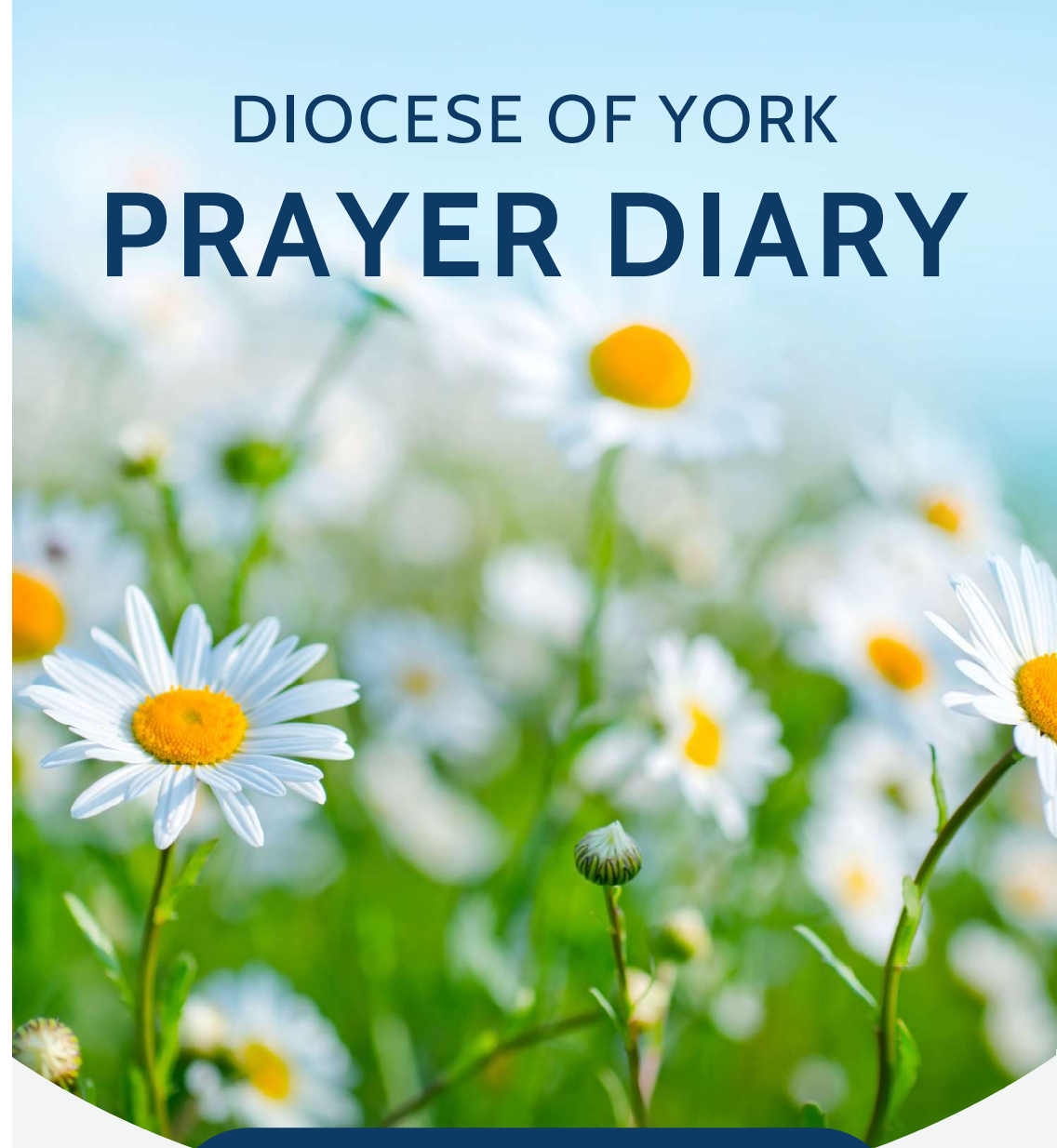


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Up and Running with Revitalise

In October 2022, the Bishops and Archdeacons committed to inviting a selection of parishes to join Revitalise – a Diocesan Living Christ's Story initiative. It is a programme which accompanies parishes for two years on a journey to grow missionally and financially. Revitalise invites everyone in the local church community to play a part.

Ian Nursey, who is taking part in Revitalise with the Benefice of Skirlaugh, reflects on his experience so far.

"Being part of Revitalise has meant that we have joined a community of other like-minded benefices and churches to receive ideas, tools and inspiration to help us explore ways to grow our churches and become more effective in our mission and pastoral work. We have shared our experiences of the difficulties we face and the successes we can achieve in our ministry.

"Our Deanery Leadership Team worked hard to develop a plan of how we can live Christ's story. And being part of Revitalise is enabling us to convert that plan into achievable actions in our churches and communities.

"In the autumn, members from all eight of our benefice churches spent a day together where we explored hopes and ideas for mission and ministry across our own parishes. Whilst we all recognised and shared many of the problems of rural ministry, we enjoyed positive and exciting conversations about how we can contribute to our deanery plan and how we can grow our ministry. We have created a long list of opportunities: some of them easy to do – and already in action – and some more difficult.

"We have ideas and actions for benefice-wide pastoral, prayer or teaching groups to strengthen us as one church; we are exploring how we can grow families and children's activities and events from our schools and looking at ways we can use our beautiful buildings for the benefit of our wider communities."

We would value your prayers for each of the benefices on Revitalise:

- for a growing confidence in the Good News of Jesus amongst us all
- for God to call new disciples and to renew us all as missionary disciples
- for our local churches to be a blessing in the wider community, reaching out in loving service.

