

Diocese of York Newsletter

News from
the Church of
England
between the
Humber and
the Tees

October 2012

New Bishop of Beverley

The Revd Canon Glyn Webster, Chancellor of York Minster, has been appointed to the Suffragan See of Beverley, in succession to the Rt Revd Martyn Jarrett on his retirement on 30 September 2012.

Glyn trained for the ordained ministry at Cranmer Hall, Durham. He served his curacy at Huntington, and from 1981 to 1992 he was Vicar at St Luke's York. From 1981 to 1992 he was Chaplain at York District Hospital and from 1992 to 1999 he was Senior Chaplain York Health Services NHS Trust. He was Canon and Prebendary of York Minster from 1994 to 1999. He was Rural Dean of City of York from 1997 to 2004. From 2005 to 2010 he was Associate Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

Glyn was elected as a Member of General Synod in 1995 and since 2000 to the present he has served as Prolocutor of the Lower House



of the Convocation of York and also as a Member of the Archbishops' Council.

Archbishop Sentamu said, "This rich experience and his deep trust in God and love for all people, will help the people and clergy in the Province of York. We welcome The Revd Canon Glyn Webster most warmly to this new ministry."

Looking at the Big Picture

Matthew is now 2½ and addicted to jigsaws. He'll happily sit for ages making and remaking them and, whilst he could do them on his own, "Matthew need Daddy, help me please", and a tug of his little hand, finds me sitting alongside to encourage him.

As I try to forget about the cares that I've brought home from the office and try to concentrate on the brightly coloured pieces of cardboard, he will helpfully point to the box and add, "No Daddy, look at big picture".

How often do we sit there trying to piece the fragments together when it comes to church life – responding to falling attendance, mending the leaking gutters, and feeling that there must be more to this than just keeping the show on the road? We shuffle the pieces around but sometimes just yearn for the encouragement that we are not doing this on our own.

*In the coming months our bishops, archdeacons and others will be helping us **refocus on the big picture** – put simply, our **churches making and nurturing disciples of all ages** – and sharing with us the vision, agreed by Diocesan Synod last year, of a **diocesan family that is growing in Christ-likeness, commitment, partnership, and influence, as well as numerically.***

"Matthew help Daddy", is his other



frequent request. As he tries to emulate what I do, so he grows in confidence to be able to do more himself. In the future the roles may well be reversed and I will come to rely on his help, but in the meantime I am growing more each day in my ability to share, love and encourage. There are certainly occasions when I want some "me time", but I find great fulfilment in doing things together and the reciprocated feeling is obvious from his appreciative laughter.

***Doing it together** is the other key part of the vision that was agreed by Synod – we called it **Mutual Resourcing** – developing relationships in which we all grow as we share our gifts and abilities. Sharing of ourselves is not easy – in church life we too can sometimes feel that we need "us time", and that it is all give and no take ... and you*

only have to watch toddlers squabbling over the same doll or car that each want to play with to recognise the tensions that surround the use of scarce resources. But just as parents teach their children to share, so we have the example of our Heavenly Father, whose generosity knows no bounds and who is always alongside, as an encouragement to his beloved children.

When the last piece of the jigsaw is in place, Matthew sits back and gives a little cheer ... "Yay, big clap Daddy" ... and then, as if as a reminder that our work is never complete, he mixes up the pieces, sticks out his little tongue in deep concentration, and he and his father turn to the big picture again.

Canon Peter Warry, Diocesan Secretary

Faith in Maintenance Training Day

East Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust invite you to a Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) Faith in Maintenance Training Day at Howden Minster on Saturday 6th October.

The Faith in Maintenance course aims to help volunteers who look after historic places of worship. We provide training to help you understand how your building works and how to solve problems caused by leaky gutters and blocked drains.

As well as talks, the day includes a practical exercise looking at

elements of a church building and learning to identify defects. There are also opportunities for discussion with professionals and other delegates.

Everyone who attends receives a free copy of the Good Maintenance Guide and after the course help is available via the SPAB's telephone technical advice service.

For more information or to book a place visit www.spabfim.org.uk or contact Dr Susan Neave on 01482 860310 or s.a.neave@hull.ac.uk.

