

New Guidance Note on Musical Instruments

The DAC (Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches) has issued a new guidance note on musical instruments and associated equipment.

This new guidance note recognises that worship is expressed through music in many different ways, and the musical life of the church is now far more diverse than it once was. The range of musical resources and other equipment used in church has widened to include amplified and electronic instruments, loudspeakers, amplifiers and control/mixing desks, music stands, and ensembles of performers which the building may not originally have been designed to accommodate.

The Chancellor and the Diocesan Advisory Committee are keen to encourage appropriate flexibility and creativity in the musical life of the Church, while at the same time having regard to the need for our churches to be protected and remain dignified, and for items within them to be kept safe and in decent order. Musical instruments and associated equipment kept in the church between services, or significant pipe organs which are not in use for a particular period of time, raise a number of important Health & Safety, aesthetic, ownership and maintenance issues.

You can download this document from www.dioceseofyork.org.uk, from the "Caring for Your Church's Contents" page of the Church Buildings section. Alternatively, you can contact Phil Thomas on 01904 699523.

Due to retirement applications are invited for the post of Organist/Choir Leader, St Mary's Church Boston Spa. The organ is a 2 manual Forster & Andrews and has been recently renovated (Sept 09 - Feb 10) The choir is robed and RSCM affiliated. RSCM rates apply. For further information please contact; Ivor Drake. Tel 01937 842622 e-mail ivordrake@tiscali.co.uk

Wanted: Choir robes, adult and children sizes any colour for growing choir. Contact Revd Ruth Hind at ruthhind@tiscali.co.uk or 01377 270402.

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New Bishop of Whitby

The Bishop of Whitby, the Rt Revd Martin Warner, was consecrated by the Archbishop of York in York Minster on 26 January, the Feast of St Timothy and St Titus.

The sermon was preached by the Revd. Philip North, Team Rector of the Old St Pancras Team, London, and Martin Warner was presented to the Archbishop by the Bishop of London, Dr Richard Chartres, and the Bishop of Hull, the Rt Revd Richard Frith.



Bishop Martin was welcomed to the Archdeaconry of Cleveland on 30 January, with a service of welcome at St Hilda's Church, Whitby. Pupils from All Saints Church of England Secondary School, Ingleby Barwick, presented Bishop Martin to the Archbishop and the congregation, and the Archbishop gave his address or 'charge' to the Bishop and Archdeaconry and gave him the legal document authorizing his ministry.



Bishop Martin was welcomed by various people from the life of the Archdeaconry, including the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean of Guisborough, and the Town Mayor of Whitby. The Dean of York gave Bishop Warner his pastoral staff, and the Archdeacon of Cleveland gave him the pectoral cross historically associated with the office of Bishop of Whitby.

Good Visibility Forecast For Lent

What would it be like to be invisible? Over the years authors and film-makers have utilized this idea, often to amusing effect.

I think that for a large proportion of our population, Christians - clergy and lay - are invisible! What is the likelihood of seeing someone wearing a clerical collar at the shopping centre or on a train? How often do you come across a lay person wearing a cross or a fish at Morrison's or in IKEA?

I was ordained over 32 years ago. At that time Christians were rediscovering the truth that every believer is a "minister", whether lay or ordained. Among some of us younger clergy there was a feeling that we could draw attention to this truth by only wearing our dog collars when it was really necessary.

Thirty years later I've changed my mind. Today many clergy don't wear their collars a lot of the time. As a result we've become invisible. Meanwhile we frequently hear reports in the press about employees being forbidden to wear crosses at work. I was pleased that just before Christmas the Bishop of Lichfield was in the headlines encouraging Christians to wear a cross or a fish.

The season of Lent begins on February 17, and I've decided to wear my dog collar during those six-and-a-half weeks wherever I go – to the shops or out for a meal or wherever. If you are ordained, will you join me by doing the same? If you're not ordained will you consider wearing a cross or a fish?

So if you are thinking of what to give up for Lent – why not give up being invisible! It will enable people to see that there are many more Christians around than they realised. And in the hairdresser's chair or at the checkout we may find new opportunities, in the words of St Peter, to "Give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have".