<p>Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Archbishop Martin Modéus, Bishop Karin Johannesson Church in Wales: Diocese of Llandaff, Bishop Mary Stallard</p>	<p>Archdeaconry of Blue Downs; Diocese of False Bay</p>
<p>Porvoo Communion</p>	<p>South Africa Diocesan Link</p>

- Sun 7 The Second Sunday of Easter**
 Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.
Anglican Communion: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria
- Mon 8 Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Pray for: St Nicholas, Guisborough
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Derby, The Church of England
- Tues 9 Calendar of Saints: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr 1945**
Pray for: Kirkleatham Parish: St Cuthbert, Kirkleatham; St Hilda, Kirkleatham
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, The Church of Ireland
- Weds 10 Calendar of Saints: William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761**
William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347
Pray for: St Leonard, Loftus-in-Cleveland; St Helen, Carlin How and Skinninggrove
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dhaka, The Church of Bangladesh
- Thurs 11 Calendar of Saints: George Selwyn, bishop, 1878**
Pray for: St Mark, Marske-in-Cleveland
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of San Diego, The Episcopal Church
- Fri 12 Pray for:** St Thomas, New Marske; Emmanuel, Saltburn-by-the-Sea
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Divine Hope, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- Sat 13 Pray for:** St Peter, Redcar
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dogura, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea



The Genesis Project awarded 'MBE for volunteer groups'

Volunteers at the Genesis Project in Middlesbrough have been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service, known as 'the MBE for volunteer groups'. It is one of 262 local charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. Earlier this year, more than 30 volunteers were presented with their awards by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Jo Ropner.

The Genesis Project, lead by the Revd Kath Dean, is a community hub in Grove Hill, Middlesbrough. Beginning as a kids' club, the Genesis Project has grown into a vital local resource, providing for both the material and spiritual needs of the community. From their base at St Oswald's Church Hall, Kath and the team offer a safe social space, kids clubs, and holiday clubs with food, toys, and clothes supplied and donated by both local and national businesses. The Eco Shop, run by Shaun Sidgwick, provides the equivalent of a full week's shop – food, toiletries, household essentials – for £4. The mission which underpins all that the Genesis Project is, is to be a positive force by empowering the community through creating a safe place, with a Christian caring approach for the whole person and their needs.

David Kerfoot, a Deputy Lieutenant who assessed the Genesis Project for the King's Award, said, "I don't think I've ever seen a group of people more deserving of this award. When I walked through that door, the thing that struck me was how enthusiastic everyone is. Everyone works so well together – the effort, support, and compassion for the community is so special."

Receiving the certificate and award crystal, Kath said, "All the glory goes to God in this. This is such a special award, and in my 70th year, it's telling me, "You're not past it yet!" A lot of the volunteers came here first for help, and now they're helping others. That's what Genesis is about – it's not just about feeding people and giving people clothes, it's about lifting people up."

Please pray for the Genesis Project, all its volunteers, St Oswald's Church, and all members of the community – giving thanks for its ministry, and praying for its future work.

Anglican Communion

The Anglican Communion is a family of 42 autonomous and independent-yet-interdependent national, pan-national and regional churches in communion with the see of Canterbury. Through the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Anglicans around the world have been united in praying on the same day for the same dioceses. Day by day, Monday to Saturday, we join in prayer for particular dioceses. And on Sundays, we pray mainly for provinces – and occasionally for other specific prayer biddings.

Find out more at anglicancommunion.org.

Ember Days

An Ember Day is a day on which we pray for those who serve the Church in its various ministries, both ordained and lay, and for vocations.

Praying for Young People

The Church of England invites everyone to join a weekly twenty-minute online prayer gathering for doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030. The weekly Zoom prayer gathers every Tuesday for 20 mins from 13:00-13:20 GMT. It isn't primarily about numbers – it's about young lives being won and shaped by the goodness, beauty and truth of Jesus. Find out more and join the prayer:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/children-and-young-people/praying-doubling-number-children-and-young-active-disciples-church>



Stories

The news pages in this prayer diary celebrate how we are Living Christ's Story across our diocesan family, and are there to help us to pray for and with one another. If you have any stories you'd like to share for future editions of the Prayer Diary, please contact our Diocesan Discipleship Adviser on sammi.tooze@yorkdiocese.org.

Useful Links

Archbishop of York: archbishopofyork.org

The Church of England: churchofengland.org

Contact

If you have any questions or comments, please email us on: prayerdiary@yorkdiocese.org.

The contribution of Avril Rhodes in compiling this diary is gratefully acknowledged.



Follow our daily prayers on social media @DioceseOfYork and on our website: www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/prayerdiary.



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About the Prayer Diary

How to use this Prayer Dairy

This Prayer Diary is for everyone across the Diocese of York. You are welcome to use it in whatever way suits you best - as a personal pattern of prayer, as part of your church community or prayer group, within Intercessions, or through storytelling and social media. We'd love to hear how you use this prayer diary - do get in touch if there's any feedback you'd like to share!

Praying for the Whole People of God

In our Prayer Diary, we pray each day for churches, schools and other communities across our diocese. When we do this, we pray for the whole people of God in that place - all those who lead and serve, those who worship, and those in the wider community.

Diocesan South African Link

The Diocese of York is twinned with three Dioceses in South Africa - Cape Town, False Bay and Saldanha Bay. The Diocese of Saldanha Bay is linked with the Archdeaconry of York, False Bay with the Archdeaconry of Cleveland, and the Diocese of Cape Town with the Archdeaconry of East Riding. The purpose of the link is to encourage one another, in a mutual concern to help each other in our mission to make Christ's love known. We are committing to pray for communities in South Africa each week in our Diocesan Prayer Diary.

Porvoo Communion

The Porvoo Communion is a communion of 15 Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran churches in Europe. The communion was established in 1992 by a theological agreement entitled the Porvoo Common Statement which establishes full communion between and among these churches. The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it 'to share a common life' and 'to pray for and with one another'. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo churches and their Dioceses.

Find out more at porvoo communion.org

April

14th - 20th April

Church of England: Diocese of Derby.

Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton

Church of Ireland: Diocese of Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:

Diocese of Aalborg,

Bishop Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen

Guild of Bernard Mizeki;

Men's Guild for African lay men to promote and encourage the participation and nurturing of men's leadership in the life of the Church.

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 14 The Third Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Mon 15 **Pray for:** St Aidan, Boosbeck; St Chad, Lingdale; All Saints, Skelton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Doko, The Church of Nigeria

Tues 16 **Calendar of Saints:** Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923

Pray for: St Cuthbert, Wilton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dominican Republic, The Episcopal Church

Weds 17 **Pray for:** Schools within the Guisborough Deanery; Coatham C of E Primary School,

St Peter's C of E School, Brotton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dornakai, The Church of South India (United)

Thurs 18 **Pray for:** St Bartholomew, Aldbrough; St Giles, Goxhill; All Saints, Mappleton;

St Alban, Withernwick

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Down and Dromore, The Church of Ireland

Fri 19 **Calendar of Saints:** Alphege, Archbishop, martyr, 1012

Pray for: St Leonard, Beeford; St Mary, Brandesburton; St Nicholas, Dunnington; St Andrew, Foston-on-the-Wolds; Holy Trinity, Leven; St James of Compostella, Lissett; St Elgin, North Frodingham

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, The Church of Ireland

Sat 20 **Pray for:** St Lawrence, Atwick; St Nicholas, Hornsea; All Saints, Skipsea

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Duk, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan



FESTIVAL OF Faith & Music

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Festival of Faith and Music comes to York

York is to host the first-ever Church Times Festival of Faith and Music in partnership with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) this coming week (26–28 April 2024).

The Festival brings together a stimulating programme of music and worship, talks and workshops over a weekend celebrating church music in all its glory – hoping to send delegates home encouraged, inspired and equipped with new and practical ideas.

An exciting and engaging range of speakers, discussions, and workshops will include a keynote speech by the Archbishop of York and dedicated services held in York Minster. A choice of workshops will run on subjects as diverse as taking your church choir into the community, using music to support your church's engagement with dementia, caring for a pipe organ, choosing hymns, and growing the church younger through music. Top-flight professional singers James Gilchrist and Andrea Haines will contribute, both of whom began their singing lives in parish church choirs, as well as Victoria Johnson, Alexander L'Estrange, and The Ebor Singers.

The Festival is for music leaders, clergy, and anyone with a general interest in sacred music, and will be a source of celebration, inspiration, encouragement, and resource.

Festival Director Sarah Meyrick (Church Times) said: "Building on our many years' experience running our Festivals of Preaching and of Faith and Literature we're delighted to be adding this new event to our stable. Over the weekend there will be a rich menu of interesting sessions, delivered by some excellent speakers. We're very much looking forward to welcoming festival-goers to York for what should be a very stimulating couple of days."

Hugh Morris (Director, RSCM) added: "I am delighted that we are working together with the Church Times to put on this new Festival. Music is such an important part of worship, and we have put together a wide range of sessions on topics which we hope will appeal to music leaders, clergy leaders, and church music lovers alike. I am sure it will be a really engaging and interesting weekend and am myself already looking forward to attending."

Please pray for the Festival of Faith and Music, that it will inspire and equip many in the worship of our churches.

To find out more about the Festival, and to book a place, please visit:
www.faithandmusic.hymnsam.co.uk

July

30th June – 6th July

Church of England: Diocese of Lincoln, Bishop Stephen Conway,
Bishop David Court, Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Härnösand,
Bishop Eva Nordung Byström

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Lapua,
Bishop Matti Salomäki

Anglican Youth of Southern Africa;
AYSA is administered and coordinated by
the Provincial Youth Council (PYC) who
ensures that there is a vibrant and effective
Youth Ministry in each Diocese

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 30 The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anglican Communion: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Mon 1 Calendar of Saints: Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873

Pray for: Mission Room, Baldersby; St James, Baldersby; St John the Evangelist, Dalton; Mission Room, Rainton; St Columba, Topcliffe

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gogrial, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tues 2 Pray for: Schools within the Mowbray Deanery; Dishforth C of E Primary School; Knayton C of E Primary School; Sessay C of E Primary School; South Kilvington C of E Primary School; South Otterington C of E Primary School; Topcliffe C of E Primary School, Queen Mary's School, Baldersby

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Goma, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Weds 3 Calendar of Saints: Thomas the Apostle

Pray for: Diocesan Discipleship Adviser

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gombe, The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 4 Pray for: Diocese of Sheffield; Sheffield Cathedral

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Good Shepherd, Ireja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Fri 5 Pray for: University of York, St John, Chaplaincy and students

General Synod begins

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Grafton, The Anglican Church of Australia

Sat 6 Calendar of Saints: Thomas More, scholar and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535

Pray for: St Ricarius, Aberford; St James, Lotherton; St Mary, Micklefield

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Grahamstown, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa



Pastoral Letter

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Paul Ferguson.

“God loves you.” Bishop Michael Baughen whispered those words just after he laid hands on me, at my ordination as priest in Chester Cathedral. It took me aback: the words of the service were all scripted, we had been carefully rehearsed, and everything seemed so formal. And then a secret whisper: ‘God loves you.’

It’s now 29 years since I first came to York, as Precentor at the Minster. As cathedral canon, archdeacon and bishop, I have met so many extraordinary and wonderful people; seen people grow in faith, discipleship and ministry; and I have had the best colleagues that anyone could wish for. Like any minister, I have been with people at the turning points of life, and when its troubles and confusions have threatened to overwhelm them. And you have been there for me too — thank you.

Paul wrote to the Romans: ‘We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.’

Paul could have been writing to us, with all our different abilities and responsibilities. Whatever your role, you will have concerns that can be daunting. But being God’s co-workers, the ambassadors and messengers of God’s love, is the reason why we do all the work, why we run the projects, why we have all those meetings.

It has been such a privilege to be part of this diocese’s life and work. I’m confident that God has more great opportunities in store. And whatever happens along the way, especially if it’s tough at times, hear the whisper: God loves you.

