

People on the Move

The Reverend Dr Neal Duncan Barnes, Vicar of the Benefice of Anlaby St Peter, has been appointed Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Hull, Most Holy and Undivided Trinity.

The Reverend Valerie Elizabeth Mary-Benedict Haynes, formerly Assistant Curate of Holy Trinity Sheerness and Holy Trinity Queenborough in the Diocese of Canterbury, has been appointed Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Skelton in Cleveland with Upleatham and of the Benefice of Boosbeck and Lingdale.

The Reverend Kathryn Magdalena Lawrie, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Skelton with Upleatham and the Benefice of Boosbeck and Lingdale, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the benefice of Hedon with Paull.

The Reverend Elizabeth Maryan Marshman, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of Clifton, St Philip and St James, has been appointed Priest in Charge of the Benefice of Lockington and Lund and Scarborough with Leconfield.

The Reverend Ursula Simpson, Assistant Curate of the Benefice of St Paul's, York, has been appointed half-time NSM Priest in Charge of the Benefice of York, St Barnabas.

The Reverend Rowan Clare Williams, Chaplain to the Leicester Royal Infirmary in the Diocese of Leicester, has been appointed Anglican Chaplain to the University of York. There will also be a welcoming service held at Heslington Church on Wednesday 12 May at 7.30pm.

The Reverend Guy Donegan-Cross, Vicar of the Benefice of Saltburn, has resigned to be Vicar of the Benefice of St Mark's, Harrogate in the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds.

The Archbishop has given permission to officiate to:

The Reverend Andrew David Bowden of Malton.

The Reverend Alan James Turner of Hutton le Hole.

The Revd Dr Quentin Wilson, Rural Dean of Southern Ryedale, would like to borrow a slide projector for a meeting in May. If you can help, please contact Quentin on qhwilson@btinternet.com or 01944 728060.

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Bishop of Hull blesses the new site for Archbishop Sentamu Academy



The Rt Revd Richard Frith, Bishop of Hull, blessed the ground at the site of the new Archbishop Sentamu Academy on Preston Road, Hull, on Friday 28th February. He was joined by local Councillors, members of the local community and students from Archbishop Sentamu Academy, who were almost blown away by the wind!

The Academy is currently located on Hopewell Road, but work has already started on the new site in Preston Road, and it's hoped the work there will be completed by Autumn 2011.

The Diocese of York is the Sponsor of Archbishop Sentamu Academy as part of its mission to serve young people and their communities.

Easter Message from the Archbishop

Easter is a wonderful time of year. It may not get the same attention from the media and wider society that Christmas does, but it is no less special.

If the story of Christmas is one of birth, then the one of Easter is one of resurrection. A time of reflection and a time for remembering the death of Jesus; but also a time of new life in God and renewal.

A time to remember that our God lives, and that through His Son's death on the cross we may live. Yes, Easter is a time for celebration! Hallelujah! For God in Christ has done for us that which we could not do for ourselves, overcoming our shame, pollution, transience and death.

On the afternoon of Holy Saturday, I will again have the privilege and honour of baptising local people who have made a commitment to follow Jesus in their lives. What better way to make a public declaration of faith than to do it in an open air tank on the steps of the Minster in front of your friends and family? (This year, we may even make sure the water is warm for them!)

The act of baptism is a wonderful symbol. The message for all to see that there is a death to the old life, and a fresh start with our sins being washed away. But that fresh start is not given to us by water in a tank, it is given to us by the sacrifice of Jesus through His crucifixion, and Easter Sunday will be the opportunity for us to celebrate that He has conquered death. Yes! He has been to Hell and back!

And why did He die? Because God loves us. Each and every one.

I have been really humbled by the experience we had on Ash Wednesday, when I went out into the City Centre of York with ministers and volunteers from the Diocese to meet and pray for local people. The "Say One For Me" campaign is a good example of how we can show love in action to those around us. Asking about what is going on in people's lives and what they would like prayer about – and just being there for them, showing care and love.