Electric organ available

Paul Dorrington, Church Warden at All Saints Church in Holme on Spalding Moor, has an electronic organ which is free to a good home. It has two consoles and foot pedals, and is in full working order. To view it or find out more, contact Paul on 01430 861412.

All aboard for Tax Justice

Tax dodging has become big news in recent months. High profile cases such as comedian Jimmy Carr and Take That star Gary Barlow have hit the news, alongside reports of corporations both in the UK and abroad slashing their tax bills by using legal loopholes and offshore tax havens.

Such has been the outcry that both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor have condemned aggressive tax dodging as morally wrong. Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty have teamed up to urge David Cameron to act on his words and tackle global tax dodging.

The two organisations will be touring the UK and Ireland in the Tax Justice Bus, a bright red double decker, for 53 days starting in August to share the message of tax injustice with churches across the country.

According to Church Action on Poverty, tax dodging is big business in the UK. Government figures show that £35 billion is lost every year to tax dodging - more than the amount the Government is cutting from public services. In a time of global recession and austerity, tax revenues are more important than ever. Every pound lost to tax dodging is one less for public



services and tackling poverty at home.

Christian Aid estimates corporate tax dodging costs developing nations at least \$160 billion annually - that's one and a half times the global aid budget.

Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty are asking people to sign a postcard, or an online petition, calling on David Cameron to use his global leadership to end financial secrecy so that tax dodgers have nowhere to hide.

The bus will be in Redcar on 8th October, and in Northallerton, Ripon, York, and Hull on 9th October. Visit www.christianaid.org.uk/tax-bus to find out more.

Richard III at Sheriff Hutton - Revealed!

St Helen and the Holy Cross, Sheriff Hutton, is hosting a Richard III on Saturday 20th - Sunday 21st October.

This weekend will be a unique opportunity to reveal and celebrate the connections between King Richard III and Sheriff Hutton, his wife Queen Anne Neville and their son, Edward of Middleham.

Edward is possibly the only Prince of Wales with an effigy in a parish church. He died aged 11 at Middleham Castle in 1484 when Richard and Anne were at Nottingham and, after receiving the devastating news, they are believed to have travelled to Sheriff Hutton to meet the funeral party. The tomb of Nottingham alabaster, now in the St Nicholas Chapel is understood by many historians to be that of Edward. However, there are opinions that it is that of an earlier Neville. Is his burial place at Sheriff Hutton or still one of mystery?

On Saturday 20th October there will be concert of Ricardian period words and music performed by the acclaimed the York Waits town band (pictured) played on medieval instruments, with refreshments.

On Sunday 21st October at 11am

there will be a Sung Service with "EvenSong" to include some of the prayers from Richard III's Book of Hours and a celebration of the lives of the Neville family connected with Sheriff Hutton.

At 12.30pm a light lunch will be served and Ricardian group stalls will be open.

The Towton Battlefield Society will lead the afternoon procession.

The afternoon presentations will feature speakers on the known connections of Richard III and Sheriff Hutton and the life and times of this important part of history in the context of the "Wars of the Roses".

To find out more, contact Roy Thompson, Churchwarden, on 01347 878644 or email thompsonroy5@gmail.com



Weddings in the Market Place



“Church weddings are in steep decline. Get out there and do something about it.” was the basic message from the Diocesan wedding conference in May of last year at Wydale Hall.

The Church of England Weddings Project Team had invited the 14% of Churches in the Diocese of York which together account for just over 50% of weddings taken, to a two day conference to tell the wedding story today.

First time weddings are in decline, but Church weddings are on a ski slope. This decline wasn't a forgone conclusion, for research has shown that couples still value Church

weddings, but often don't know their legal rights, have had (or heard of) bad experiences of unwelcoming vicars, or get picked off by civil venues first at wedding fayres.

We were given a seven point plan of good practice to up our act in dealing with couples, together with an excellent folder of handouts produced by the C of E to give to couples with all sorts of well presented information.

The message rang true, for having had around 15 weddings a year a decade ago, last year I was down to just 6 at Great Ayton and 2 at Newton under Roseberry.

