



The church of St Martin-on-the-Hill, Scarborough, opened 'The Beggars Belief' café in September, making use of its newly developed kitchen and reordered space to offer a 'New kid on the block' amongst eating places on the South Cliff.

The Beggars Belief Café was the brainchild of Churchwarden Lesley Trueman, who runs it six days a week between 11.00am and 4.00pm.

Lesley says, "We needed to get improved access to the listed Grade 1 church for visitors,

being a pre-Raphaelite attraction, and use this opportunity to raise more money for the church to improve its outreach work, plus create a space for private worship.

"Already we're experiencing the benefits".

The tea cosies are part of the unique experience that is created within the café area. All produce is homemade, and already the Welsh Rarebit has been compared to a Michelin 4 star restaurant! The coffee is comparable to any available in a café elsewhere in Scarborough, which is often a delightful surprise to visitors.

It is hoped that the café will become a focal point of the community, and it already has its 'regulars'. In addition there will be specialist nights starting with a sell-out 'bistro night' in November, as there is an opportunity for atmospheric unique events.

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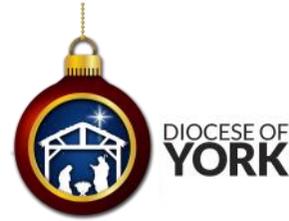
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The Revd Canon John Weelman, Vicar of Selby St Mary (Selby Abbey), has been appointed by the Bishop of Selby to be Area Dean of Selby for a period of five years with effect from 22nd November 2021. He succeeds the **Revd Canon Chris Wilton** who has held the position since 2006.

The Revd Irene Wilson, Assistant Curate of Kingston Upon Hull, Holy Trinity (Hull Minster), has been reappointed for a

period of two years. She will be Licensed by the Bishop of Hull on Tuesday, 26th November 2021 in Hull House.

The Revd Dr Jenny Wright, Associate Rector of Christ Church, Morningside in the Diocese of Edinburgh, has been appointed as Domestic Chaplain to the Archbishop of York. She will be licensed by the Archbishop of York on Thursday, 18th November 2021 in Bishopthorpe Palace Chapel.



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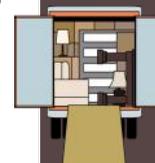
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To the Saints of the Diocese of York

The Archbishop of York,
Stephen Cottrell,
writes:

Your greatest achievement

How would you answer the question once posed to me; "So Stephen, what's your greatest achievement?"

You might answer by saying "I raised a family, refurbished a house, turned a wilderness into a garden, or overcame an addiction." It's fascinating how we measure achievements. If only I'd had amazing hand-eye coordination I could have opened for England in the T20 and scored 100 runs in 67 balls (Jos Buttler). But it wasn't to be...

"So you are a king?" Pilate says to Jesus at his trial (John 18.37). Is this what Pilate aspired to? Could Pilate have longed to gain promotion from Roman Governor to King? We recently celebrated Christ the King Sunday and this was the Gospel reading.

Jesus, however, says to Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world – in other words it is a radically different kingdom from the kind we might consider an achievement. The values of Jesus' kingdom are totally the opposite. Success is sacrificial living, possessions are to be used and shared. Outward

appearances count for nothing - it is what's in the heart. The shepherd will search for a single lost sheep and the woman for a lost coin. And there's great rejoicing in heaven because the lost is found.



We're about to enter Advent on the way to Christmas. Worldly success and achievements are not front and centre. It's not the rich business entrepreneur or politician with the message to transform the world. It's a scary prophet whose home is the desert who has the message from God. It's not the A-class celebrity couple with the perfect family who have the answers. It's a man and a young woman who have a baby in circumstances less than ideal. And, what's more, it's the baby who is the focus!

I invite you to consider your greatest achievement as being a disciple of Jesus. And all of us as Church to measure our achievements by how faithfully we are Christ-centred and Jesus-shaped, living Christ's story, passing on Good News and rejoicing with those who find their achievements in God's kingdom.

+Stephen

People on the Move

Comings and Goings in the Diocese of York



The Revd Martin Faulkner, Vicar of the South Holderness Coast, will resign with effect from Wednesday, 16 February 2022. He has been appointed as Priest in Charge of the Revel Group Benefice in the Diocese of Coventry. His final service will on be Sunday, 16th January 2022.

