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Living Holiness in York Deanery

The Revd Canon Richard Carew, Associate Area Dean in York and Vicar of the Benefice of Dringhouses, shares how churches across the deanery came together to journey through 'Living Holiness' during Lent.

During Covid we learnt that we don't have to be physically in the same place to be able to do things together. In the Deanery of York we have taken that principle and applied it to our Lent Courses.

York is one of the larger deaneries in the diocese when it comes to the number of different churches involved, and sometimes it can be a bit of a challenge to feel like the Body of Christ acting together. This year each parish has therefore been invited to use the diocesan resource 'Living Holiness' as a Lent Course and to advertise across the deanery the different times at which each church would be holding the course so that whatever church people usually attend, they might be able to find a day and time to suit them – and maybe even get to venture beyond the parish boundaries.

'Living Holiness' encourages us to reflect on our relationship with God, but also with others, and how we might better live out the commandment to love one another.

Sharing our Lent Courses is only a small step in terms of getting to know each other better, but we do pray that when we come to our Easter celebrations, we will have been encouraged by stories of God at work across this deanery, that we will each have had a fresh glimpse of God made visible in Jesus, and that we might have picked up a few ideas from each other along the way.

If you'd like to find out more about our Diocesan Rhythm of Life, or to access the Living Holiness small group resource, please visit the diocesan website:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/rhythmoflife



<p>Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Archbishop Martin Modéus, Bishop Karin Johannesson</p> <p>Church in Wales: Diocese of Llandaff, Bishop Mary Stallard</p>	<p>Synod of Bishops of South Africa</p> <p>A body representing Bishops from Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, St Helena and South Africa, the Synod regularly addresses the issues and turmoil facing their constituent nations.</p>
<p>Porvoo Communion</p>	<p>South Africa Diocesan Link</p>

- Sun 6** **The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins**
 Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- Mon 7** **Pray for:** St Peter, Redcar
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara, The Church of the Province
 of Uganda
- Tues 8** **Pray for:** St Aidan, Boosbeck; St Chad, Lingdale; All Saints, Skelton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Massachusetts, The Episcopal Church
- Weds 9** **Calendar of Saints:** Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, 1945
Pray for: St Cuthbert, Wilton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Western Massachusetts, The Episcopal Church
- Thurs 10** **Calendar of Saints:** William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761
 William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347
Pray for: Schools within the Guisborough Deanery; Coatham CE Primary School,
 St Peter's CE School, Brotton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Masvingo, The Church of the Province of
 Central Africa
- Fri 11** **Calendar of Saints:** George Selwyn, bishop, 1878
Pray for: St Bartholomew, Aldbrough; St Giles, Goxhill; All Saints, Mappleton; St Alban,
 Withernwick
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Matabeleland, The Church of the Province of
 Central Africa
- Sat 12** **Pray for:** St Leonard, Beeford; St Mary, Brandesburton; St Nicholas, Dunnington
 (E. Riding); St Andrew, Foston-on-the-Wolds; Holy Trinity, Leven; St James of
 Compostella, Lissett; St Elgin, North Frodingham
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Matana, The Anglican Church of Burundi



Over 100 pilgrims gather to explore the Lord's Prayer

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As part of the Faith in the North programme, Archbishop Stephen is touring across the north of England teaching about the Lord's Prayer, offering a chance to reconnect with its timeless words and consider how they can change our lives, our communities, and the wider world.

Connecting with this tour, Bishop Barry Hill and Archdeacon Amanda Bloor lead a group of pilgrims on the new St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail in March, reflecting on lines of the Lord's Prayer throughout the day. The trail, launched last September was bathed in sunshine and temperatures of 15 degrees. Nearly 100 pilgrims gathered at the beginning of the 8 mile route, sharing in a welcome and opening prayer in the parish church at Old Byland.

During the day, the group of pilgrims grew at each stopping point. The group paused at the churches of Scawton, Cold Kirby, 'and the Methodist and Parish churches at Rievaulx'. At each of these, a short reflection was offered on a section of the Lord's Prayer, exploring what it might mean for us today. The group of pilgrims welcomed more walkers and horse riders at each village, and towards the end of the day the group reached over 150. The final part of the afternoon saw the pilgrim group process from the parish church to Rievaulx Abbey, gathering for a service bathed in sunshine. It was a fitting end to a day

of walking, faith, friendship, and Christian witness that will linger long in the memory.

Bishop Barry reflected, "It was a great joy to spend the day walking and praying with people from across the region on this wonderful new pilgrimage route which I heartily commend to you. We were particularly reminded of St Augustine's words that, 'it is solved by walking', that in the Christian life we can't work out everything and then live it out; it is in the living that the rendering happens."

The Revd Mel Burnside, Priest in Charge of Helmsley and Upper Ryedale, said, "It's just been wonderful – sunshine and joy and love all day!"