The Ven. David Butterfield, Archdeacon of the East Riding



- Mrs Jenny Reid to be Prebendary of Masham
General Synod Representative

The Reverend James Harry Little has been appointed to the role of Rural Dean of Howden for a period of five years. This is in addition to his existing responsibilities as Team Rector of the Howden Team Ministry. Mr Little succeeds the Reverend Peter Faulkner who has held the position since July 2005.

The Archbishop has re-appointed the Reverend Martyn Philip Dunning as Rural Dean of Scarborough for a further period of two years.

The Reverend Andrew David Robinson, Assistant Curate (NSM) of the Benefice of Barlby and Riccall, has been appointed half-time Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Ledsham with Fairburn.

The Reverend Anne Dawson, NSM Assistant Curate of the benefice of Market Weighton, has been appointed House for Duty Priest in Charge of the benefice of Siggleshorne with Nunkeeling and Bewholme.

The Reverend Peter David Watson, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Boston Spa, has been appointed Rector of the benefice of Brayton.

The Reverend Susan Wallace, (NSM) Assistant Curate of the Benefice of St Stephens Acomb, has been appointed (NSM) Assistant Curate of the Benefice of St Michael-le-Belfry, York, retaining her responsibility for the Visions/ Transcendence project.

Following the pastoral scheme, which has created a plurality of the following benefices, the Reverend Pamela Joyce Sanders, previously Priest-in-Charge, has been appointed as Rector of the Benefice of Crathorne, Vicar of the Benefice of Kirklevington with Picton, and High and Low Worsall and Vicar of the Benefice of Rudby-in-Cleveland with Middleton.

The Archbishop has granted Permission to Officiate to the Reverend Cathy Rowling, former Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Dean of Women's Ministry, and has conferred upon her the title of Canon Emeritus.

He has also conferred the title of Canon Emeritus to the Reverend John Rendall who has Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of York.

The Archbishop has granted Permission to Officiate to the Reverend Canon Leonard Hudson and the Reverend Jon Booth of Malton, and the Reverend Sharon Ann Whittington, York.

Lee Kirkby was appointed as the full time Youth Minister at Beverley Minster.

The Reverend Josephine May Oliver, Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Bubwith and Skipwith, has retired.

The Reverend Linda Christine Munt, Vicar of the Benefice of Market Weighton and of the Benefice of Sancton, and Rector of the Benefice of Goodmanham, has resigned.

Sat 20 Mar - Dvořák - Stabat Mater, by York Musical Society. See page 8.

Mon 22 Mar - Thoughts for Lent at All Saints Pavement. See page 5

Mon 22 - Weds 24 Mar - Lenten Retreat at Wydale Hall. See page 6.

Weds 24 Mar - Ebor Lecture at York Minster: Rt Hon Tony Benn on 'the Kings and the Prophets'. The theme for the 2009-10 Ebor Lectures is Business as Usual?: The Global Economy Crisis and the Future of Capitalism. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance at eborlectures@yorks.ac. or 01904 876474.

Thurs 25 Mar - Research Seminar at Holy Rood House, Thirsk. The Revd Carla Grosch-Miller on theological education and issues of abuse plus forum for sharing issues and good practice (face2face research seminar). A day consultation offering a chance to discuss recent or current research, and share work in progress. Contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Mon 29 Mar - Day of Contemplation at Wydale Hall. See page 6.

Tues 30 - Weds 31 Mar - Lenten Retreat at Wydale Hall. See page 6.

Weds 31 Mar - Tues 6 April - Easter Retreat at Holy Rood House. See page 6.

People on the Move

The Archbishop of York has agreed to the Venerable Paul Ferguson having a period of sabbatical until 31 March. During this period the Reverend Canon Erik Wilson be Acting Archdeacon in addition to his current duties, with Reverend John Ford and the Reverend Paul Mothersdale also authorised to deputise.