Church of England:
Diocese of Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff

Scottish Episcopal Church:
Diocese of Brechin, Bishop Andrew Smith

The Lutheran Church in Great Britain:
Bishop Paulina Hlawiczka-Trotman

Bishop of Table Bay,
The Rt Revd Joshua Low

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father’s sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.
Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Australia
- Mon 22

Pray for: Stephen Lawrence Day and World Earth Day 2024
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dunedin, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Tues 23

Calendar of Saints: George, martyr, Patron of England c. 304
Pray for: St George’s Day
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Busoga, The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Weds 24

Calendar of Saints: Mellitus, bishop, 624; Seven martyrs of the Melanesian brotherhood, 2003
Pray for: St John the Baptist, Bewholme; St Michael, Catwick; St James, Ellerby; St Margaret, Long Riston; All Saints, Rise; St Lawrence, Sigglesworth; St Augustine, Skirlaugh; St Mary, Swine
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Durgapur, The Church of North India (United)
- Thurs 25

Calendar of Saints: Mark the Evangelist
Pray for: Schools within the North Holderness Deanery; Beeford C of E School, Leven C of E Primary School, Riston C of E Primary School, Sigglesworth C of E Primary School, Skirlaugh C of E Primary School
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Durham, The Church of England
- Fri 26

Pray for: St James the Deacon, Acomb Moor
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Dutse, The Church of Nigeria
- Sat 27

Calendar of Saints: Christina Rossetti, 1894
Pray for: St Stephen, Acomb
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of East Kerala, The Church of South India (United)



First New Year for joint Methodist – Anglican ministry

2024 is the Revd Melanie Burnside's first full year in the post described as "unusual and exciting" – and one of her tasks is to explain to people exactly what her job is. Melanie's job title is "Interim Priest in Charge – Joint Anglican-Methodist churches Helmsley area", but when people in the Ryedale market town at the heart of her 'patch' ask her if she's "the new Vicar of Helmsley," she says, "I minister at All Saints' and more..."

It's so much more; Melanie looks after the Church of England parishes of Helmsley (including Sproxtun, Rievaulx and East Moors) and of Upper Ryedale (Bilsdale, Cold Kirkby, Hawnby, Old Byland and Scawton), and is also the authorised presbyter to the Methodist Churches of Helmsley and Rievaulx – that's nine Anglican and two Methodist churches altogether.

Enabled by the 2003 Covenant between the Methodist Church and the Church of England, the two leadership teams reached agreement for a joint post serving the eleven churches, initially for three years with the possibility of a further three-year extension; they found the ideal candidate almost on their doorstep in Melanie Burnside, who had been Curate in the neighbouring Kirkdale group of churches.

Melanie grew up in Derbyshire but has lived and worked in North Yorkshire for over twenty years, fifteen in a small family agricultural business before she was ordained in 2021; her own Christian faith was shaped in the Methodist tradition and drew her to be ordained in the Church of England, with a strong appreciation of the different perspectives each church embodies.

"It's a creative solution to make the most of our resources. It's not my job to merge the distinct church congregations, but to encourage them all to be engaged with the community in the world," she says.

Support for Melanie's post comes both from within the churches and from the wider community. Helmsley's representative on North Yorkshire Council, Councillor George Jabbour, comments, "Since the start, I have been a big supporter of this pioneering arrangement and was absolutely delighted to welcome the Revd Melanie Burnside to her new role during her Licensing and Installation service in November on behalf of the residents of Helmsley."

Melanie comments, "I'm already enjoying getting to know the different communities around the churches," she says, "and I'm excited to see how the opportunities of 2024 will unfold as we explore this new arrangement together."

June

23rd – 29th June

Church of England: Diocese in Europe,
Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop David Hamid
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Visby, Bishop Erik Eckerdal
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
Diocese of Copenhagen, Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen

Church Lads and Girls Brigades
across Southern Africa

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 23 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Anglican Communion: The Church of England
- Mon 24 Calendar of Saints: Birth of John the Baptist**
Pray for: Leake, Osmotherley and Hillside Parishes (1); Holy Trinity, Boltby; St Michael, Cowesby; St Oswald, East Harley; St Felix, Felixkirk; All Saints, Ingleby Arncliffe
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of George, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Tues 25 Pray for:** Leake, Osmotherley & Hillside Parishes (2); St Wilfrid, Kirkby Knowle; St Mary, Leake; All Saints, Nether Silton; St Peter, Osmotherley; St Mary, Over Silton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Georgia, The Episcopal Church
- Weds 26 Ember Day**
Pray for: All Saints, Northallerton; St Lawrence, Kirby Sigston; St James, Romanby. Victims of Torture Day
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gippsland, The Anglican Church of Australia
- Thurs 27 Calendar of Saints: Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444**
Pray for: St Mary, Bagby; St Mary, Kilburn; St Oswald, Sowerby; All Saints, Thirkleby, St Cuthbert, Sessay
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gitega, The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Fri 28 Calendar of Saints: Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c200**
Ember Day
Pray for: St Michael & All Angels, North Otterington; St Andrew, South Otterington; St Leonard, Thornton-le-Street
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Sat 29 Calendar of Saints: Peter and Paul, Apostles**
Ember Day
Pray for: St Leonard, Sandhutton; St Wilfrid, South Kilvington; St Mary, Thirsk; St Lawrence, Carlton Miniott
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gloucester, The Church of England



Celebrating Ordinations at Petertide

The Revd Canon Nick Bird, Diocesan Adviser for Vocations, reflects on the upcoming ordinations at Petertide.

The Church sets aside particular people to serve the people of God, to lead them in worship, and to enable them in ministry. Whether Deacons or Priests, the Church seeks out those whose deep roots of discipleship have developed into the green shoots of service, ministry, and mission, those who are seeking to set God's people free in every way. By tradition many are ordained at Petertide toward the end of June, and our diocese is no different.

