

People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



The Revd Linda Gillard, Assistant Curate (SSM) of Kingston Upon Hull, St Alban, has been re-appointed and will now be known as Associate Minister.

The Revd Carmel Giffens, Assistant Curate, House for Duty, of Alne, has been appointed additionally as Assistant Curate (House for Duty) of Brafferton with Pilmoor, Myton-on-Swale and Thormanby, Coxwold and Husthwaite, Crayke with Brandsby and Yearsley, Easingwold with Raskelf, Skelton with Shipton and Newton-on-Ouse, Strensall, and The Forest of Galtres.

Ms Amy Hayes, Lay Worker at the Edge Community, Selby, has been appointed as Lay Worker (Church Army) of Selby St James. She will be Licensed by the Bishop of Selby at 4.30pm on 16th September 2021 at via Zoom.

The Revd Arleen Ingham, Assistant Curate, SSM, of Scarborough St Mary with Christ Church and Holy Apostles, has been re-appointed and will now be known as Assistant Minister. She will be licensed in St Mary's, Scarborough by the Bishop of Hull at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th September 2021.

The Revd Darren Moore, Chaplain to Barnard Castle School in the Diocese of Durham, has been appointed as Rector of Yarm with Kirklevington, Picton and Worsall. He will be collated by the Bishop of Whitby in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm at 7.00pm on Sunday, 12th September 2021.

The Revd Stephen Treasure, Vicar of Little Horton in the Diocese of Leeds, has been appointed as Vicar (House for Duty) of The Thorntons and The Otteringtons (between Thirsk and Northallerton). He will be instituted by the Bishop of Whitby in St Andrew's, South Otterington at 7.00pm on Friday, 17th September 2021.

The Revd Dr Jenny Wright, Associate Priest at Christ Church, Morningside in the Scottish Episcopal Church, and Associate Tutor with the Scottish Episcopal Institute, has been appointed Chaplain to the Archbishop of York. She will take up her duties on a date to be announced.



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Bridge-building in Swainby



The 10th August saw a new bridge built across the Crook Beck in the middle of Swainby by children, mums and friends from Starz club in Easterside, Middlesbrough, invited for a day out by the eight villages of the Whorlton Benefice just fifteen miles away.

The bridge was a sign of new friendships being built, and celebrated with a short service in the church and a hot meal in the church hall.



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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

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

Making paths straight

I guess most people have a favourite bible passage or ones that stand out as significant in their lives. For me it is Proverbs 3 : 5 – 6 which says 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.'

I first came across it as a teenager when it was written in a bible that I was given. It was suggested that it was a good guide for living and over the years this has proved to be the case, whether in the everyday moments of life or during much bigger events.

When I was a vicar we had a significant building project with all the challenges this brings. Throughout this it seemed like the whole congregation embraced the verse - clinging on to it at times of great uncertainty and rejoicing in its truth when we finally opened our new building.

I've found myself going back to this verse recently as we've lived with all

the difficulties of the pandemic, wondered what church life is going to look like after it and now find ourselves listening to God we seek to discover how to 'Live Christ's Story' together. In the midst of all this uncertainty, I realise that I need to recognise that I don't have all the answers and trust God afresh.

God does bring us through uncertain times and he does 'make our paths straight'. As we wrestle with the call to 'acknowledge him' and to not 'lean on our own understanding' we are often changed as part of the journey. This, of course, is the life of a disciple, of one who lives Christ's Story. As we trust God through the present uncertainties, let's look not only for him to 'make our paths straight' but to help us grow closer to him, as he does so.



Andy Broom

Liz' Angel Delight

A retired vicar has turned author and written a series of stories to help children learn about God and the Bible.

The Revd Liz Kitching said she got 'a total buzz' from writing the books, each of which is taken from a well-known Bible story. The first is called: 'It's fun being an angel' and relates to stories found in the book of Genesis in the Old Testament and the Gospel of Luke. The idea to write a book dated back to the 1990s but it was not until the pandemic that Liz finally got around to putting pen to paper.

'I suppose I've been busy for the last 30 years doing other stuff,' she said.

'I had more free time during the pandemic. I'd been leading a team of folks going into local schools acting out Bible stories but we couldn't do that because of Covid.

'So I wrote an online story for Cayton Primary School, Scarborough called: 'The cheeky sheep'. I so enjoyed it, and found it so easy, that I thought 'I'll have another go!'

