the door which was then opened to the world.

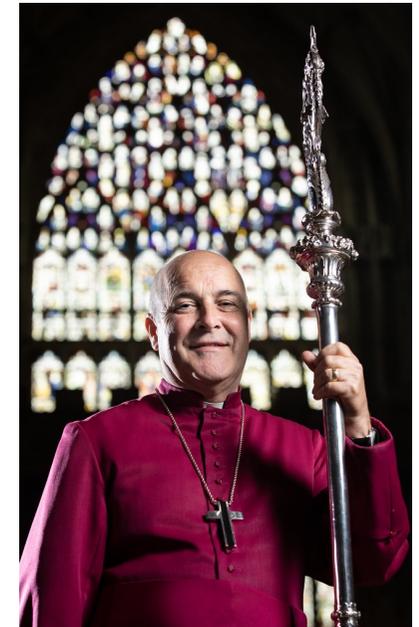
Dean of York the Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost said, "This reversal of the usual symbolism is intended to signify the openness of the Church to the world and reflects Archbishop Stephen's desire to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the communities it serves."



## "May we be united as the Body of Christ..."

Archbishop Stephen said, "The Church is the body of Christ. As such we are being formed in his likeness to be sent out into the world to bring hope, healing and wholeness. I like the symbolism of opening up the doors of the church as we go out and see and be where God is already at work.

"As I take up the role of Archbishop of York, my focus will be on prayer, and I want to begin by praying for the unity of the Church, for all those persecuted, and for the Northern Province of the Church of England. May we be united as the body of Christ, of one mind and purpose to see God's Kingdom here on Earth."



### A huge adventure

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said, "I am so excited about working with Archbishop Stephen to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ. The next few years are going to be a huge adventure. We will be exploring our way into being a new Church in a new world.

"I'm sad we're not able to all be together in York Minster to celebrate, yet. But we know that God is present to us at all times through the Holy Spirit. I'll be praying for Archbishop Stephen as he officially begins his new ministry and as we begin that new adventure."

The Dean of York added: "We look forward to being able to gather more fully to celebrate the beginning of Archbishop Elect Stephen's ministry in due course. For now, we are happy to welcome Stephen and his family in great love and we pray for him as he prepares for the challenges and the joys that his office will bring."