The feast of St Peter (also the dedication of York Minster) reminds us that the unlikely and unpredictable are called into leadership in the Church – rough, unready, seemingly unsuitable – and yet the Christian community has discerned a love for people and God, a call to ministry, wisdom, fruitfulness and potential. These are people whom we have trained, and whom we shall trust.

At Petertide this year we look forward to the possibility of ordaining young and old, those with high academic achievements and those with hard-won practical wisdom, priests,

transitional deacons (those whom we anticipate ordaining priest at a later time) and those whose ministry is to the Distinctive Diaconate.

Please pray for all those being discerned, formed and trained for ordained ministry, for they cannot bear the weight of this calling in their own strength, but only by the grace and power of God.

'Priests are ordained to lead God's people in the offering of praise and the proclamation of the gospel. They share with the Bishop in the oversight of the Church, delighting in its beauty and rejoicing in its well-being. They are to set the example of the Good Shepherd always before them as the pattern of their calling. With the Bishop and their fellow presbyters, they are to sustain the community of the faithful by the ministry of word and sacrament, that we all may grow into the fullness of Christ and be a living sacrifice acceptable to God.'

From Common Worship Ordination Services

Please pray for all those being ordained deacon and priest this Petertide.

May

28th April- 4rd May

Church of Sweden:
Diocese of Gothenberg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann
Scottish Episcopal Church:
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, Bishop Kevin Pearson

Green Anglicans,
the Anglican Church of Southern Africa's
Environmental Network

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- Sun 28** **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.
Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh
- Mon 29** **Calendar of Saints: Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the faith, 1380**
Pray for: The Holy Redeemer, Acomb; St Everilda, Nether Poppleton; All Saints, Upper Poppleton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Easton, The Episcopal Church
- Tues 30** **Calendar of Saints: Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator 1922**
Pray for: St Philip and St James, Clifton; St Mark, Rawcliffe; The Clifton Moor Church
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eau Claire, The Episcopal Church
- Weds 1** **Calendar of Saints: Philip and James Apostles**
Pray for: St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Ecuador, The Episcopal Church
- Thurs 2** **Calendar of Saints: Athanasius, bishop, Teacher of the faith, 373**
Pray for: St Oswald, Fulford
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Edinburgh, The Scottish Episcopal Church
- Fri 3** **Pray for:** St Mary, Haxby; St Nicholas, Wigginton
UNESCO World Press Freedom Day (A Press for the Planet: Journalism in the face of the Environmental Crisis)
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Edmonton, The Anglican Church of Canada
- Sat 4** **Calendar of Saints: English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation era**
Pray for: St Paul, Heslington; St Lawrence, York; St Thomas, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, The Church of England



Pastoral Letter

A Pastoral Letter from the Venerable Andy Broom,
Archdeacon of the East Riding.



Fortunately for the Church, the Trade Descriptions Act does not apply to us, otherwise I wonder sometimes whether we might be liable for a complaint under it?! The Church is so many things. We are:

- at the heart of our community, a local cohesive force for good
- a place where God can be known and worshipped
- the Church of England, there for everyone
- the Institutional Church, on hand for civic and national events
- the Diocese, a collaborative organisational network

All of this is true and it's all part of the picture of being church. But does any of this actually get to the heart of what church is, and what it's for? The Acts of the Apostles depicts the church as a group of people who became convinced that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and they were completely transformed by their encounter with him and with his Holy Spirit. Their lives were shaped by Christ and, as we say in our diocese, they set out individually and together, to Live Christ's Story. Living for him, and with him, was their priority.

The Church has many purposes and different ways of expressing itself. There is so much we can offer, so many ways that we can serve. We may need, though, to come back to the 'core business' of church, of knowing Jesus and the power of his Holy Spirit. For when that comes first and is foremost, the church is at its most effective – just look at the Acts of Apostles!

June

16th - 22nd June

Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Argyll and the Isles
Church of Ireland: Diocese of Connor, Bishop George Davison
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
Diocese of Lolland-Falster, Bishop Marianne Gaarden

Archdeaconry of Elsie River;
Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 16 **The Third Sunday after Trinity and Father's Day**
God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Mon 17 **Calendar of Saints: Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936**
Pray for: Refugee Week (17-23 June)
Merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.
Bless those who work to bring relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gahini, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Tues 18 **Calendar of Saints: Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896**
Pray for: St John the Baptist, Acklam (S Ryedale); St Mary, Birdsall; All Saints, Burythorpe;
St Andrew, Langton; St Nicholas, North Grimston; All Saints, Settrington; St Mary Westow
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gambella, The Episcopal/Anglican Province
of Alexandria

Weds 19 **Calendar of Saints: Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929**
Pray for: Schools within the Southern Ryedale Deanery; Foston C of E Primary School;
Sand Hutton C of E Primary School; Settrington All Saints C of E School;
Sherburn C of E Primary School; Terrington C of E Primary School; West Heslerton
C of E Primary School
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gambia, The Church of the Province of West Africa

Thurs 20 **Pray for:** Hull University; Chaplaincy and students; World Refugee Day
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Garissa, The Anglican Church of Kenya

Fri 21 **Pray for:** Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Whitby
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gasebo, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Sat 22 **Calendar of Saints: Alban, first martyr of Britain, c 250**
Pray for: St Thomas, Brompton; All Saints, Deighton; St Lawrence, East Rounton; St
Oswald, West Rounton; St Leonard, Welbury
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Gboko, The Church of Nigeria



Giving thanks for the Order of the Holy Paraclete

Sister Heather Francis OHP, shares her perspective on the vocational ministry of the Order of the Holy Paraclete.

OHP was founded as an educational order in 1915, adopting St Hilda as inspiration and guide; part of the great flowering of girls' education around the turn of the 20th century.