George Gyte, a member of the St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail team added, "It was a heart lifting day of faith, hope, and joy. A day of sunshine, wonderful countryside to walk through, inspiring and reflective prayer stages, and a poignant service led by Bishop Barry amidst the grandeur of Rievaulx Abbey's Nave. This Lent Walk will live long in the memory, as will the hauntingly beautiful sounds of the Bilsdale Silver Band accompanied by bold hymn singing voices."

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 Children and 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.

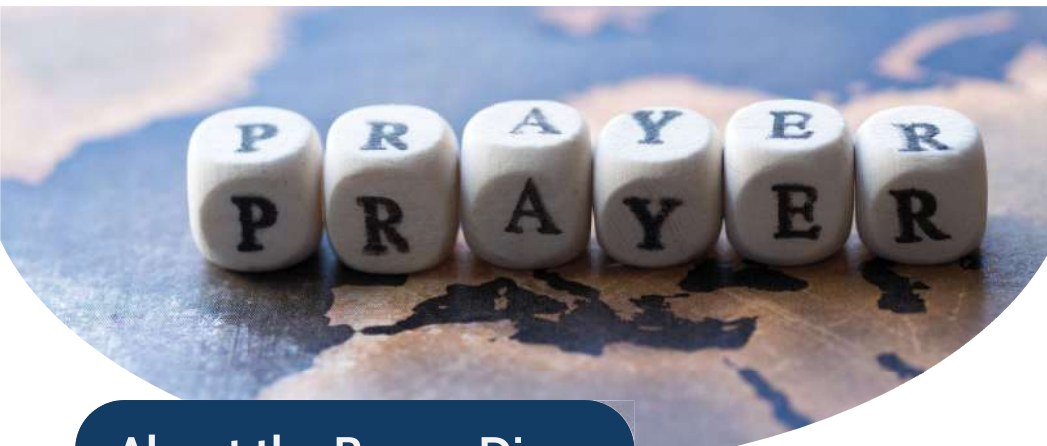
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About the Prayer Diary

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 porvoocommunion.org

April

13th - 19th April

Church in 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

Archdeaconry of Blue Downs:
Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 12 Palm Sunday

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.
Anglican Communion: The Church of England

Mon 13 Monday of Holy Week

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Matlosane, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Tues 14 Tuesday of Holy Week

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mauritius, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Weds 15 Wednesday of Holy Week

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mbaize, The Church of Nigeria

Thurs 16 Maundy Thursday

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end
and drank the cup prepared for him:
may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mbale, The Church of the Province of Uganda

Fri 17 Good Friday

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of North Mbale, The Church of the Province of Uganda

Sat 18 Easter Eve

In the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God:
give light in our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mbamili, The Church of Nigeria



Pastoral Letter

A Pastoral Letter from The Rt Rev'd Dr Flora Winfield, Bishop of Selby.

Many of us will have taken the opportunity to give something up (or take up a positive new habit) during Lent. For lots of people, this might mean giving up something they love to eat or drink, and the tradition of fasting in Lent is an important habit which can help us to find new focus, and new joy when we celebrate the Easter feast.

What really matters to you? What are the guiding values of your life? If a good friend, someone who you like and trust, described you to someone else, how would they see your priorities and values, and your instincts for kindness and goodness? Lent can offer all of us the opportunity to take a look in that spiritual mirror.

In the Easter story, following Jesus' humiliation and cruel death by crucifixion, the women who were among his disciples went to visit his tomb, very early in the morning on the day we now mark as Easter Sunday. In the darkness before dawn, when everything that they had hoped for seemed lost, these brave women went to prepare Jesus's body for burial.

And in the darkness of that first Easter morning, they saw for themselves the truth that new life is possible in Jesus, that God's love for us is boundless, breaking the barriers of time and space and even the bonds of death, and that in our messy, imperfect world, Jesus Christ invites us on Easter Day and every day to find hope in him.

And the Easter hope is infinite: as we share hope in Jesus with others, our own hope is strengthened. Even when we feel most uncertain about the future, hope in Jesus Christ makes new life possible, as we live his story together.

*+Flora Winfield
Bishop of Selby*

July

29th June - 5th July

Church of England:

Diocese of Lincoln, Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop David Court,
Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain

Church of Sweden:

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

Church Lads and Girls Brigades across Southern Africa:

A musical congregation that celebrates the joy of faith, service, and the power of music, with a mission to create beautiful melodies that resonate with faith and uplift the spirits of those who listen.

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 30 **The Second Sunday after Trinity, also Peter and Paul, Apostles**

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

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Mon 31 **Pray for:** St Mary, Bagby; St Mary, Kilburn; St Oswald, Sowerby; All Saints, Thirkleby, St Cuthbert, Sessay

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nasik, The Church of North India (United)

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

Pray for: St Michael & All Angels, North Otterington; St Andrew, South Otterington; St Leonard, Thornton-le-Street

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

Weds 2 **Pray for:** St Leonard, Sandhutton; St Wilfrid, South Kilvington; St Mary, Thirsk; St Lawrence, Carlton Miniott

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

Thurs 3 **Thomas the Apostle**

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

Anglican Communion: The Area Mission in Navajoland, The Episcopal Church

Fri 4 **Pray for:** Schools within the Mowbray Deanery; Dishforth CE Primary School; Knayton CE Primary School; Sessay CE Primary School; South Kilvington CE Primary School; South Otterington CE Primary School; Topcliffe CE Primary School, Queen Mary's School, Baldersby

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

Sat 5 **Pray for:** Diocesan Synod Meeting

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nebbi, The Church of the Province of Uganda



Heart for Hull

Gillian Shepherd, Heart for Hull Enabler for the Diocese of York, shares

Heart for Hull has been inspired by the Hull Deanery Plan, the vision from our Bishop of Hull and shaped with Catalyse Change. It recognises that churches across the deanery embody creativity, wide ranging gifts and experience and asks how we could work better together to bless our local communities as we seek to Live Christ's Story.