As Easter approaches, let us reflect on the love that God has shown us through the death of His Son and pray that the news of his resurrection will help to free those who are currently trying to cope on their own with seemingly impossible situations.

Weds 14 Apr - Charitable Concert With The Kiev Singers. Starting at 19.30, St. Mary Bishophill York are to proud to present The Kiev Singers. A group of professional Singers and Musicians from Kiev in Ukraine. The programme includes spiritual Ukrainian vocal and instrumental music and a miscellany of popular classics and Ukrainian folk songs. The purpose of the tour is try to generate funds for "New Beginnings" charity (charity No. 1087263) who have built a Foster home and fund its upkeep just outside Kiev. There is no entry charge but donations are welcome at the end of the Concert . Contact (01904) 624425 for further details.

Sat 17 Apr - The Quiet Garden Movement Annual Gathering. All Quiet Gardeners and friends are invited to 'Opening the Gate', the Quiet Garden Movement Annual Gathering. Keynote addresses include 'Fractured Light – A random celebration of some encounters in places where things grow' by The Very Rev Dominic Milroy OSB, a monk of Ampleforth Abbey. and 'The Garden in the Heart, towards an ecology of the soul's seasons' by the Revd Philip Roderick, Founder-Director of the Quiet Garden Movement . Christ Church Heworth, Stockton Lane, York YO31 1JG on 17th April, 10am for 10.30 start - 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks and soup will be provided. Cost £10, pre-booking is essential - download the booking form below. For more details or to book, contact The Quiet Garden Trust on 01494 434873 or email quiet.garden@ukonline.co.uk

Tues 20 Apr - Discover the Saxon History of St Peter and St Paul Scrayingham. See Page 9.

Weds 21 Apr - Drop in Day at Wydale Hall. Combining worship, reflection and quiet time. No need to book; Cost £12 includes drinks and a light lunch. Visit www.wydale.org for more information, or call 01723 859270

Sun 25 Apr - Vocations Sunday. See page 4.

Tues 27 Apr - Ebor Lectures at York St John University: Prof. Elaine Graham. See page 7.

Weds 28 Apr - Respect through RE, Bishopthorpe Palace, York. The course meets the needs of both Church Schools and Community Schools to promote community cohesion and enable children to develop attitudes of respect for all. To book, call 01904 699511.

Thurs 29 Apr - Christian Aid Service, York Minster. Speaker: Dame Anne Owers, Chair of the Christian Aid board, and Chief Inspector of HMI Prisons.

What's On in April

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

Thurs 1 - Weds 7 Apr - Easter Break Holiday with Wydale Hall. Visit Wydale in the Spring when it is particularly beautiful and enjoy a restful break in its peace and comfort. The calming surroundings will ensure you have a relaxing experience. There will be a full programme of activities for you to join in such as walks, slide shows, quizzes, talks, musical entertainment. . .and an Easter Egg Hunt. There will also be Morning and Evening Worship each day as well as Good Friday Reflections and Readings, a short Easter Vigil on the Saturday and Eucharist on the Easter Sunday morning. Visit the website for more information: www.wydale.org, or call 01723 859270

Thurs 1 Apr - Blessing of Oils for Maundy Thursday, York Minster.

Fri 2 Apr - Good Friday Concert. Beverley Chamber Choir and Orchestra play Mozart Requiem and Durufle Requiem at St Mary's Church Beverley. For tickets call Beverley Tourist Office on 01482 391672.

Sat 3 Apr - Easter Baptisms with the Archbishop, York Minster. This is the 4th annual Joint baptism service in the open air with Archbishop Sentamu. Christian leaders from all over the city will be baptising converts in a pool on the Minster steps. The programme will begin at 2pm with the actual baptisms happening at 3pm.

Weds 7 Apr - Easter Walk with Aldbrough Benefice. From Wood Farm, Mappleton Lane, Great Hatfield, East Yorks. Starts at 10am with a hot sandwich at the finish. Contact Sylvia Rice-Oxley for more details: 01964 529032

Sat 10 Apr - Companions of the Community of the Resurrection. 'Dealing with change', All Saints, North Street, York from 11.00 until 12.30. Mass will be followed by the talk and discussion. For further details please contact Paul Taylor 01759 305484.

