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January Newsletter



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A Note from the Dean

Happy New Year

On behalf of the whole of Chapter, I wish you and your loved ones a very happy and peaceful New Year.

Keeping the Gift of Christmas

As we begin 2017, we are still very much in the season of Christmas, 1st January being only the eighth of its twelve days. In fact, we continue to reflect on the nativity throughout this month, through the season of Epiphany (starting on Friday 6th January when we have a Festal Eucharist with Procession at 7.30pm), until the turning point marked by Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. We celebrate that in a particularly enthusiastic, lavish style here at Ripon. Please, do plan to be with us at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd February, experience the Cathedral lit by 5,000 candles.

The continued celebration of the birth of Christ through January encourages us to take the gift of Christmas with us into the coming year. The tendency not to do so was once highlighted by W. H. Auden in his wartime Christmas Oratorio, *For the Time Being*. "Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree, putting the decorations back in their cardboard boxes... As in previous years we have seen the actual Vision and failed to do more than entertain it as an agreeable possibility. Once again, we have sent him away, begging though to remain his disobedient servant..." Well, that sounds negative and defeatist, but we may choose to resolve at the beginning of 2017 not to fall too readily into this unfortunate trap. We rightly celebrate with sincerity and joy the birth of the Christ child and this can stay with us.

The message of Christmas can influence both how we lead our lives throughout the year and the goals we believe are worth striving for. The Prince of Peace bids us work for peace in every context in which we find ourselves, the peace of the world depends on it. Emmanuel gives us the constant reassurance that God is always with us, through both the ups and the downs of 2017. The Light of the world offers that subtle yet reliable guidance that influences our ethical choices and ambitions. The Word made flesh reminds us of the particularity of the Christian faith; God acts through individuals at particular times in particular places. And that always includes us in the here and the now. And the Saviour of us all is the one who guarantees fullness of life for us by risking everything himself. We celebrate Christmas because that particular child, born in Bethlehem, grew to die on the cross and be raised from death. This Christmas gift is always both out of this world and down to earth with us.

Pathways for Nurture and Preparation for Confirmation

One way in which the Cathedral helps us to explore and grow in faith is by providing a variety of nurture and learning opportunities. We call these Pathways for Nurture, you can see more details in this Newsletter. There are four short courses over the next few months. Later in January, we will also publish information about our plans for Lent – I thought this a little premature while we are still celebrating Christmas!

Also in the middle of January, we will make available information about preparing for confirmation in 2017. The Cathedral Confirmation will be conducted by Bishop Nick and will take place on Trinity Sunday, Sunday 11 June at 10.30am. If you would like to explore the possibility of being confirmed, or simply learning more about the

Christian faith, please do not hesitate to be in touch with me or one of the residentiary canons.

Thank you

I am very grateful to everyone within the Cathedral (volunteers, lay staff and clergy) who has worked hard to make possible the offering of all our Christmas worship. An amazing amount is done without most people being aware, the administrative preparation, for example, begins months in advance. The letters of appreciation that I receive show that all the dedication and effort really do make a difference. People from the local community, wider region and beyond are helped to celebrate and enjoy Christmas in a meaningful way. So, if you are a person who has made a contribution, thank you! Of course, it could be argued that every person who has attended a service has made a difference, and that is true. We are grateful to everyone who has joined us.

A son is born to them!

Many congratulations to Tim and Charlotte Harper (Tim is our Assistant Director of Music) following the birth of Edward James on Monday 19 December, weighing 8lb2oz. Sophie agrees that her new baby brother is wonderful.

Staff moving on and stepping up

Three members of staff are moving on from the Cathedral as 2016 turns into 2017. Each has made a significant contribution to the life and mission of the Cathedral for which we are extremely grateful. We will miss them, and wish them every blessing.

Gail Squires has been the secretary responsible for managing the office, supporting the Director of Operations and serving the Chapter and its committees for nine years. Many people have got to know Gail because her role included managing the Cathedral diary and dealing with bookings. After nine years, she has decided to work part-time and will be starting a new job at Fountains Abbey early in January.

Colin Belsey has served the Cathedral as Head Verger for three years, this followed a period of three years as a member of the verger team. He and his wife, Wendy, have now moved to a new home near Kirby Stephen, sadly too far away to allow Colin to commute.

Edward Rimmer, one of our delightful Lay Clerks, joined us in September 2014 and is moving on in January to Gloucester Cathedral as a Tenor Lay Clerk where he will be participating in the world famous Three Choirs' Festival.

Philip Bustard, I am delighted to report, is stepping up to take on the responsibilities of Head Verger. I believe that we could not be appointing anyone better. Philip is already a central member of the staff team and he has enthusiasm and vision for developing the ministry of vergers further, building on the work done by Colin. I am also very pleased that **Charlie Brown** becomes a new verger. Please, pray for Philip and for the dedicated team that he now leads.