Rather than relying just on making a good impression at what few weddings we were getting, I started going to wedding fayres and found a very warm welcome. The other exhibitors were initially surprised at seeing a vicar there for the first time, but all said they thought it a good idea. Some couples avoid eye contact as they have been fed a certain image of the Church, but many more come and have good conversations. It can be a very enjoyable evening.

It is quite apparent that if we want to hold our share of weddings, let alone increase them, then we have to be seen in the market place with our message, otherwise the wedding venues offer all inclusive package deals to couples and we never get to

see them. They assume these will be cheaper than church services as they are all at the same venue, but they are not, and the wedding venues by and large haven't a clue about Church weddings, costs or legalities.

The wedding fayres I have attended have largely been in my own patch where I have contacts and therefore got in free! I have taken with me clergy from Stokesley as well as attending with them the wedding fayres in Stokesley Town Hall, and last Easter we ran our own Wedding Fayre in Christ Church which as well as bringing in three bookings on the day, also gained me two more potential Confirmation Candidates. Net result, from 8 weddings in 2011, we are up to 18 this year and already have 20 bookings in for 2013. I hope the literature given out has also

brought couples to other churches too.

When I was ordained 30 years ago everyone came knocking at our doors for baptisms, weddings and funerals, but things are very different today with lots of competition in all these areas. We can't sit back and wait any more, but need to be there in the market place telling folk what we have to offer, and then make sure that we give a good welcome and a good service. If we do this, then decline isn't a forgone conclusion.

The Revd Paul Peverell, Great Ayton and Newton under Roseberry

For more information on the Church of England's Wedding's Project, visit www.justforvicars-yourchurchwedding.org

Pathway to Self Awareness

Dr Susi Strang Wood is holding a day of workshops on Self Awareness on Monday 22nd October at Skelton-in-Cleveland for clergy Readers and others in ministry. The day will explore ways of creating body awareness, self compassion, mindfulness and reconnection with self.

Come prepared to unwind into a gentle space of quiet self-reflection and loving support of yourself by dressing comfortably.

Dr Susi Strang Wood is a theology student and a lay reader in training

at York St John. She teaches and runs a psychotherapy practice with her husband in East Cleveland.

Coffee will be available from 9.30am, the workshop will start at 10am and finish at 4pm. A home cooked lunch will be provided

To book a place, please send your details to The Rev'd Andrew De Smet, Kirkdale Vicarage, Main Road, Beadlam, Nawton, York YO62 7ST and enclose a cheque for £15 made payable to 'York DBF'.

On the move

The Very Revd Vivienne Faull, Dean of Leicester since 2002, is to be the next Dean of York. Dean Faull has also previously served on the Staff of Gloucester and Coventry Cathedrals, and will succeed the Very Reverend Keith Jones, who retired in April. Her installation will take place on Saturday 1st December.

The Bishop of Beverley, the Rt Revd Martyn Jarrett, will retire on 30th September. Bishop Martyn, who was formerly Bishop of Burnley, has been Bishop of Beverley for the past eleven years and has exercised his ministry as Provincial Episcopal Visitor for the Northern Province. Bishop and Mrs Jarrett will be retiring to Worksop.

The Ven Richard Seed will be retiring as Archdeacon of York and as Rector of the Benefice of York, Holy Trinity, Micklegate with effect from 31st October. He will retain his Residentiary Canonry and remain a member of the Minster's Chapter.

The Revd Glyn John Owen has been appointed to the role of Rural Dean of Bridlington for a period of five years. This is in addition to his existing responsibilities as Vicar of Rudston w Boynton, Carnaby and Kilham and Priest in Charge of Burton Fleming w Fordon, Grindale & Wold Newton.

Following pastoral reorganisation, the Revd Ian John Blyth, House for Duty Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Burstwick with Thorngumbald, has been appointed as House for Duty Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Burstwick, Burton Pidsea, Humbleton with Elsternwick, Halsham and Thorngumbald.

The Revd David Hayes, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of St John and St Barnabas Belle Isle, Leeds, has been appointed as NSM Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Aberford with Micklefield and of the Benefice of Sherburn in Elmet with Saxton.

The Revd Carol Fisher-Bailey, currently Vicar of St Peter's Church, Wawne, has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of Keyingham with Ottringham and Sunk Island.