Sat 10 Apr - Meeting with York Carmelite Spirituality Group. 'Blessed Angelo Paoli' - a presentation of his life. York Carmelite Spirituality Group is open to anyone interested in exploring Carmel's ancient Christian path to God, that seeks holiness in the everyday events of life. We welcome people of any denomination, and all walks of life. More details from: www.carmelite.org/yorkcsg

Life is a Rollercoaster

XLS has a growing reputation as one of THE events to go to in the North and it is especially geared to young people in the Diocese of York. This year we are once again unable to use York Minster to best advantage because of all the restoration work. So, having used the Railway Museum last year, this year we have gone right outside the box.... and booked Lightwater Valley Theme Park for our own EXCLUSIVE use!

So, on Saturday 22 May, starting at 5.45pm, all rides will be open and because there will be no major queuing to worry about, there will be loads of time to get round as many rides as you can. Then at 8pm (ish) when the rides close, we gather at the open air arena for a concert featuring The Steels (www.myspace.com/thesteels) and Stephen Riley will speak. Formed eight years ago The Steels - Adam, Simon and Matt are a Christian band from Northumberland, UK. Over the past five years they have gathered a substantial following all over the country after creating quite a stir at live gigs.

This is a classic youth event that is not to be missed! For the leaders and attending adults we have a 'Leader Resource Theater' hosted by Urban Saints. Please note that we ask young people to attend as groups, with leaders, and there no unaccompanied adults will be allowed in.

Tickets are £11 each and for this you get entry into the park, includes as many rides as you can fit in, and the concert. (Normal entry price is £17.50 so this is great value for money). Tickets are limited, so make sure you book in advance by visiting www.dioceseofyork.org.uk, or call Nigel Chapman on 01347 868287.



Vocations Sunday - Called to be you

Vocations Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, is the Sunday set aside in the Church's calendar to encourage all of us think about our vocation.

So what is your vocation? You may think that you don't have a vocation or that vocations are the sort of thing clergy have. But if you think that, you're wrong. Each of us does have a vocation. God calls each one of us. The question, though, is to what?



First and foremost, God calls us to change: to become more Christ-like. We are called to live out our lives in response to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That process began in our baptism, but it continues through prayer, through the reading of the scriptures and through the receiving of Holy Communion. One of the constant themes in the New Testament is that lives touched by Christ were changed. What is true for the characters of the New Testament is true for us. As we encounter and respond to Christ we cannot help but be changed.

But while we are called to change, we are also called to be more deeply ourselves. God never calls us to be something or someone we're not. God always calls us to what we are capable of becoming. It may be that there are parts of us which are underdeveloped or which rarely see the light of day which need to be allowed to flourish so we can be our true selves. It may be that we have hidden gifts which need to be discovered or it may be that there is something that we have secretly always wanted to do but have not had the courage or the time to try. Whatever it may be we need to find an outlet which will allow us to feel more excited about life or indeed to feel more alive.

St Irenaeus wrote that 'the glory of God is a human being fully alive'. Through the dual process of becoming more fully ourselves and of becoming more fully Christ-like, the will of God is fulfilled and the glory of God seen. That is what Vocations Sunday is about. You have one life. For God's sake and for your own, live it.

The Revd Stephen Ferns, Senior Selection Secretary in the Ministry Division of the Archbishops' Council.

Vocations Sunday is celebrated on 25 April this year - visit the Church of England's website at www.cofe.anglican.org for ideas and resources on how your church might celebrate Vocations Sunday.