With my very best wishes
Dean John

Events & Special Services this month *in the Cathedral unless stated otherwise*

Thursday 5th January 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Tim Harper (organ).

Friday 6th January 7.30pm Epiphany – Procession and Festal Eucharist

Sunday 8th January 10.30am Festal Eucharist with Procession to the Font

Sunday 8th January 12-12.20pm Pathways for Nurture: Guided Tour of the Eucharist Session 1 with Canon Paul (Holy Spirit Chapel).

Monday 9th January 10-12 starting at Ripon Workhouse Museum Six relaxed morning sessions open to anyone living with dementia, their families and carers. To register and list for dates and venues, contact Wendy Hunwick-Brown 01765 690799 E: wendy.hunwick-brown@riponmuseums.co.uk.

Thursday 12th January 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Simon Hogan (organ).

Sunday 15th January 12-12.20pm Pathways for Nurture: Guided Tour of the Eucharist Session 2 with Canon Paul (Holy Spirit Chapel).

Sunday 15th January 2.00pm Friends Lecture at Thorpe Prebend House. *The Salvation Army and its Work – Stephanie Ruddy.*

Sunday 15th January 3.30pm Plough Sunday Service Refreshments from 2.30pm.

Sunday 15th January 5.30pm Distinctive Service Exploring God using Music, Art & Contemporary Media: *God for the World.*

Monday 16th January 7.30pm Cathedral Concert Society Nick Pritchard and Ian Tindale

Wednesday 18th January 7.30pm Pathways for Nurture: Ephesians 4 for Everyone with the Dean at Thorpe Prebend House.

Thursday 19th January 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Rachel Johnson & Jemima Palfreyman (flute & piano).

Sunday 22nd January 12-12.20pm Pathways for Nurture: Guided Tour of the Eucharist Session 3 with Canon Paul (Holy Spirit Chapel).

Sunday 22nd January 5.30pm Meditation for Epiphany: *La Nativité du Seigneur Messiaen.*

Sunday 22nd January 6.30pm Week of prayer for Christian Unity. Churches Together Service at Harrogate Rd Methodist Church.

Tuesday 24th January 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting AGM with Dean John and Enrolment Service at Thorpe Prebend House.

Tuesday 26th January 7.30pm Pathways for Nurture: Life Balance *Time to Pause* with Nina Harrison at Thorpe Prebend House.

Saturday 28th January 10-3.30pm The Wedding Affair Traditional and Vintage Wedding Show

Sunday 29th January 12-12.20pm Pathways for Nurture: Guided Tour of the Eucharist Session 4 with Canon Paul (Holy Spirit Chapel).

Sunday 29th January 3.30pm Installation of Capitular Canon & Honorary Canon and Licensing of Ripon Episcopal Area Deans.

Forthcoming Events & Special Services *in the Cathedral unless stated otherwise*

Wednesday 1st February 7.30pm Pathways for Nurture: Ephesians 5 for Everyone with the Dean at Thorpe Prebend House.

**Thursday 2nd February – 7.30pm
Festal Eucharist and Candlelit Procession**



Join us for the most spectacular service of the year when the Cathedral is lit by five-thousand candles.

Everyone is very welcome as we celebrate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple



**Saturday 4th February 3.30pm
Christingle for Candlemas**

A service for families and children with Christingle oranges celebrating the light of Christ

Thursday 9th February 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Students from Leeds University

Thursday 9th February 7.30-9.00pm Pathways for Nurture: Life Balance *Time to Celebrate* with Nina Harrison at Thorpe Prebend House

Thursday 9th February 7.30pm *Antic Disposition* Production of Henry V

Monday 13th February 7.30pm Cathedral Concert Society – The Magnard Ensemble

Wednesday 15th February 7.30pm Pathways for Nurture: Ephesians 6 for Everyone with the Dean at Thorpe Prebend House.

Thursday 16th February 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Tom Coxhead, organ

Saturday 18th February 10.30-12noon Pathways for Nurture: Saturday Workshops *Talking about God* with Canon Ruth at St Peter's House.

Sunday 19th February 5.30pm Distinctive Service Exploring God using Music, Art & Contemporary Media: *God is Love – a Valentine's special*

Thursday 23rd February Family Day 10-3pm: listen to a story, try a craft activity and follow a trail around the Cathedral. All welcome.

Thursday 23rd February 7.30-9.00pm Pathways for Nurture: Life Balance *Time to Rest* with Nina Harrison at Thorpe Prebend House

Saturday 25th February 10.30-12noon Pathways for Nurture: Saturday Workshops

How do I know what God wants? with Canon Ruth at St Peter's House.