Heart for Hull has identified six distinctive themes including setting up a group of local advisers who embody the Heart of Hull. There is so much to share but this is just a snippet!

A Treasurer Pilot is being developed to support a number of parishes where there is no capacity to fulfil this vital function. It will help church leaders move book keeping practices online, provide regular financial reports and create a clear set of annual accounts. We want this valuable resource so that our Clergy and Laity can focus on sharing the Christian faith and serve their communities.

A Poverty & Wholeness working group is considering both the activities that can support people in poverty alongside the prayer, pastoring and friendship we offer to help people start to heal from the deep trauma they have experienced so they can live life to the full.

Most importantly is the ongoing call to pray, at all times and in all places, under all circumstances. We are excited about a possible city wide prayer gathering later this year.

Churches from all different denominations are sensing that this is a time to see God's Kingdom come in Hull as it is in heaven.

Please pray with us.

Please pray and give thanks for the deanery of Hull, for all involved in the Heart for Hull project, and everyone serving God in that place.

April

20th - 26th April

Church of England:

Diocese of Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff,

Bishop Joseph Kennedy

Scottish Episcopal Church:

Diocese of Brechin, Bishop Andrew Swift

The Lutheran Church in Great Britain:

Bishop Paulina Hlawiczka-Trotman

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 20 Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Anglican Communion: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Mon 21 Monday of Easter Week

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

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

Tues 22 Tuesday of Easter Week

Pray for: Stephen Lawrence Day and World Earth Day

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

Weds 23 Wednesday of Easter Week

Pray for: St John the Baptist, Bewholme; St Michael, Catwick; St James, Ellerby; St Margaret, Long Riston; All Saints, Rise; St Lawrence, Sigglesthorpe; St Augustine, Skirlaugh; St Mary, Swine

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Meath and Kildare, The Church of Ireland

Thurs 24 Thursday of Easter Week

Pray for: Schools within the North Holderness Deanery; Beeford CE School, Leven CE Primary School, Riston CE Primary School, Sigglesthorpe CE Primary School, Skirlaugh CE Primary School

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

Fri 25 Friday of Easter Week

Pray for: St James the Deacon, Acomb Moor

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Melanesia, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sat 26 Saturday of Easter Week

Pray for: St Stephen, Acomb

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



The Revd David Porter signs off after sixty years of service

Earlier in the spring, the Revd David Porter signed off after sixty years of service.

A celebration in February took place in Haxby, where David has held PTO since his retirement, marking the conclusion of his sixty years of active ministry. David was ordained Deacon on 24 May 1964 and Priest on 13 June 1965, and offering most of his ministry during that time to churches across the Diocese of York.

Reflecting on his decades of ministry, David writes, "It all began on a wet weekend in Shropshire when my wife Gillian and I went to look at the parish of Clun. This was a group of seven churches with the Vicar and three curates working together. I trained at Ely Theological College, which like many Cathedral Colleges, helped us to establish a rhythm of life, similar to the diocesan Rhythm of Life framework.

"Rooted in prayer, the Clergy Team met together six days a week for Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Eucharist. I find that I am closer to God in worship than anywhere else. We moved to the Diocese of York, and worship was transformed during my curacies in Scarborough and Fulford. The services were changing dramatically from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer to more modern language with greater flexibility.

"I first became a Vicar in Strensall where people lived generously and opened their hearts and minds to God. As Vicar of Easingwold, I found the people of the Deanery of Easingwold were great at loving one another. The churches did so much together. As Rector of All Saints, Pavement in York city centre, I was able to share faith with so many – as Chaplain to seventeen organisations including Guilds and military veterans. I find the Bible comes alive through Morning and Evening Prayer each day, and helps me to be shaped by scripture. Much of my ministry has been marked by restoring churches which are a sacrament of God's presence in the community.

"In retirement, Gillian and I have eased ourselves into St Mary's Church, Haxby across the last twenty years, as part of our patterns of rest. It's been a privilege to mark my final years of active ministry here."

The Revd Kathryn Jackson, Rector of Haxby and Wigginton, comments, "I invited David to celebrate Holy Communion for the last time at St Mary's Church, and we celebrated his years of ministry with a party afterwards. It was a joyful occasion, and it's been an honour to share in ministry with David for so many years."