The Archbishop has appointed the following as members of the College of Canons of York Minster:

- The Revd Bill Ankers to be Prebendary of Ulleskelf
Vicar of St Peter's, Norton
- The Revd Elaine Bielby to be Prebendary of Fridaythorpe
Dean of Women's Ministry, Archdeaconry Training Officer and Priest in Charge of Welton with Melton
- The Revd Stephen Cope to be the Prebendary of Driffield
Rural Dean of North Holderness and Vicar of Withernsea with Owthorne and Easington with Skeffling and Holmpton
- The Revd John Harrison to be Prebendary of Bugthorpe
Rural Dean of Easingwold and Vicar Easingwold with Raskelf
- The Revd Richard Rowling to be Prebendary of Bole
Rural Dean of Mowbray and Rector of Thirsk
- The Revd Roger Simpson to be Prebendary of Givendale
Vicar of St Michael-le-Belfrey, York

Greening Our Parsonages

To help our clergy prepare for the "Diocesan Year of the Environment 2011" the Property Team at Diocesan House is arranging a full programme of improvements to insulate our Parsonages and Diocesan owned property. This work will be carried out through 2010 and our clergy will be contacted in due course to arrange for surveys to be carried out.

This important initiative is part of the ongoing improvement of our clergy housing supported through financial giving into the Common Fund. Thank you for your continued giving that supports the structures of the Diocese in this way.

Graham Andrews, Diocesan Surveyor

Young Adults Pilgrimage to Taizé, France

Following last year's pilgrimage attended by Archbishop Sentamu, a group of young people (aged 16-30) from the Diocese will be going to Taizé again this August for a week, from 31st July – 9th August.

One of last year's pilgrims said about their visit, "Taize is a place to meet many young people from all over the world and to meet with God in your own personal way. Either in the quiet reflection of the services or the stimulating bible study and discussion in small groups, you get the chance to dip into the stream of spirituality that runs deep in Taize. Whether you come as a committed Christian, someone who is just started on the journey of faith, or anywhere in between, there is always something to learn in Taize. The cider is good as well!"

Travelling will be by coach and the likely cost (subsidised) will be £150-200. Bookings are being taken now, but final confirmation and deposit will be required by the beginning of July.

So, if you will be aged between 16-30 on the date of travel, contact Revd Adam Reed on 01751 474858 or bilpop@btinternet.com



News from the Education Department

Ministry through Schools: Christian Governors serving Community Schools

Diocesan House, 9th March, 6.30-8pm. This is a session to consider the special contribution you can make, to include:

- general background on the legal requirements for RE, Collective Worship and Community Cohesion in schools
- knowing the boundaries – how “Christian” can you be?
- supporting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- the potential for links between the school and the local churches
- bringing Christian values to school policies and staffing matters

This FREE event is for all Governors, including clergy, who serve on Governing Bodies of Community schools. Tea and biscuits will be provided. For a booking form please contact Anita Ranyell on 01904 699511 or email aranyell@yorkdiocese.org.

Annual Education Conference Change, Challenge, Choice – Choosing the future in Church Schools

Wednesday 30th June 2010 - York Racecourse

The Rt Revd Dr John Saxbee, Bishop of Lincoln and Chairman, Church of England Board of Education and National Society Council

Janet Huscroft, Headteacher, Hook CE VC Primary, Goole
Dr Elaine Storkey, writer and broadcaster

This year we are trying a new format for the Conference, incorporating a range of seminars into the afternoon programme. This will allow individual delegates to focus on one of the following aspects of the Conference theme in a smaller forum: leadership development (Janet Huscroft); RE (Fiona Moss – RE Today); Church-school links; the future of Church schools (Paul Bramley, Headteacher and NCSL consultant)

Headteachers, School Staff, Governors, Clergy and any other interested parties are all warmly invited to attend!



John Saxbee



Elaine Storkey

What's On in March

For more details, visit www.dioceseofyork.org.uk

Mon 1 Mar - Thoughts for Lent at All Saints Pavement. See page 5

Sun 7 Mar - The Problem with Ezekiel. Dr. Joanna Stiebert (University of Leeds) will talk about understanding Biblical texts at 19:30. William Temple Association, in the Staff Common Room, York St. John University. Further information from Kingsley Boulton, 01904 411535 or kingsley.boulton@stolave.org.uk

Mon 8 Mar - Thoughts for Lent at All Saints Pavement. See page 5

Thurs 11 Mar - Aspects of Caring at Holy Rood House, Thirsk. Working with survivors of domestic violence - a day course for counsellors and pastoral carers, health professionals, and those involved in church, community or voluntary groups. Contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Thurs 11 Mar - York Christian Aid AGM, held at 7.30pm at Clifton Methodist Church.