Liz's books are beautifully illustrated by Gordon Reed, her next door neighbour, and Janice Springall of Falsgrave, Scarborough.

'I was talking to a friend of mine. Her granddaughter is nine and reading books about monsters or being scared of the dentist, and I thought, 'What a horrible book for a kid to have to read, what if she's frightened of dentists already!'

'That was my motivation. I thought I'm going to write

books that won't frighten children but will bless them, make them cheerful and happy.'

Liz Kitching, 71, was for 20 years an infant and nursery teacher in London and Scarborough before training for ministry at St John's Theological College, Nottingham, and serving her curacy at All Saints, Northallerton, St James, Romanby, and St Lawrence Kirby Sigston.

She was appointed the vicar with responsibility overseeing churches in Cloughton, Hackness, Harwood Dale, Ravenscar and Staintondale, all in north Scarborough in 2005 before retiring eight years ago.

'Not very many schools these days allow you to talk about your faith,' she said. 'It's a taboo subject. This is just a gentle way of saying to children, actually there is a Christian holy book and it's called the Bible.' The books, which are suitable for all children, are £2 each and can be bought direct from Liz at elizabethkitching@btinternet.com.

- **The Revd Liz Kitching can be seen reading each story on YouTube: search YouTube for 'Liz Kitching'.**



Archbishop's new Chaplain:

The Revd Dr Jenny Wright heads for Bishopthorpe

The Revd Dr Jenny Wright, who is presently serving as Associate Priest at Christ Church, Morningside in the Scottish Episcopal Church, has been appointed Chaplain to the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell.



Jenny will support the Archbishop in his ministry in the York diocese and across the Northern Province, particularly providing spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and theological support at Bishopthorpe Palace, the working office and home of the Archbishop.

Jenny said; "I am absolutely delighted with this appointment. I am looking forward to praying for and supporting Archbishop Stephen, working alongside his team to advance his priorities of prayer, pilgrimage, evangelism and being a voice of the north."

Welcoming the appointment, Archbishop Stephen said, "It is fantastic that Jenny is joining us. Her pastoral, theological, administrative and liturgical skills will add value to the service

we offer the diocese of York and the northern province, helping us all to live and share Christ's story. I look forward to welcoming her and her family to Bishopthorpe."

Originally from South Africa, Jenny was ordained in 2015 before serving her title at Old St

Paul's Church in Edinburgh. Jenny has a doctorate in theology from the University of Stellenbosch, and her research and teaching since then has focused on public theology, justice and reconciliation, contextual theology and eco-theology. Alongside her role as associate priest, she is an associate tutor with the Scottish Episcopal Institute, convenor of the Church in Society Committee and on the editorial board of the SEI Journal.

Jenny is married to Sean, an avid mountain biker and they have two boys, Alexander and Christopher. In her spare time, Jenny enjoys baking, reading crime novels and is a keen amateur photographer.

Jenny will take up her duties as Archbishop's Chaplain in the autumn.

"A Shining Presence in the Church..."

Bishop of Hull to retire in Febru-

The Rt Revd Alison White is to retire as Bishop of Hull in February 2022.

She has served as Bishop of Hull since her consecration as the Church of England's second female bishop in York Minster on the 3rd July 2015, in succession to the Rt Revd Richard Frith.

As Bishop of Hull she has held a particular responsibility for the care of the people, parishes and clergy in the City of Hull, across the East Riding of Yorkshire and on the Yorkshire coast as far north as Ravenscar. Across the Diocese of York as a whole, Archbishop Sentamu appointed her Ambassador for Prayer and Spirituality and for Urban Life & Faith; in this capacity she has overseen the team that has launched Mustard Seed, the Diocese of York's initiative to build new worshipping communities amongst those living in places where life is tough.

Bishop Alison said, "I have loved being Bishop here in Hull and the East Riding – what an enormous gift! There are so many great people that I have met, worked with and prayed alongside. It will be a huge wrench to leave but I will carry the stories, and hopes with me. Lots of new things are happening and it seems right for a new person to come and take all that forward."