June

22nd - 28th June

Church of England:

Diocese in Europe, Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop-elect Revd Andrew Norman

Church of Sweden:

Diocese of Visby, Bishop Erik Eckerdal

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:

Diocese of Copenhagen, Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen

Archdeaconry of

Elsies River;

Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 22** **The First Sunday after Trinity**
God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.
Anglican Communion: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- Mon 23** **Calendar of Saints: Ethelreda, abbess, c 678**
Pray for: Order of the Holy Paraclete
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nakuru, The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Tues 24** **Birth of John the Baptist**
Pray for: St Thomas, Brompton; All Saints, Deighton; St Lawrence, East Rounton; St Oswald, West Rounton; St Leonard, Welbury
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nambale, The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Weds 25** **Ember Day**
Pray for: Leake, Osmotherley & Hillside Parishes (1); Holy Trinity, Boltby; St Michael, Cowesby;; St Oswald, East Harlsey; St Felix, Felixkirk; All Saints, Ingleby Arncliffe
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Namibia, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Thurs 26** **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; also, Victims of Torture Day
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Namirembe, The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Fri 27** **Ember Day**
Calendar of Saints: Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444
Pray for: All Saints, Northallerton; St Lawrence, Kirby Sigston; St James, Romanby
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nampula, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- Sat 28** **Ember Day**
Calendar of Saints: Irenaeus, bishop, teacher of the faith, c200
Pray for: Ordination of Deacons and Priests; and all ordained ministers across the Diocese
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nandyal, The Church of South India



Ordained Women Gather in Cleveland Archdeaconry

Thirty ordained women in licensed posts across the Archdeaconry of Cleveland (from the Tees southwards to Ryedale and the A1 eastwards to Whitby) gathered for an afternoon recently with Bishop of Whitby, Barry Hill.

Led jointly by Bishop Barry, Archdeacon of Cleveland Amanda Bloor and the Bishops' Adviser for Women's Ministry Dianne Gamble, the group enjoyed fellowship over afternoon tea and spent time praying together.

"We shared with one another how ordained ministry feels at the moment, the kind of Church we hope to see in the years to come and what we can best do across the diocese to help us get there," said Bishop Barry.

He added, "It was good to spend time reflecting candidly together about the pain of gender inequality as well as the joys of ministry, and to have opportunity to express again how hugely grateful to God I am for the wonderful ordained women of the archdeaconry."

The group heard from new Archbishop's Advisor for Pastoral Care Mo Theodosius, and from research into maternity policy and ordained women from working class contexts – both being led by people from the archdeaconry.

"It was good to be with fellow ordained women and to share thoughts about ministry," said Archdeacon Amanda. "One woman had been in the first tranche ordained as priest in 1994 whilst others were new curates in training; all affirmed God's calling and their desire to serve the Church in this Diocese.

"We laughed together, ate excellent cake (thanks, Pep!) and looked to the future. Thanks go to Bishop Barry for arranging the afternoon and to all those who attended."

The group agreed to meet again this Autumn.

Please pray and give thanks for all women who minister across the Diocese of York.

May

27th April – 3rd May

Church of Sweden:
Diocese of Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann
Scottish Episcopal Church:
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway,
Bishop-elect Revd Canon Dr John Nicholas Bundock

Bishop of Table Bay,
The Rt Revd Joshua Louw

Porvoo Communion

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- Sun 27** **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 Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- Mon 28** **Calendar of Saints: George, martyr, patron of England c 304**
Pray for: The Holy Redeemer, Acomb; St Everilda, Nether Poppleton; All Saints, Upper Poppleton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Meridional, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- Tues 29** **Calendar of Saints: Mark the Evangelist**
Pray for: St Philip and St James, Clifton; St Mark, Rawcliffe; The Clifton Moor Church
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Meru, The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Weds 30** **Calendar of Saints: Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922**
Pray for: St Edward the Confessor, Dringhouses
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of México, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Thurs 1** **Calendar of Saints: Philip and James, Apostles**
Pray for: Inaugural election day for the Mayor of Hull and East Yorkshire
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Del Norte de México, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Fri 2** **Calendar of Saints: Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373**
Pray for: St Oswald, Fulford
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Michigan, The Episcopal Church
- Sat 3** **Pray for:** St Mary, Haxby; St Nicholas, Wigginton; World Press Freedom Day
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eastern Michigan, The Episcopal Church



Worship Working Group to create new video and podcast series

The Worship Working Group, established last year, are set to create a new video and podcast series.

The group, which includes members from across the diocese, focus on the diocesan priority of 'Becoming More Like Christ', with particular attention to how our worship forms us in faith, and enables us to be transformed through our encounters with God. The group seeks to enable leaders to catch a vision of culture change towards missional worship, resourcing the breadth of the Church of England in how it can be enriched, through exploring creativity and improving knowledge in a way that offers freedom.

After research on where needs are across the diocese, the Worship Working Group has begun to plan a resourcing programme, taking the form of a video and podcast series. The series will cover a range of topics, including what worship is and why it matters, accessibility in worship, why we sing, and how we offer seasonal worship well. Each episode will be conversational between members of the group, with guest contributors invited for particular subjects. This will include exploring fresh perspectives on worship such as fresh expressions, alternative creative worship, and

using digital platforms. Each video conversation will also be offered as a podcast, offering different opportunities for people to engage with its content.