The Revd Katie Franks, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Cople, Moggerhanger and Willington in the Diocese of St Albans, has been appointed as Vicar of Coxwold and Huthwaite, and Rector of Crayke with Brandsby and Yearsley (the Byland Churches). She will be instituted by the Bishop of Selby at 7.30pm on Thursday, 16th December 2021.

The Revd Dr Ian McIntosh, formerly with the National Ministry Team, London, was appointed as Director of Mission and Ministry with effect from 31 August 2021. He will be licensed by the Archbishop of York on Thursday, 18th November 2021 in Bishopthorpe Palace Chapel.

The Revd Kate Jamie, Chaplain to HMP Kirklevington, resigned with effect from 28th September 2021.

The Revd Shena Moray, Assistant Curate of Cloughton and Burniston held in plurality with Newby St Mark, has been appointed as Vicar of the Scarborough St Luke and Scarborough St Mark, Newby. She will be collated by the Bishop of Hull in the Parish Church of St Mark, Newby on Tuesday, 16th November 2021 at 7.30pm.

The Revd Nick Morgan, Priest in Charge of Bramham, has been appointed by the Bishop of Selby to be Area Dean of New Ainsty for a period of five years with effect from 4th November 2021. He succeeds **the Revd Geoff Mumford** who has held the position since 2015.

The Ven Mark Steadman, formerly Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey in the Diocese of Lincoln, has been appointed as Chief of Staff to the Archbishop of York.

Hannah Smith, Interim Leader of G2, York, was Commissioned as Leader of G2, York Mission Initiative by the Bishop of Selby on 24th October 2021.

The Revd Paulie Watkin, Team Vicar in the Witham and Villages Team Ministry, and Leader of the Pilgrim Rivers Mission and Ministry Unit in the Diocese of Chelmsford, has been appointed as Assistant Curate (incumbent designate) of Tadcaster. The licensing by the Bishop of Selby will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th November 2021 in the Parish Church of St Mary's, Tadcaster; the induction as Vicar of the Benefice of Tadcaster by the Bishop of Selby will be held at 2.30pm on Monday, 13th December 2021 in the Parish Church of St Mary's, Church Fenton.

'We have so many people in need... we always pray that God will provide people who will come along and help'

The requests for small grants are detailed, varied and at times heartbreaking.

A fast food worker needs to buy a pair of shoes as part of his uniform before he starts his job.

Another man has been helped to buy new tools so he could return to work. He sold his tools earlier to fund his mother's funeral.

Some are refugees, with one listed as needing help with travel costs to therapy sessions for PTSD after fleeing his country.

Many are from people living with mental and physical ill health. There are families and individuals who were just getting by before an item such as a cooker or fridge broke. Others have been unemployed and need help in the weeks before they receive their first wages.

The Acts 435 charity was founded just over a decade ago by the then Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu and launched at the General Synod of the Church of England.

It relies on a network of trained advocates based in more than 500 churches and local charities throughout the UK to act as intermediaries for people in need.



Donors are able to give directly in response to requests posted on the charity website.

The number of people it has helped has risen by more than 50% since the start of the pandemic.

In February last year there were 334 people who were helped but this figure rose to 513 two months later, after the first lockdown. Demand has remained at the same level since.

Acts 435 Executive Director Jenny Herrera (pictured) said she believed that the charity was now facing the 'calm before the storm' this winter.

"We have so many people in need, and we always pray that God will provide people who will come along and help. We are a small team and we would love to partner with more churches and reach more people."

Acts 435 takes its name from Acts 4:32 to Acts 4.35 when the early Christians shared their possessions and passed money to the apostles to give to anyone in need. A total of 32,455 people have benefited from small grants since Acts 435 was founded.

acts435.org.uk

Heavenly Host heads for Sandsend

2,000 angels are being knitted, sewn, stuck or crocheted in Sandsend near Whitby, to make a spectacular display in St Mary's Church, and to be hung in bags round the villages between Sandsend and Staithe with notes of Christmas services in the local C of E, Roman Catholic and Methodist churches.