The Revd Anna Lindley, NSM Assistant Curate of the Benefice of York, St Michael-le-Belfrey, has been appointed as NSM Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Skelton with Shipton and Newton-on-Ouse.

The Revd David Alan Rogers has been appointed Team Rector of the Benefice of Marfleet.

The Revd Carole Aconley, NSM Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Langtoft with Foxholes, Butterwick, Cottam and Thwing, has resigned with effect from Monday 31st December.

The Revd Allan Paul Hughes, House for Duty Assistant Curate of the Benefice of York, All Saints, Pavement with St Crux and St Michael Spurriergate, has retired.

The Revd Nigel James Little, Team Vicar in the Benefice of Kirk Ella and Willerby, has resigned to be Chaplain of Felsted School, Essex, in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The Archbishop has granted Permission to Officiate to the following:
The Revd Allan Campbell-Wilson of Scarborough.
The Revd Sheila Dixon of Malton.
The Revd Robert Vauvelle Stapleton of Thirsk.
The Revd Andrew Julian Symonds of St Hilda's Priory, Sneaton Castle, Whitby.

The Revd Denis Ryle RIP

It is with regret that we announce that the Revd Denis Ryle died on Wednesday 29th August. Mr Ryle is survived by his wife, Ann.

Sing a New Song for the Lord

On Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th October there will be a weekend of songs and music for worship at All Hallows, Sutton on Forest (York), inspired by the Iona Community and led by Gillian Cummins (previously Musician at Iona Abbey).

The weekend is suitable for all ages and abilities; no singing experience is required. We will learn some new

hymns and songs – covering a range of liturgical themes - which can enrich worship within church services.

The event will be held over 2 days, with different material on each day. For more details please contact the Revd Chris Ellis on 01347 810251 or benefice.admin@gmail.com

Filing cabinets available

The Ven Richard Seed, Archdeacon of York, has several filing cabinets which are no longer needed. There are two large four drawer lockable filing cabinets, one small two drawer cabinet, and one small ten drawer cabinet, which stands only 65cm high. If you could give any of these a good home, contact Richard on 01904 623798.

What's On

Fri 5 Oct - Organ Extravaganza! at the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. A concert of popular masterworks will be played on the new Harrison by Simon Lumby (with big screen projection of the organ console). Contact ahannah@mirfield.org.uk or 01924 483308.

Sat 6 Oct - PCC Treasurer Training Workshop, St Peter's Norton, 9.30am – 12.30pm, led by Catherine Evans, Finance Manager and Russell Hodgson, Senior Finance Officer. There will be no charge for the workshop. To book a place, please contact Jacque Du Preez at the Diocesan Office on 01904 699504 or email training@yorkdiocese.org

Sat 6 Oct - Faith in Maintenance Training Day, Howden Minster. See page 3.

Sat 6 - Sun 7 Oct - Sing a New Song for the Lord. See page 9.

Mon 8 – Thurs 11 Oct - The Annual Clergy Retreat. Contact Jacque Du Preez on 01904 699504 or training@yorkdiocese.org.

Fri 12 – Sun 14 Oct - Girls Allowed! A weekend for girls aged 13-17 at the Emmaus Centre, Wydale Hall. As well as a packed weekend of chilling, there is time to talk, make new friends and talk about anything under the sun. Contact Hiede Wilson on hiedewilson@hotmail.com

Sat 13 Oct - Goodness Grows! In the Father's Hand, St Paul's Church, York. Why did Jesus tell a story about a mustard seed? And what on earth does it mean? Come and explore with us. This is a celebration by In the Father's Hand, particularly suited to adults with learning disabilities and/or complex needs, involving singing, drama and a choice of activities. More details on www.ifhyork.org.uk.

Sat 13 Oct - Stamford Bridge Singers Autumn Jubilee Cabaret, at Stamford Bridge Village Hall, 7.30pm. Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a freshly-prepared two-course buffet meal interspersed with excellent light entertainment from the Singers, directed by Michael Wiles, and from woodwind soloists, specially prepared for the occasion by Tim Bayley. More at www.stamfordbridgesingers.btck.co.uk, or contact 01904 787181 or info@stamfordbridgesingers.com.

Sat 13 Oct - Organ recital by John Scott Whiteley at St Mary's Boston Spa, 7.30pm, on the newly restored organ. Entry is £8 and includes a glass of wine.