Discover the Saxon History of Scrayingham

You are warmly invited to a special evening at St Peter and St Paul Scrayingham to find out more about its incredible and hitherto undiscovered Saxon history on Tuesday 20th April 7.00 for 7.30pm, in the company of

- The Venerable Richard Seed, Archdeacon of York,
 - Peter Ryder, and Mr Steve Moorhouse, Archaeologists
 - Phil Thomas, York Diocesan Church Buildings Officer
 - Peter Pace, Diocesan Architect and Churchwarden of St Peter and St Paul's
- Refreshments will be served from 7.00pm

Programme:

- Introduction and welcome: Revd Fran Wakefield, Priest in Charge
 - Saxon history in context: Revd Dr Gavin Wakefield, (author of Holy People, Holy Places)
 - Archaeologists' findings, including a tour inside and outside the church. Note: bring stout footwear and warm clothing for this!
 - Discussion, facilitated by the Ven Richard Seed.
- RSVP to: Revd Fran Wakefield, 01759 371264 or Fran.wakefield@btopenworld.com

Could you be a member of General Synod?

2010 is election year for the General Synod of the Church of England as well as the nation!

Does General Synod matter?

If you believe that the Church of England is more than a collection of parish churches which do their own thing, then yes, the General Synod does matter!

This is where decisions are taken which shape the life, liturgy, mission and ministry of our Church. This is where representatives of the whole Church – dioceses, cathedrals, religious communities, universities, armed forces; bishops, clergy and lay people – meet to debate and decide the future direction of our church.

Find out more about becoming a member of General Synod online at www.dioceseofyork.org.

Diocesan Tourism Group visit

York Diocesan Church Tourism Group visit on April 14th to Topcliffe, Baldersby and Dalton in the Topcliffe group of parishes by kind invitation of the Revd Robin Davill.

Gather at Topcliffe church at 10.30 am. Warm drinks are provided and there is a WC. All three churches have plenty of parking nearby. The tour will be led by David Haddon-Reece, Reader, Diocesan Furnishings Officer and husband to a former Vicar of Topcliffe. For further information on the York Diocesan Church Tourism Group, contact Roy Thompson, Secretary on 01347 878644 or email roythompson2@btinternet.com

Partly rebuilt in 1855 by G T Andrews, Topcliffe St Columba (Grade II*) retains its mediaeval chancel. It is interesting to see how Andrews' Middle Pointed architecture relates to the remaining Decorated work of about 1360. There are a few fragments of mediaeval glass, and good windows by Burne Jones (signed), Kempe, Henry Holiday, and Lavers, Barraud & Westlake.

Baldersby St James (Grade I) and Dalton St John (II*) are both 'ensemble' churches by William Butterfield in 1856 and 1867 respectively. Magnificently constructed on the 'sublime' scale, Baldersby has Butterfield's typical 'mannered-artisan' brickwork and sits in a contemporary estate village by him also. There is glass by O'Connor, Wailes and Preedy and very good furnishings to Butterfield's design.

By contrast, Dalton – on a much smaller scale – shows how Butterfield adopted and developed his polychromatic brickwork style over the intervening years since Baldersby. Apart from his excellent furnishings, collaboration with the Pre-Raphaelites (unusual for him) has given Dalton glass by Burne Jones, William Morris, Ford Madox Brown and Philip Webb.

Long Marston Parish History Group

All Saints', Long Marston Parish History Group commence their 2010 season of displays of Parish Archives and Record in Long Marston Church on Saturday 10 April from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. A special exhibition entitled 'The Armed Services & Their Links with the Parish' will be displayed, and will also be on view on Saturday 3 and Monday 8 May. Our Archive has grown since last year and additional records including the 1911 Census returns will be on show. For further information please ring 01904 738456.

African Adventure for Archbishop Holgate's School

A group of 10 students from Archbishop Holgate's School, York, are visiting the Diocese of Cape Town for two weeks.

The group will be led by teachers Richard Nihill and Hannah Turvey. Richard Nihill said, "This will be the third visit from a group from Archbishop Holgate's, and the school has built up good relationships with people and groups in Cape Town since 2004. They'll get a real flavour of South Africa's geography and history – we'll visit Table Mountain, the Penguin colony at Boulders beach and the Robben Island prison. They'll be visiting different schools, participating in church services and having tea with the Archbishop of Cape Town.