The Community was placed under a dedication to the parakletos = "the one called to come alongside". Think Emergency Services – Police, Fire, Ambulance – for the name had one legal and two maritime uses. The Legal Aid lawyer called to a courtroom to defend someone without representation, a small boat called into a sea battle to grapple fireboats away from the fleet and a bigger boat called out to a small boat in difficulties to guide it into harbour.



Like other communities founded to provide institutions of support and care that are now functions of the state and business, today the OHP Sisters are more into "along-siding" others, not least in an age-old monastic tradition of Hospitality; monasteries were the "Premier Inns" of the ancient trade routes.

At the time of writing we are approaching Lent, the season of deliberately being alongside Jesus as he takes on the Salvation of the World. We are also awaiting a new window in Chapel in which the Cross is central and around it the wind of the Spirit blows across the moors. This memorial window will honour all who have been alongside us through the years.

May the Spirit be with you!

Please pray for the Sisters in the OHP Community, in their vocation and ministry.

Find out more about the OHP Community on their website: www.ohpwhitby.org.uk

Church of England:

Diocese of Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop Karowei Dorgu

Church of Norway:

Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen

Archdeaconry of Namaqualand North,
Diocese of Saldanha Bay

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Sun 5 The Sixth Sunday of Easter and Rogation Sunday

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Anglican Communion: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Mon 6 Rogation Day

Pray for: Christ Church, Heworth

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Egba, The Church of Nigeria

Tues 7 Rogation Day

Pray for: Holy Trinity, Heworth; St Wulstan, Heworth

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Egba-West, The Church of Nigeria

Weds 8 Calendar of Saints: Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c 1417

Rogation Day

Pray for: St Wulstan's Conventual District

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Egba, The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 9 Ascension Day

Thy Kingdom Come begins

Pray for: All Saints, Huntington; St Andrew, New Earswick

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Egypt, The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

Fri 10 Pray for: All Saints, North Street

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eha-Amufu, The Church of Nigeria

Sat 11 Pray for: St Martin, Coney Street; All Saints, Pavement; St Helen, Stonegate;

St Denys, York; St Olave with St Giles, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ekiti, The Church of Nigeria



Chaplaincy and the Ministry of Cake

The Revd Jane Speck, Chaplain at the University of York, shares her experiences and asks for our prayer.

Chaplaincy is a ministry that is first and foremost about tea and cake. A sizeable proportion of my time, as Chaplain at York St John, is spent chatting over a cuppa (and occasionally a pint, if it's Beer+Bible night...) with a student or staff member. It's an enviable task but of course, as with all swimming ducks, there is a lot more going on under the surface. The privilege of any Chaplaincy is that we are available to every single person in our institution, whether they profess a faith or not. And not just those of our own faith, but everyone.

Along with my team of part time staff and volunteers, I provide for the religious needs of all groups in the University. As well as running the Chapel and its services, this also includes managing a Muslim Prayer Room; developing a Dharmic Prayer Room for Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist members of York St John; providing

space for Pagan students to celebrate Imbolc on campus; running secular Mindfulness sessions for those who want to learn to meditate but shy away from the spiritual element – and many other eclectic, sometimes unexpected requests!

York St John University has an Anglican foundation, and therefore an Anglican Chaplain. The Chaplaincy serves the whole community not in order to make Christians of them, but because we are Christians and it is our calling to serve. This can be challenging, sometimes requiring careful thought and prayer, but is ultimately enriching and hugely enjoyable. We are blessed with a team of Faith Advisers from all the major world faiths, and together we try to model positive, affirming interfaith relationships to the rest of the University.

Please pray for strong, positive interfaith relationships at the University,

June

9th – 15th June

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland:

Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir, Bishop Kristjan Björnsson, Bishop Gisli Gunnarsson

The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church:

Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano

South African
Mothers' Union

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Sun 9 The Second Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anglican Communion: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Mon 10 Pray for: Castle Howard, for all who visit and volunteer at the House including Chapel visitors, worshippers and the Castle Howard chaplain

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southeast Florida, The Episcopal Church

Tues 11 Calendar of Saints: Barnabas the Apostle

Pray for: St Martin, Bulmer; St Peter, Dalby; St Margaret, Huttons Ambo; All Saints, Terrington; St John the Evangelist, Welburn

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Episcopal Church

Weds 12 Pray for: St Michael, New Malton; St Mary, Old Malton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Fond du Lac, The Episcopal Church

Thurs 13 Pray for: St Peter, Norton

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Fredericton, The Anglican Church of Canada

Fri 14 Calendar of Saints: Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691

Pray for: St Helen, Amotherby; All Saints, Appleton-le-Street; St Michael, Barton-le-Street; Coneysthorpe Chapel; All Saints, Hovingham; St George the Martyr, Scackleton; All Saints, Slingsby

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Free State, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Sat 15 Calendar of Saints: Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941

Pray for: St Peter, Helperthorpe; St Andrew, Kirby Grindalythe; The Church of the Venerable Bede, Leavening; St Mary, West Lutton; St Mary, Wharram le Street

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Freetown, The Church of the Province of West Africa



All Saints' South Cave embark on Spiritual MOT using the diocesan Rhythm of Life

Sharon Vodden reflects on a Spiritual MOT exercise recently undertaken in the parish of South Cave.

Our service on the first Sunday of each month is planned by a lay team. The worship style is informal and creative.

When we enter January, we are bombarded with ideas for New Year Resolutions, but statistics show that 80% of these fail by February. The planning team felt it would be good to put our focus on our walk with Jesus who never fails us, and the Rhythm of Life resources on the Diocesan website provided a great framework.

We started the service with space for each of us to consider the principles of Christian living identified in the Rhythm of Life resources and mark ourselves from 1 to 5 according to how well we feel we are meeting them. The sermon was based on John 15: 7-9, 11 and our prayer time led us through each of the six principles with space for us to reflect and seek God's guidance and encouragement.

We each took a Rhythm of Life commitment card home to pray through over the following week and mark up the actions we plan to take to move our scores from 1 to 5 during 2024. The cards have great practical suggestions of steps we can take to build the six principles into our daily life.