Fri 12 - Sun 14 Mar - Journeying: A Labyrinth Workshop for Women at Holy Rood House, Thirsk. A women's spirituality weekend to mark International Women's week, led by. Revd Dr Jan Berry and Revd Elizabeth Baxter. Contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk.

Sat 13 Mar - A Few Good Men - Putting Men Back in the Pews. An afternoon looking at the issue of ministry to men, at St Francis Church Ingleby Barwick. For more details contact Revd Rob Desics 01642 590496.

Sat 13 Mar - Affirming Catholicism Meeting. Third meeting in the series of "Story, Song and Silence". Fr Antony Grant from the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield will talk on "Silence" at 10.30am at St Olave's Church Hall, Marygate Lane, York. Contact Simon Lockley on 01904 788306.

Mon 15 Mar - Thoughts for Lent at All Saints Pavement. See page 5

Mon 15 - Weds 17 Mar - Fellowship of Clergy Wives Retreat. See page 8.

Thurs 18 Mar - Quiet Day at Wydale Hall. See page 6.

Sat 20 Mar - The Changing Face of Public Ministry - A Reader Day Conference. This is an opportunity to meet and discuss with Bishop Robert Paterson (the Chair of the Central Readers' Council), Readers from across the Diocese and others involved with Reader Ministry, initial and continuing Reader training. Contact 01904 699504 or jacque.dupreez@yorkdiocese.org

Fellowship of Clergy Wives Retreat

The Diocesan Fellowship of Clergy Wives are holding their retreat on the theme of 'Soul Food', from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 March at Wydale Hall, with guest speaker Di Archer.

"Sometimes God even forces us to rest, allowing our bodies to warn us of overload. That has certainly been my experience, and I have had to remember that I am not superwoman, nor am I supposed to be." (Di Archer, "Every Day with God for Women")

The cost of the retreat is £117, before subsidy. Please send £15 deposit to secure a place to Mrs Diana Pearce, Sutherland Bridge, Cropton, YO18 8EU, or telephone 01751 417420. Please make cheque to "Clergy Wives Fellowship".

Wesley Owen Bookshop in York

Following the decision in November to put the entire Wesley Owen chain up for sale, a buyer has been found for the Barbican Bookshop in York. The Australian Christian retailer Koorong has purchased the store, along with a further seven others nationwide. Koorong are a family owned business, established in the late seventies, who now operate 18 Christian Bookshops across Australia. For more details visit www.wesleyowen.com.

Dvořák's *Stabat Mater*

York Musical Society will be performing Dvořák's setting of the *Stabat Mater*, the work which made him famous in the English-speaking world, in York Minster on Saturday 20 March at 7.30pm. It is one of the most moving interpretations of this medieval devotional text. Satisfyingly symphonic in its structure and orchestration, it has a lyrical warmth and shows Dvořák's harmonic language at its most sumptuous.

The *Stabat Mater* has moments of dramatic intensity and energy, balanced by passages of calm serenity. This concert offers an opportunity at Passiontide for reflection and meditation within the magnificence of the Minster. A distinguished quartet of soloists will be joining the choir under the baton of their conductor Philip Moore. Tickets (£7 – £18 with concessions) are available from York Minster Box Office: 0844 939 0015; www.boxoffice.yorkminster.org and at the door.



New Diocesan Website

We've got a new website for the Diocese of York. It's a new site but an old address - you can still find it at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk.

Perspectives... thoughts for Lent.

Have you ever found yourself asking what do a modern city and the Bible really have in common? How does faith fit in with how we live our lives in a city which is changing as fast as York?

For the York City Centre Churches Care and Development Trust 2010 Lent talks five guest speakers have been invited to offer their views on faith in society today. Each will explore a different topic covering volunteers, the traditions of feasting and fasting, commerce, education and health.

The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal OBE, Chief Executive of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum will be the speaker on 1 March when he will invite the audience to join with him in exploring the traditions of feasting and fasting.

The Revd Dr Philip Bee, Director of the Oastler Centre in Leeds will speak on Monday 8 March about his work to assist churches and Christians of all persuasions to engage their faith more fully with economic life in Leeds.