Sandsend residents Helen Lloyd and Judy Clark spotted the popularity of crafting during the COVID lockdowns, giving people creative purpose and bringing them together through shared interests.

Helen explained, "When people were so fed up, just after Christmas we launched The Angel Project. The idea was also inspired by Goathland where they have an annual tradition of making angels or doves and attaching them round villages to let people know when special Christmas carol services and events are happening."

Further inspiration came when Judy's friends sent images from San Francisco, where Grace Cathedral hosted an installation of hundreds of white paper birds. This prompted the idea to make angels that would be hung from St Mary's Church, at the start of Advent.

One of Helen's spare rooms is slowly being overtaken by hundreds of angels, crafted from every age group. People come together to craft their angels in company at angel tea parties, whose popularity is ensured by additional incentives of cake and tea.

"Not everyone can knit, sew or crochet, but everyone can do something and all are welcome," acknowledges Helen. "So to make this project more inclusive a local resident, Chris, came up with the genius idea of using recycled waste overflow pipes. So far we've got a 1,000 pieces of overflow pipes for angels' heads." Key rings are also used which would have otherwise go to waste, and the result is a charming, crisp white angel with perfectly fluted wings.

It's hoped the angel project will inspire people to feel that this Christmas

will be very different to last year's; keeping the spirit of creativity alive and recalling that many were kept going by everyday 'earth angels' from the NHS, key workers, to supermarket heroes, friends, neighbours and community initiatives that popped up all over the country.





Living Christ's Story:

“the right help and the right route”

The Archbishop of York has asked the Ven Sam Rushton (pictured), Archdeacon of York, to be Interim Diocesan Director for Strategic Transformation for a six-month period of secondment from her regular duties, beginning on 15 November 2021.



The Ven John Day, currently based in the Diocese of York while ministering across the Northern Province for the Archbishop, and a former Archdeacon of Christchurch, New Zealand, will take over the functions of Archdeacon of York for this period.

Consultations

Parishes and deaneries have contributed this year to consultations across the Diocese to help guide us in becoming more Christ-like, and by growing the church which is his body. Sam Rushton's role for the coming six months will be to facilitate the work that the Diocesan Leadership Team will do together in refining and completing the strategic vision for the Diocese emerging from the consultation responses. She

will aim to steer the vision through Diocesan Synod, working to build up ownership of and commitment to the vision as it develops, and through communicating it clearly, to prepare the way for its implementation across the Diocese.

In an interim role funded and re-sourced from short-term savings in pooled diocesan costs, Sam will lead a bid for strategic funding from the na-

tional Church of England to employ a substantive Director for Strategic Transformation and build additional capacity to support parishes and deaneries as the prayerful vision emerging from the consultation develops into a framework for permanent and fruitful change for us all across the Diocese.

A Vital Crossroads

Archbishop Stephen said, "As a Diocese we're at a vital crossroads where we need to find the right help and the right route to Living Christ's Story in the

2020s and 2030s. People in parishes and deaneries from the Tees to the Humber have shared their vision and we now have to pray and work together to see how we can make this work with what God has provided; I am thrilled that in Sam Rushton we have someone from our own church family with a strong background in developing and applying a vision – someone of faith and talent who can step into the role of Interim Director for the Strategic Transformation of the Diocese of York."



- Sam Rushton served as Archdeacon of Cleveland for four years before becoming Archdeacon of York, having previously served as Diocesan Adviser for Licensed Ministry and Warden of Readers in the Diocese of Bristol. Before ordination, Sam worked for Lloyds TSB for 14 years, including eight years in UK Retail Banking 'Business Strategy and Planning', working at Group and Business Unit levels on strategic reviews, organisation redesign and mergers & acquisitions.

- John Day, who will take over the administrative roles of the Archdeacon of York, is already well-known in the Diocese. He has served since 2016 as the Archbishop of York's Assistant Chaplain and Adviser in Mission Strategy and Church Revitalisation; his parish ministry is working with the incumbent in York St Chad, St Clement and Bishopthorpe St Andrew. From 2001 to 2015 John worked in the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, as a vicar and then Archdeacon in Christchurch Diocese; previously he had been a vicar in Bradford and Leeds, and later was Archdeacon in Liverpool Diocese assisting parishes in strategies for growth.



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