"But the most important part of the visit is the community service the students will be doing. They'll be doing some work with Fikelela, a charity for orphaned children with AIDS. They will be working in the AIDS orphanage in Khayelitsha, which is home to children aged 6 months to 8 years, whose parents have died of AIDS, and who are themselves infected with the virus. The students will be painting murals in the children's playroom and entertaining the children."

The Diocese of Cape Town is linked with the Diocese of York, which has provided assistance with the visit. The group left York station on Friday 5th March, and the Bishop of Selby sent them off with prayers and a blessing.

The Bishop of Selby, the Rt Revd Martin Wallace said, "The students who have visited the Diocese of Cape Town in previous years said it made a huge impression on them, and I'm sure it will be an unforgettable experience for the students visiting this year. I hope that they learn a great deal on their visit, and share it with us all when they return."



Global Day of Prayer

A family event for all ages on Pentecost Sunday 23rd May, with Prayer on the Walls (5.45 to 6 p.m.) and Prayer in York Minster (6.30 – 8.30 p.m.), organised by One Voice York and Churches Together in York.

Last year's Prayer on the Walls and Prayer in the Minster was received with such enthusiasm that it seemed right to do the same again this year, for this the last of the official "Global Day of Prayer" gatherings (The original vision which came out of South Africa for Global Day of Prayer was for it to run from 2005 until 2010; this will be the 6th year we have had the pleasure and privilege of holding this event in York Minster.)

It is hoped that the numbers gathering on the walls will be even greater this year than last year's 2,000 – and for this to happen, we need you to spread the word please! Wouldn't it be marvellous if we could surround the whole city in prayer and be a "beacon" for the nation! (We can supply all the publicity you need.)

Gathering together on the walls is a wonderful public witness to our Lord Jesus Christ, proof that His church is alive and working together in unity, an encouragement to believers to come out from our own buildings into the public arena and proclaim the Lordship of Christ in our nation. Pray in the way that best suits you, bring banners, flags, trumpets – whatever is appropriate for you.

The celebration in York Minster will once again allow space for many different types of prayer and worship and is an opportunity to gather with the whole family, from the youngest to the oldest. It ends with the lighting of blazing torches, which are carried outside, symbolic of the life-giving fire of the Holy Spirit that came at Pentecost.

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Juliet Wright, One Voice York

Ebor Lecture: Prof. Elaine Graham

On Tuesday, 27th April Prof. Elaine Graham, Samuel Ferguson Professor of Social and Pastoral Theology, University of Manchester will be speaking on 'Crisis or Opportunity? Doing Public Theology after the Crunch'.

After working as the Northern Regional Secretary of the Student Christian Movement (1981-84) and four years as ecumenical lay chaplain at Sheffield City Polytechnic (now Sheffield Hallam University), Professor Graham joined the University of Manchester in 1988 as a Lecturer in Social and Pastoral Theology. She was appointed to the position of Samuel Ferguson Professor of Social and Pastoral Theology in June 1988. She later held the position of Head of the School of Religions and Theology & Middle Eastern Studies from 2000-04.

A former President of the International Academy of Practical Theology (2005-2007), she was also a member of the churches' Commission on Urban Life and Faith, which published the report *Faithful Cities: A call for celebration, vision and justice* (Methodist Publishing House, 2006).

The theme for the 2009-10 Ebor Lectures is *Business as Usual?: The Global Economy Crisis and the Future of Capitalism*

The recent economic crisis has affected millions of lives and has been met by unprecedented measures by governments and international economic organisations across the world. It has also raised calls for reform of the current capitalist market systems, especially from religious and moral considerations. The Ebor lectures for 2009-10 examine the root causes of the economic crisis, analyse its local and global implications, evaluate the current theory and practice of the capitalist market, and suggest directions for the future of capitalism.

Tickets are free but must be booked in advance. You can book online at <https://intranet.yorks.ac.uk/Events/> or email eborlectures@yorks.ac.uk, or by phone on 01904 876474.