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell said, "One of the joys of becoming Archbishop of York has been the oppor-

tunity to work and worship again with Bishop Alison; she is a shining presence in the church and someone who attracts people to the God she serves and makes visible through her

own gentle prayerfulness and joyful warmth - not to mention her sense of humour. She is a gift to those who come to hear her, and to those she meets to do the Lord's work and to reach out with his love. Alison will be a hard act to follow, and she and Frank will leave with my gratitude and my prayers."

Bishops Alison and Frank White are the first and, to date, only instance in the Church of England of bishops married to each other. Bishop Frank joined Bishop Alison in Hull on his retirement in 2016 and has made his own contribution to the running and development of Hull Minster, including a spell as interim Priest-in-Charge there prior to the present Vicar's arrival.

Bishops Alison and Frank plan to realise their long-held ambition to settle in Northumberland.



Diocese of York Generosity Week

– it's from the Humber to the Tees and it's brand-new!

The Diocesan Generous Giving Team is excited to be leading a new diocese-wide event which offers the opportunity to spend eight days collectively focusing on nurturing and encouraging generosity.

Our brand new Diocesan Generosity Week takes place between Sunday 26 September to Sunday 3 October 2021, coinciding with the Church of England's national Generosity Week.

The Diocese of York's Generosity Week gives us the chance to explore the values and priorities of our refreshed diocesan vision, 'Living Christ's Story'. As

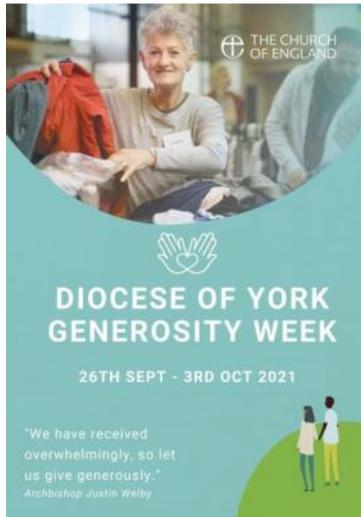
we think about the new 'transforming' strand of our diocesan strategy, being generous with God's transforming gifts is key on our journey of that transformation, as we seek to put mission at the centre of all that we do.

Diocesan Generous Giving Adviser, Sammi Tooze, comments,

"We're really excited about this new diocesan initiative, and the impact it will have within our churches.

"It's been a joy to hear so many stories

of generosity across our diocese, especially over the last 18 months, and this new initiative is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks and celebrate the giving that exists within our communities.



"As we continue to grow a culture of generosity, our Diocesan Generosity Week will help bring us together in our thinking on how we generously live Christ's story, as well planting seeds of experiencing the joy of giving.

"It's so easy to get involved, too - there are some really simple ideas for churches to encourage their communities to take part."

In this Diocese of York Generosity Week, we are encouraged to give time and space to inspire, encourage and celebrate how generous giving enables mission and ministry to flourish, deepen our understanding of God's generosity towards us, and explore how we can live more generously in our daily lives.

Sammi continues,

"Our Diocesan Generosity Week will begin with a video reflection from

Archbishop Stephen, which will help ground our thinking in the days following.

"We're encouraging churches to share their stories of generosity too, as a means of inspiring and celebrating across our family of churches - so do get in touch if you have a story to share!"

www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/generosity

Living in Love & Faith (LLF) ~ latest resources

Through its 'Living in Love and Faith' (LLF) programme, the Church of England wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

Our Diocesan LLF Advocates, Helen Lawrence and Richard Walker, have made a series of short videos to introduce the five 'Pastoral Principles' underlying the LLF programme; you will find them via our LLF page at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/llf.

LLF Facilitation Training

The Church of England is offering national LLF Facilitation Training webinars on the following dates in September 2021:

Wednesday 8th 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Tuesday 14th 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 28th 10.00am – 12.00 noon


**DIOCESE OF YORK
GENEROSITY WEEK**
26TH SEPT - 3RD OCT 2021

Anyone wanting to register for a session should contact Georgina Morgan via (georgina.morgan@churchofengland.org)

Within the Diocese of York there are three local centres where the LLF course will be offered for those that would prefer a more anonymous approach. Please contact the following clergy who will start a course at their centre when there are sufficient numbers.

- **York Minster:** Revd Canon Michael Smith (michaels@yorkminster.org)
- **Bridlington Priory:** Revd Matthew Pollard (matthewrpollard@btinternet.com)
- **All Saints Northallerton:** Revd Fiona Mayer-Jones (revdfmj@gmail.com)

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