In our January Café Church service, we focused on one of the six principles, Generosity, and explored how God calls us to joyfully discern where we should give our time, talents, and resources.

We have found the Rhythm of Life a really useful tool for spiritual reflection, and would recommend it to other churches and individuals wanting a framework for growing in faith.

If you'd like to find out more about the Diocesan Rhythm of Life, please visit www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/rhythmoflife

May

12th - 18th May

Church of England: Diocese of Gloucester,
Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett

Church of Sweden:
Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren

Hospital chaplains working across
Southern Africa

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Sun 12 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid Week begins

God, gardener of Eden, who flung stars into space and nurtures the tiniest plant, lift our hopes and dreams above the loss and damage of our suffering planet, that we might share your long-dreamed vision which values the pea as much as the plant, fill us with your life-giving hope and inspire us with your creative Spirit now, and in the age to come.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Mon 13 Pray for: Holy Trinity, Micklegate

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara, The Church of Nigeria

Tues 14 **Calendar of Saints: Matthias the Apostle**

Pray for: St Barnabas, York; St Paul, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ekiti Oke, The Church of Nigeria

Weds 15 Pray for: St Chad, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ekiti West, The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 16 **Calendar of Saints: Caroline Chisholm, Social reformer, 1877**

Pray for: St Mary, Bishophill Junior, York; St Clement, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eldoret, The Anglican Church of Kenya

Fri 17 Pray for: St Hilda, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Port Elizabeth, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Sat 18 Pray for: St Luke, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of El-Obeid, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan



Byland Benefice gets creative with Leading Intercessions

A group of churches in the Byland Benefice gathered recently for an interesting workshop on Leading Intercessions.

Leading Intercessions is an integral part of our church's pattern of worship. It is something which we are called to do as Christian people - to pray for the needs of the Church and the world. Leading Intercessions in churches therefore holds a particular responsibility, in leading others in prayer and enabling communities to join together in this ministry.

It was therefore decided in the Byland Benefice that hosting a workshop on how to lead Intercessions would be valuable. The morning was aimed at both those who already lead Intercessions, and those who are interested in doing so. The session covered what Intercessions are in the context of worship, how to form them with a framework, and how we use language when we lead others in prayer. There were also opportunities to explore how we can be creative in offering Intercessions, including the use of imagery, music and movement.

Liz Crawshaw, who attended the workshop, comments, "It was so positive to have the workshop as a Benefice event, and a wonderful celebration of our seven churches gathering together. The teaching we were offered by the diocesan Discipleship Adviser was extraordinarily helpful and inspirational for everyone, including those who had been leading intercessions for many years. We were given frameworks, advice on preparation presentation and resources and some wonderfully creative ideas. When we used the example of Taizé music, most people either hummed or sang - we felt very aware of God's presence with us.

"As I looked around the room I saw eyes shining with possibilities and as we gathered at the end of the morning overheard lots of conversations which started "Shall we try...." We left feeling thoroughly blessed."

If your church, benefice or deanery are interested in hosting a workshop on Leading Intercessions or a similar topic, please contact Sammi Tooze to explore how the diocese might be able to support you: sammi.tooze@yorkdiocese.org

June

2nd - 8th June

Church of England: Diocese of Hereford; Bishop Richard Jackson

The Lusitanian Church (Portugal): Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral

The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad:

Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica

Archdeaconry of Rondebosch;

Diocese of Cape Town

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Sun 2 The First Sunday after Trinity and Environment Sunday

Everlasting God whose Spirit broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters, and endows them with form and colour: give us, we pray, the mind and heart to rejoice in the majesty of creation. Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world and to seek the common good, that through your blessing all may flourish, and creation sing your praise in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Mon 3 Calendar of Saints: Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977

Pray for: Schools within the Northern Ryedale Deanery: Ampleforth St Hilda C of E School; Gillamoor C of E Primary School; Snainton C of E Primary School; Thornton Dale C of E Primary School; Wykeham C of E Primary School
Diocesan Synod meeting

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ezo, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tues 4 Calendar of Saints: Petroc, abbot, 6th century

Pray for: York Minster; Dean of York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Faisalabad, The Church of Pakistan (United)

Weds 5 Calendar of Saints: Boniface (Wynfrith) bishop, martyr, 754

Pray for: Holy Rood House; and World Environment Day

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of False Bay, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Thurs 6 Calendar of Saints: Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Pray for: Diocese of Newcastle; Newcastle Cathedral

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Fianarantsoa, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Fri 7 Pray for: St Andrew, Rillington; St Martin, Scampston; St Hilda, Sherburn; All Saints, Thorpe Bassett; All Saints, West Heslerton; St John the Baptist, Yedingham

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Florida, The Episcopal Church

Sat 8 Calendar of Saints: Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

Pray for: St Botolph, Bossall; St John the Evangelist, Buttercrambe; St Michael, Crambe; St Lawrence, Flaxton; All Saints, Foston; St Mary Gate Helmsley; St John Howsham; St Mary, Sand Hutton; St Peter, Upper Helmsley; St John the Evangelist, Whitwell
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Florida, The Episcopal Church



Pastoral Letter

*A Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Selby,
the Rt Revd Dr John Thomson.*

We all live in stories as the TV soaps and other drama show us. The key question is which is our number one story?

For Christians our number one story must be Christ's Story and we discover our part in this story as we 'hang around with Jesus' as former Archbishop Rowan Williams' puts it.

This story inspired me as a young person growing up in Uganda and in ministry in Sheffield, South Africa, Doncaster and latterly the Diocese of York. In these settings I have discovered a living story for people from all over the world, a story of love, hope, forgiveness and self-giving service.

In life there are other stories competing to be our number one story such as family, nation, sport and career. Yet none of these last and each will let us down and when made number one shut us off from God.