The collection of videos and podcasts will aim to equip, inspire and enable reflection on worship practice across our diocesan family of churches and beyond.

Commenting on the project, Sammi Tooze who Chairs the group writes, "Having been encouraged to re-establish a diocesan group focusing on resourcing worship by the national Liturgical Commission, it is wonderful to see the group putting roots down with this exciting project. I'm really looking forward to hearing the shared wisdom that many will offer, and in seeing the positive impact it will have for our diocese."

If you'd like to find out more about the Worship Working Group, or have suggestions for topics to be included in the series, please contact Sammi Tooze, Diocesan Discipleship Adviser: sammi.tooze@yorkdiocese.org

June

15th - 21st June

Scottish Episcopal Church:
Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, Bishop David Raiton

Church of Ireland:
Diocese of Connor, Bishop George Davison

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
Diocese of Lolland-Falster, Bishop Marianne Gaarden

South African Mothers' Union
More than 60,000 Mothers' Union members in South Africa work at the heart of their community, helping to improve conditions for families across the country.

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 15** **Trinity Sunday;** also Father's Day; Refugee Week begins (until 22nd)
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: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Mon 16** **Calendar of Saints:** Richard, bishop, 1253; Joseph Butler, bishop, philosopher, 1752
Pray for: St Peter, Norton
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of the Murray, The Anglican Church of Australia
- Tues 17** **Calendar of Saints:** Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936
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 Muyinga, The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Weds 18** **Calendar of Saints:** Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896
Pray for: St Peter, Helperthorpe; St Andrew, Kirby Grindalythe; St Andrew, Weaverthorpe; St Mary, West Lutton; St Mary, Wharram le Street
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Myitkyina, The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- Thurs 19** **Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**
Calendar of Saints: Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man) evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929
Pray for: St John the Baptist, Acklam (S Ryedale); St Mary, Birdsall; All Saints, Burythorpe; St Andrew, Langton; The Church of the Venerable Bede, Leavening; St Nicholas, North Grimston; All Saints, Settrington; St Mary Westow
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mzimvubu, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Fri 20** **Pray for:** Schools within the Southern Ryedale Deanery; Foston CE Primary School; Sand Hutton CE Primary School; Settrington All Saints CE School; Sherburn CE Primary School; Terrington CE Primary School; West Heslerton CE Primary School
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nagpur, The Church of North India (United)
- Sat 21** **Pray for:** Hull University, staff, students and chaplaincy
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Nairobi, The Anglican Church of Kenya



Pastoral Letter

*A Pastoral Letter from The Very Revd Dominic Barrington
Dean of York*

In the coming weeks, York Minster will be privileged to host the annual ordination of deacons. At the high point of the liturgy, Archbishop Stephen will pray for the sending down of the Holy Spirit on these women and men, and a new chapter will begin in the lives of this particular group of disciples. At much the same time, new beginnings will occur for those being ordained to the priesthood by the other bishops of our diocese, in a variety of services in local parish churches. And in June Archbishop Stephen will also ordain a new bishop to serve in this northern province of the Church of England.

At all these services, families, friends, and many from the wider church will be cheering on these deacons as they move into this new sphere of their lives. I hope that we will all feel called to celebrate these newest members of clergy... and I hope that we will do so for more than one reason.

For the truth is, that in these various liturgies of ordination, we do not only rejoice with and because of those called to these specific ministries. I hope that we will also see that in these services, we are given an icon of the call to service, ministry and discipleship that comes with the (far more) significant sacrament of baptism – the sacrament that calls out and defines the whole people of God to and for a life of collegial or communal service (diakonia) and oversight (episcopate) to all of God's world and God's children.

I hope that in this season of ordinations, we will each rejoice in the call we all share – for that is the ultimate vocation of the Body of Christ. And, in this life, it truly doesn't get any better than that!

*Dominic Barrington
Dean York*

May

4th - 10th May

Church of England:

Diocese of Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop Alastair Cutting

Church of Norway:

Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen

Green Anglicans:

the Anglican Church of Southern Africa's Environmental Network

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

Sun 4 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 Church of Ireland

Mon 5 Pray for: St Paul, Heslington; St Lawrence, York; St Thomas, York

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Northern Michigan, The Episcopal Church

Tues 6 Pray for: Christ Church, Heworth

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Western Michigan, The Episcopal Church