Mon 15 – Fri 19 Oct - York Pilgrimage Group - "Bless my Soul – Our journey into God". A retreat led by The Very Revd Keith Jones at Shepherds Dene, in the Tyne Valley. Contact 01904 470519 for details.

Fri 19 – Sun 21 Oct - The Circus of Life - A weekend for Readers and SSMs. This weekend provides the opportunity to celebrate our ministry together. There will be time to focus on the opportunities and challenges of balancing work and worship. Contact Jacque Du Preez on 01904 699504 or training@yorkdiocese.org.

Sat 20 – Sun 21 Oct - Richard III at Sheriff Hutton - Revealed! See page 5.

Sat 20 Oct - Christian Spiritualities and Healing at Holy Rood House. A day workshop with Stanley Baxter. Contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Sat 20 Oct - Craft Sale, St Paul's Church, Holgate, York, from 11am. Unique and varied items from all over the world including items handcrafted in York. Wide selection of goods to suit all tastes and pockets. Proceeds will be split between In the Father's Hand, York (Christian celebrations for people with learning disabilities and/or complex needs) and The Potter's Village (child crisis centre in Kisoro, South West Uganda).

Mon 22 Oct - Pathways to Self Awareness with Dr Susi Strang Wood. See page 7.

Fri 26 – Sun 28 Oct - Come and Sing at Sneaton Castle. Spend a weekend working on Handel's ever popular "Messiah". Expect lots of singing, lots of vocal & choral technique and lots of fun in preparation for a performance on the Sunday afternoon at 4pm in St Hilda's Church, Whitby. More at www.mmcourses.co.uk/sneaton.html.

Fri 26 – Sun 28 Oct - Boys Unleashed. A weekend for boys aged 13-17 at the Emmaus Centre, Wydale Hall. The weekend will be a chance to have a load of fun and explore some of the challenges of being a teenage Christian today. The weekend is run by experienced youth workers from the diocese and all are welcome to join us, whatever point your faith might be at. Email Jon Steel on ercyas@ydbf.karoo.co.uk.

Sat 27 Oct - Organ recital by David Pipe at St Mary's Boston Spa, 7.30pm, on the newly restored organ. Entry is £8 and includes a glass of wine.

Mon 29 Oct - A Day of Inspiration at Wydale Hall. "Answering God Back" - where is God in the downside as well as the upside of life? A day led by Revd Andrew De Smet. Contact 01723 859270 or email admin@wydale.org or just come on the day.

St Luke's Day

St Luke's Day falls on October 18th – a special time for the churches' ministry of healing and for the Guild of Health (the oldest of the healing guilds), which draws together 'medics and clerics' to work together in fellowship for fuller health for individuals and communities. The Guild supports prayer groups, organisations and churches in their healing ministries, showing commitment in the North through its partnership with the Spirituality and Mental Health Project at Durham University, and Holy Rood House in Thirsk, as a place of good practice.

So what is Holy Rood House? I would like to invite you over the threshold to this special place, where people find the space that is right for them whatever their concerns or interests. Since 1993 – (yes next year is our 20th Anniversary – time moves fast!) we have been able to offer a safe space to many people in the Diocese whose lives have felt unsafe. Through our professional counselling service, creative arts, spiritual accompaniment and gentle healing environment, clergy and laity have found themselves 'at home'.

The Guild of Health is proud to be working with Holy Rood House because of the unique connections made between the therapeutic and the theological. The Centre for the study of Theology and Health was opened by our Patron the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2001, and arose as a response to the educational aims of the charity. We offer training in all areas of healing, conferences, summer schools and research.

Perhaps you will find a way in which we could support your St. Luke's Day celebrations this year, and if indeed you would like our support in any way, please contact me. We also welcome offers of help, in the form of placements or any other way in which you feel you might be able to help us further our healing mission. and of course the kettle is always on at Holy Rood if you want to find your way here and find out more.

The Revd Elizabeth Baxter, Executive Director of Holy Rood House Centre for Health and Pastoral Care, Thirsk, and Northern Associate of The Guild of Health

*www.holyroodhouse.org.uk;
www.gohealth.org.uk*

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