That's why living Christ's story together is so important since this is God's story which globally and historically has persuaded more people of its truthfulness than any other story, which lasts for eternity and which puts each of these other stories in their proper penultimate place. So as I move into a new phase of my own story as a follower of Jesus Christ, I shall continue to pray that together we will always have Christ as our number one story.

May

19th - 25th May

Church of England: Diocese of Guildford,
Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Paul Davies
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
Diocese of Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjaer

Archdeaconry of Mitchells Plain;
Diocese of False Bay

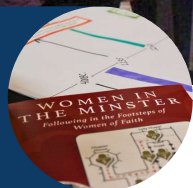
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- Sun 19** **Pentecost; Whit Sunday**
Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada
- Mon 20** **Calendar of Saints: Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804**
Pray for: St Michael-le-Belfry, York; G2 York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Ely, The Church of England
- Tues 21** **Calendar of Saints: Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330**
Pray for: St Thomas with St Maurice, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Embu, The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Weds 22** **Pray for:** Schools within the York Deanery: Archbishop Holgate C of E Academy;
Heworth C of E Primary School; St Barnabas C of E School; St Lawrence C of E Primary
School; St Oswald C of E Primary School; St Paul's C of E Primary School;
York Manor C of E Academy; St Peter's School
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Enugu, The Church of Nigeria
- Thurs 23** **Pray for:** St Hilda, Ampleforth; Holy Cross, Gilling East; St Oswald, Oswaldkirk;
Holy Trinity, Stonegrave
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Enugu North, The Church of Nigeria
- Fri 24** **Calendar of Saints: John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788**
Pray for: St John, Bilsdale Midcable; St Michael, Cold Kirby; St Mary Magdalene,
Eastmoors; All Saints, Hawaby; All Saints, Helmsley; All Saints, Old Byland;
St Mary, Rievaulx; St Mary, Scawton; St Chad, Sproxtton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Esan, The Church of Nigeria
- Sat 25** **Calendar of Saints: The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735;
Aldhelm, bishop, 709**
Pray for: Holy Epiphany, Butterwick Chapel; St Chad, Great Habton; St Laurence, Kirby
Misperton, Marton Mission Room; St Andrew, Middleton; St John, Newton; St Andrew,
Normanby, All Saints, Nunnington; St John of Beverley, Salton; All Saints, Sinnington
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eswatini, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa



Hilda's Heirs celebrates International Women's Day



The annual festival of Hilda's Heirs returned in March to York, marking International Women's Day and celebrating women of faith who have gone before us.

Held in partnership between the Diocese of York, York Minster, and Yorkshire North and East Methodist district, the festival celebrated the vision of women who have gone before us, and sought to inspire women and girls in leadership in the Church and the wider world today. Aligned with the vision of International Women's Day, the day celebrates and affirms women and girls, whilst raising issues and taking action against gender inequality and discrimination. In gathering in this creative and empowering space, Hilda's Heirs reminds us of the part we all play in driving towards diversity, inclusion, and in challenging many stereotypes still present in today's culture.

This year, the festival focused on 'following in the footsteps of women of faith', echoing themes of pilgrimage and storytelling. Through the creation of two new pilgrimage trails - one inside the Minster and one across the wider city - participants were able to hear women's stories of faith, particularly important amidst a culture where men's interpretations of faith

tend to be more prominent. These two trails, created for the festival, are now available for everyone throughout the year.

The festival also included acts of worship which anchored the day, including reflections on St Hilda and empowerment of women and girls.

Throughout the day, women who are in various forms of leadership, including Rachel Maskell MP, Steph Cooper (Refugee Action York), Penny Stables (Green Councillor), and Kiera Snaith (project leader from Carecent), hosted a market place which offered conversation and activities.

The Revd Catriona Cumming, Succentor at York Minster, said: "We were delighted to be part of this amazing festival, celebrating and encouraging the leadership of women and girls in our communities. It was a brilliant day of creativity, conversation and celebration."

God of love and joy,
of calling and vision and hope;
bless our sisters this day
who nurture us and give us speech,
whose love we acclaim with pride,
whose wisdom discerns our soul,
and whose courage makes us act.
In Jesus' name, we give thanks.

June

26th May - 1st June

Church of England: Diocese of Exeter,
Bishop James Grier, Bishop Jackie Searle

Church of Norway:
Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Olav Øygard

Schools in the
Diocese of Saldanha Bay

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Sun 26 Trinity Sunday

Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Mon 27 Pray for: St Nicholas, Bransdale; St Michael, Edstone; St Mary, Farndale; St Aidan, Gillamoor; All Saints, Kirkbymoorside

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Etche, The Church of Nigeria

Tues 28 Calendar of Saints: Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089

Pray for: St Hilda, Beadlam; St Saviour, Harome; St Gregory, Kirkdale; St John the Baptist, Pockley

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Etsako, The Church of Nigeria

Weds 29 Pray for: Christ Church, Appleton-le-Moors; St Gregory, Cropton; St Chad, Hutton-le-Hole; St Mary, Lavingham; St Lawrence, Rosedale

Anglican Communion: The Diocese in Europe, The Church of England

Thurs 30 Corpus Christi

Calendar of Saints: Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906;

Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431, Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933

Pray for: St John, Allerston; All Saints, Brompton-by-Sawdon; St Mary, Ebberston; St Hilda, Ellerburn; St Matthew, Hutton Buscel; St Peter, Langdale End; St Stephen, Snainton; All Saints, Thornton Dale; St George, Wilton; St Helen & All Saints, Wykeham

Anglican Communion: The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, The Episcopal Church

Fri 31 Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Pray for: The Church of St Francis, Marishes; St John the Baptist, Levisham; St Giles, Lockton; St Peter & St Paul, Pickering

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Evo, The Church of Nigeria

Sat 1 Calendar of Saints: Justin, martyr, c 165

Pray for: Area Deans, Lay Deans and Deanery Leadership Teams (DLTs) across the Diocese

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Exeter, The Church of England