Weds 7 Pray for: Holy Trinity, Heworth; St Wulstan, Heworth

Anglican Communion: The Missionary District of Micronesia, The Episcopal Church

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

Pray for: St Wulstan's Conventual District

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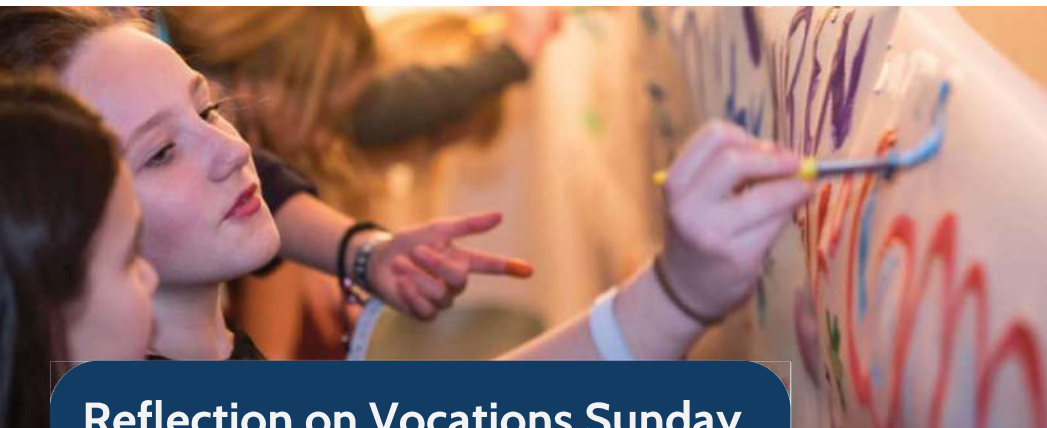
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Milwaukee, The Episcopal Church

Fri 9 Pray for: All Saints, Huntington; St Andrew, New Earswick

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

Sat 10 Pray for: All Saints, North Street

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Minnesota, The Episcopal Church



Reflection on Vocations Sunday

The Revd Anna Burr, who leads the team of Diocesan Vocations Advisers, reflects on Vocations Sunday taking place on 11th May 2025.

'We all wander far from God and lose our way: Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home. In baptism we respond to his call.'

These words, from the service of Baptism, are a reminder that everyone who has been baptised is also called by God to follow Jesus. Baptism can be the beginning of a journey of discovery of all that God has in store for our lives. I wonder where that journey has taken you. How have you responded to his call?

Discovering what God's particular call to each of us might be isn't always straightforward. We might have very fixed ideas of what a 'calling' looks like: maybe to be a doctor, a teacher and priest or even a missionary or, maybe more scarily, a monk or nun. God's call is never the same, but we know that he calls us each by name and longs to equip and to bless us as we flourish in his service.

Across the Church of England, we believe all are called to serve God according to their given

gifts, talents and context. Every Christian has a vocation, and it is the task of all those serving in ministry to help identify and nurture the gifts and callings of every member of the Church.

The diocesan team of Vocations Advisers is on hand to help. We are a small team who love to work with people who sense God is calling them to something new. Together with those who notice God is doing something new through people in their church, we listen, pray and explore the many opportunities for ministry.

Why not start your journey of exploration by having a chat with someone you trust – your parish priest would be a good start! After all – Jesus calls all who have been baptised to follow him as his disciples. Where might he want you to follow him?

Lord of all the world,
through your Son you have called us
into the fellowship
of your universal Church:
hear our prayer for your faithful people
that in their vocation and ministry
each may be an instrument of your love,
through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.

June

8th - 14th June

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland:

Bishop Gudrun Karls-Helgudottir, Bishop Kristjan Björnson,
Bishop Gisli Gunnarsson

The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church:

Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano

Archdeaconry of Rondebosch:

Diocese of Cape Town

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Sun 8 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 Melanesia

Mon 9 **Calendar of Saints: Columba, abbot, missionary, 597; Ephrem, deacon, hymn writer, teacher of the faith, 373**

Pray for: Diocese of Newcastle; Newcastle Cathedral

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

Tues 10 **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 Mumbai, The Church of North India (United)

Weds 11 **Barnabas the Apostle**

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 Mumias, The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thurs 12 **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 Mundri, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Fri 13 **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 Mundu, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sat 14 **Calendar of Saints: Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691**

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Murang'a South, The Anglican Church of Kenya



Hopes and Visions of our new Diocesan Director of Education

Following the retirement of Andrew Smith, Mari Palmer was appointed to the role of Diocesan Director of Education last spring.

Mari has served as Headteacher of Settrington All Saints' Church of England Primary School for the last ten years, establishing and leading its designation as North Yorkshire Coast Research School. A couple of months into her new role, Mari shares her hopes and visions.

"Having spent 17 years as a small school Headteacher and the last ten of these as a leader of one of our diocesan schools, the decision to apply for the role as Diocesan Director of Education was in one way incredibly simple. Having seen the powerful force for good that the Diocesan Education Team had been for our school and the surrounding cluster, to be a part of this and have the opportunity to support others was an amazing prospect for me personally, but I also had big shoes to fill!

"However, the decision to leave my role at school was not as easy. I had spent 10 years working in, and doing my best to support, the community in which I live. In addition, I had been a director of one of the EEF's Research Schools, whose mission is to close the educational outcome gaps for the most

deprived and vulnerable. Not only did I feel I could make a difference to others, it was also a rewarding experience for me.