Monday 15 March will see David Efird, Provost of Vanburgh College and a Senior Lecturer in Philosophy at the University of York speak about Faith and Education.

Finally on 22 March the Rev Stuart Petty will speak about Faith and Health reflected through his work as Senior Chaplain within York Hospitals.

The series begins on Monday 22 February and runs for 5 weeks with each talk beginning at 12.30pm lasting approximately one hour at All Saints Pavement York. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For more information or to book places for one, several or all of the talks please visit www.coreyork.org or telephone 01904 619489.

Lent Retreats and Quiet Days

Wydale Hall are holding four retreats and quiet days over Lent and Holy Week. On Thursday 18 March, there is a quiet day led by Joyce Bell, with a theme based on what we most treasure, using Matt 6: 21: 'where your treasure is, there will your heart be also', and also Matt 14: 44, the parable of 'the treasure in the field'. There will be opportunities in the quiet times to explore through prayer, poetry and pictures, so if you want to paint, please bring materials with you!

Women of the Old Testament, from Monday 22 March to Wednesday 24 March is a Lenten retreat with the Revd Paul Mothersdale, Rector of Thornton Dale Benefice and Rural Dean of Northern Ryedale in the Diocese of York.



"The Art of Love" is a day of contemplation for Holy Week based on the 'Garden of the Beloved' by Robert Way, led by Revd Raymond Eveleigh and Mrs Brenda Eveleigh on Monday 29 March. There will be readings from 'The Garden of the Beloved' - a story of a rich young man who seeks to learn the art of loving. Specially chosen music after each reading will allow time for contemplation of the images drawn from this little jewel of a book which is an allegory of Love.

Going Up To Jerusalem is a Holy Week retreat led by Revd Clive Artley from Tuesday 30 March to Wednesday 31 March. During this Retreat participants will try to enter the minds of Jesus' followers and of his enemies. In sharing their confusion we shall hope to gain a deeper understanding of what the Crucifixion really means in our day and our lives.

For further information or to book a place on any of these days, contact Wydale Hall on 01723 859270 or retreat@wydale.org, or visit www.wydale.org.

There will be a Holy Week and Easter retreat at Holy Rood House, Thirsk, from Wednesday 31 March to Tuesday 6 April. "The Way of the Cross" will re-create Stations of the Cross for our contemporary world, with Revd Dr Jan Berry, Director of The Centre for the study of Theology and Health, Revds Stanley and Elizabeth Baxter and the Holy Rood House Community. For more details or to book, contact 01845 522580 or enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk, or visit www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

Lynn Comer

In January, Lynn Comer joined the training team as Director of Reader Studies, alongside her work as a senior lecturer in theology and ministry at York St John University. She is a Reader at St Luke's church in York.



"I have lived in York all my life and have worshipped at St Luke's since my early teenage years, when I came to faith through the ministry of our then Parish Priest Canon Michael Long. Encouraged by our curate, I agreed to begin Reader training, becoming one of the youngest Readers in the diocese when I was licensed in York Minster in 1996. More recently I've enjoyed the privilege of supporting Reader Ministry as a Sub-Warden and latterly Archdeaconry Secretary for York and as a member of the Central Readers' Council.

I am thrilled to be taking on this role as Director of Reader Studies. As Reader Ministry changes and develops, both nationally and in the diocese, there are very exciting opportunities ahead of us. I'm really looking forward to working with Readers and all those who support them in their initial and continuing development to ensure that we can encourage and equip everyone for their part in God's mission in the world today."

Alphabet Walks for Christian Aid

John and Nancy Eckersley have written another walking book in support of Christian Aid. "Alphabetting in East Yorkshire" features 26 new circular walks through East Yorkshire, and each walk visits a place or feature beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. The book has an introduction from Paul Hudson, Look North's weatherman and Honorary Mayor of Wetwang, and from David Neave, responsible for the updating of Nicolas Pevsner's classic "Buildings of East Yorkshire".

To launch the publication of this new book, 26 groups will be walking the 26 walks featured on Easter Monday, 5 April, and raising money for Christian Aid. If you would like to join in with one of the walks, or buy a copy of "Alphabetting in East Yorkshire", contact John Eckersley on 01904 410389.