"As a consequence, as I move into my new role, I would love to bring this passion for making education the best it can be for all to my role leading the Education Team – by supporting all those who are serving our students and helping them, in turn, to contribute to our communities. This may be clearly visible disadvantage as well as more subtle vulnerabilities.

"We begin this work with our summer conference looking at 'Doing Difficult' with Andrew Read, and I certainly don't underestimate the complexities involved with this role and the challenges I have set for myself. The prayers of the diocesan community as we strive to succeed in the task we have set for ourselves would be greatly appreciated, as well as remembering all those who are working on the ground on a daily basis doing their absolute best to enhance the life chances of our amazing pupils."

Please pray for Mari as she settles into her new role, for the Diocesan Education Team, and for schools, children and teachers across the diocese.

Church of England:
Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett

Church of Sweden:
Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren

Archdeaconry of
Namaqualand North,
Diocese of Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 11** **The Fourth Sunday of Easter and Christian Aid Week begins**
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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai
- Mon 12** **Calendar of Saints: Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952**
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 Mishamikoweesh, The Anglican Church of Canada
- Tues 13** **Pray for:** Holy Trinity, Micklegate
Anglican Communion: The Missionary District, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- Weds 14** **Calendar of Saints: Matthias the Apostle**
Pray for: St Barnabas, York; St Paul, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mississippi, The Episcopal Church
- Thurs 15** **Pray for:** St Chad, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Missouri, The Episcopal Church
- Fri 16** **Calendar of Saints: Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877**
Pray for: St Mary, Bishophill Junior, York; St Clement, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of West Missouri, The Episcopal Church
- Sat 17** **Pray for:** St Hilda, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mityana, The Church of the Province of Uganda

Pastoral Letter

*A Pastoral Letter from The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York*

As we find ourselves in the Easter season, eagerly awaiting Pentecost, I wonder what we can learn from the first disciples (unaware of what will soon happen), and their unbridled joy and enthusiasm at having their beloved Teacher back among them?

Perhaps there is a lesson here about spending time with God. By studying scripture and praying faithfully, we get to know the heart and mind of God.

This teaches us how to live and be in the church and in the world. As we strive to become more like Christ, we need to allow ourselves to be shaped by God rather than the world.

There is so much anger in the world (some righteous, much that isn't). There is so much pain in the world, so much suffering and sorrow. So often, we see things from one perspective, and there is a lack of kindness, generosity and hospitality in what we see in others. So we need to learn to see things differently, to sing a different song.

We mustn't be like those people who have eyes but do not see and ears but do not hear. No. Let us commit ourselves this Easter, sure in the hope of the resurrection, to see and hear, to do kindness and mercy, to love justice, to walk humbly with our God.

Let us go out of our way to care for others and to reach out to those in need.

Let us pray without ceasing.

Let us live as an Easter people, all parts of Christ's body working together to make God known in this world. Let us live as a people of love!

*++Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York*



June

1st - 7th June

Church of England:

Diocese of Hereford, Bishop Richard Jackson

The Lusitanian Church (Portugal):

Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral

The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide:

Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica

Schools

in the Diocese of
Saldanha Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 1** **The Seventh Sunday of Easter;** Sunday after Ascension Day and Environment Sunday
Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Korea
- Mon 2** **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 Mount Kilimanjaro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- Tues 3** **Calendar of Saints: Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977**
Pray for: Schools within the Northern Ryedale Deanery: Ampleforth St Hildas CE School; Gillamoor CE Primary School; Snainton CE Primary School; Thornton Dale CE Primary School; Wykeham CE Primary School
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mpumalanga, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Weds 4** **Calendar of Saints: Petroc, abbot, 6th century**
Prayer for: Bishop of Whitby, The Rt Revd Barry Hill
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mpwapwa, The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- Thurs 5** **Calendar of Saints: Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop, martyr, 754**
Pray for: World Environment Day
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mthatha, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- Fri 6** **Calendar of Saints: Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945**
Pray for: York Minster; Dean of York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Muhabara, The Church of the Province of Uganda
- Sat 7** **Pray for:** Holy Rood House
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mukono, The Church of the Province of Uganda



Cherry Burton Church celebrates Open Door Community Café

The Revd Richard Parkinson, Rector at Cherry Burton and Area Dean of Beverley, shares the success of a parish church Community Café.

Ministry is challenging, rewarding, and diverse in all our Mission Units and this is true amongst our rural churches where they are one of only two or three places for community gathering. Our communities not only provide a space to gather for worship and prayer, but beyond that create welcoming events and initiatives for the lonely, the isolated, the aging, and the young.

Whilst the size of our village communities means that we struggle to be able to build a 'critical mass' of any single demographic this does provide the opportunity for inter-generational community to flourish. About seven years ago, St Michael's Cherry Burton set-up the Open Door Community Café using seed funding from the PCC. Now the café has repaid the PCC its seed funding and is a thriving weekly space used by a wide range of people including the elderly, young families, children with their teachers from Cherry Burton primary school, walkers, cyclists, knitters, and even the local PCSOs pop in occasionally. The Open Door Community Café is now wholly run and maintained by volunteers who bake cakes and cook soups from home, as well as those who serve customers and wash-up each week.

This has brought our regular worshippers and many non-church attendees together under a vision of 'loving your neighbour as you love yourself'. It is creating and solidifying relationships, promoting faith in action, as well as raising money from the café's proceeds to support local, national, and international charities. In the past 12 months they have donated £5,000 to Dove House Hospice, as well as topping up the local St Michael's Hardship Fund that supports emergency needs in the local villages and amongst partner parishes in Hull. This does not stand alone but is one part of the multitude of other ways the worshipping community is interwoven with village life. They are living their discipleship out in the open and sharing Christ's story through their words, and actions.

This is only one example of the hundreds of coffee mornings, crafts groups, bible study groups, choirs, prayer meetings, and building committees that are the day-to-day of a village church. Each connection brings the opportunity to live the reality of Christ amongst our neighbours who know us and whom we know well. The only big numbers we are likely to see in rural ministry are the heating and insurance bills but our rural churches are an open door for all our local residents to find God right where they live.

May

18th - 24th May

Church of England:

Diocese of Guildford, Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Paul Davies

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:

Diocese of Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjær

Hospital chaplains
working across Southern Africa

Porvoo Communion

South Africa Diocesan Link

- Sun 18** **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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East
- Mon 19** **Calendar of Saints: Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988**
Pray for: St Luke, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mombasa, The Anglican Church of Kenya
- Tues 20** **Calendar of Saints: Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804**
Pray for: St Michael-le-Belfry, York; G2 York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Monmouth, The Church in Wales
- Weds 21** **Calendar of Saints: Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330**
Pray for: St Thomas with St Maurice, York
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Montana, The Episcopal Church
- Thurs 22** **Pray for:** Schools within the York Deanery: Archbishop Holgates CE Academy; Heworth CE Primary School; St Barnabas CE School; St Lawrence CE Primary School; St Oswalds CE Primary School; St Paul's CE Primary School; York Manor CE Academy; St Peter's School
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Montreal, The Anglican Church of Canada
- Fri 23** **Pray for:** Bishop of Selby, The Rt Revd Dr Flora Winfield
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Moosonee, The Anglican Church of Canada
- Sat 24** **Calendar of Saints: John and Charles Wesley, evangelists, hymn writers, 1791 and 1788**
Pray for: St Hilda, Ampleforth; Holy Cross, Gilling East; St Oswald, Oswaldkirk; Holy Trinity, Stonegrave
Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, The Scottish Episcopal Church

Announcing the Acting Archdeacon of York

The Revd Canon Liz Hassall has accepted the Archbishop of York's invitation to be Acting Archdeacon of York, following the departure of the Ven Sam Rushton at the end of March to take up a new post in the Diocese of Lichfield.

Archbishop Stephen has invited Canon Liz to hold the responsibilities of the Archdeacon while the process of reviewing the job description and making a new permanent appointment is underway.

Canon Liz Hassall is Rector of the York City Centre churches, Associate Area Dean of York and currently one of the clergy elected to represent the Diocese of York in the Church of England's General Synod.

As Acting Archdeacon, alongside Bishop of Selby the Rt Revd Dr Flora Winfield, her responsibilities within the Archdeaconry of York (the City and Vale of York, and from the western edge of the Wolds to the far side of Selby) will include overseeing church property, supporting clergy, and ensuring that proper and legal procedures are followed

within deaneries and parishes, and for appointments.

Bishop Flora said, "I'm so grateful that Liz Hassall has agreed to Act as Archdeacon of York, to work with me and with the team of Area and Lay Deans to care for the communities and churches of the archdeaconry. Liz is a highly capable and experienced priest, and a very approachable and pastoral colleague, and I look forward very much to working with her in this role.

"I'm grateful too to the York City Centre churches for lending her to us – and I know we will all be holding Liz in our prayers for these responsibilities."

As Acting Archdeacon of York, Liz will be contactable via the existing email address for the Archdeacon of York: adyka@yorkdiocese.org.

Please pray for Liz and the Archdeaconry of York as she takes on this new role.

May

25th - 31st May

Church of England:
Diocese of Exeter, Bishop Mike Harrison, Bishop James Grier, Bishop of Crediton – vacancy

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

Archdeaconry of Mitchells Plain;
Diocese of False Bay

Porvoo Communion

South Africa
Diocesan Link

Sun 25 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: The Anglican Church of Kenya

Mon 26 Rogation Day

Calendar of Saints: Augustine, archbishop, 605; John Calvin, reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595

Pray for: St John, Bilsdale Midcable; 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 Port Moresby, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Tues 27 Rogation Day

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 Morobo, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Weds 28 Rogation Day

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

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Morogoro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thurs 29 Ascension Day; Thy Kingdom Come begins (until 8th June)

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

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Mount Kenya Central, The Anglican Church of Kenya

Fri 30 Calendar of Saints: Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906; Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933

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 of Mount Kenya South, The Anglican Church of Kenya

Sat 31 Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

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 Diocese of Mount Kenya West, The Anglican Church of Kenya