Tuesday 28th February Shrove Tuesday 11.00am Pancake Race

Wednesday 1st March 12 noon BCP Eucharist with Hymns

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

A Note from the Cathedral Bell Ringers

In the November Newsletter, we reported on Robert Wood's accident, transfer to James Cook Hospital by helicopter, and his sponsored peal attempt at Stockton on Tees on 26th November in support of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Unfortunately, that peal attempt was unsuccessful due to a broken bell rope. Robert and eleven of his friends will be having another attempt to ring the peal and this time it will be here at Ripon Cathedral on **14th January starting at 10.30am**. If successful, the peal will take about three and half hours of non-stop ringing. We plan to have a live video feed from the tower to a TV set at the west end of the nave so that, as well as hearing the bells, you can see what is happening upstairs. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance staff will have some display material in the church and be available to explain their work.

Do come along and hear some of the ringing and show your support for this very worthwhile cause. When the helicopter arrived to transfer Robert to hospital, it was accompanied by a television crew. Robert's rescue will appear in the Helicopter ER programme on the Really channel at 10.00pm on 2nd January.

SPACE in 2017

SPACE offers four opportunities in the year ahead for you to 'make a date' to spend a day with God. SPACE day retreats provide reflections, guided meditations, silence and music to help you to engage more deeply with your own personal spiritual journey.

The venue this year will be St. John's Chapel, Bondgate, and the dates/themes are:

Saturday, 25th February - HOPE

Saturday, 13 May - WORDS OF LIFE

Saturday 19 August - SACRED LISTENING

Saturday 18 November - WHERE GOD IS, LOVE IS

Watch the monthly newsletters for more information about each day, or contact the SPACE team at <spaceripon@gmail.com> or phone the Cathedral Office (01765 603462).

Working with Children, Young People and Families

"Breakfast Natters" 9.00am on the first Thursday of every month. A cross between a mother & toddlers group and a coffee morning. Breakfast is provided for both parents and children. Baptism families and parents on their way back from the school run are both equally welcome. The next **Breakfast Natters will be held on Thursday 5th January and will be in the Cathedral Hall.**

Thursday 23rd February Family Day 10-3pm: listen to a story, try a craft activity and follow a trail around the Cathedral. All welcome.

Cathedral Club is held regularly after school on Wednesdays at Ripon Cathedral Primary School. Any member of the school community is welcome to attend and

currently 37 are registered, many of whom enjoyed the special Harvest Festival in the Cathedral. Please pray for this important work.

Youth Burst is a meeting for friendship and to explore the Christian faith, each 'burst' uses a different theme. Youth Burst is for secondary school children (years 7, 8, 9). 'Youth Burst with Dr Who' takes place on **9th, 16th, 30th January, 5.30pm** at St Peter's House.

Children's Church regularly takes place each Sunday during the 10.30am service with **Children's Church Extra** in the **Cathedral Hall** on 1st Sunday of the month (**8th January**). **Children's Church Extra** provides variety of craft, games and story-telling for the younger primary school age members of our community. Children can be dropped off at the Cathedral Hall from 10.15am and collected at 11.30am, they do not need to be accompanied, however, pre-school children can attend if accompanied.

'C3: Cathedral Community Connections

A book for your Winter Reading List - John Sentamu's *Agape Love Stories: 22 Stories of God's Love Changing Lives Today* (Available in the Cathedral Gift Shop).

This moving and inspiring book tells the stories of people whose experience of the power of *agape love* has changed their lives. One of the people that Archbishop Sentamu profiles is Jill Quinn, of **Dementia Forward**. In her account she tells of the pain and loss of people losing their identity through dementia, and of the difference that loving help can make. Also in the book is the story of Jean Vanier, who established the L'Arche communities for people with learning disabilities, and this will give you some insight into the kind work undertaken by our partners **Ripon Community Link, The Walled Garden** and **Jennyruth Workshops**. As Christians it is God's love for us that compels us to share our love with others. Perhaps this book will inspire you to offer your time and talents to help one of our partners?

News of Our Partners

Ripon City of Sanctuary

- At the end of November another 50 bags of clothing and toiletries were delivered to the refugee centres in Hull and Wakefield. Specific thanks to all those who donated clothing, and those who helped to sort, wash and iron and repack all of the donations. A huge job well done!
- Ripon now has 2 Syrian families living here with a third family likely to arrive at the end of January. One family has children at Cathedral Primary and the school is in the process of becoming a School of Sanctuary.

Congratulations!

- Congratulations of Barrie Eveson of the Cathedral congregation and one of the founders of the **Jennyruth Workshops...** on the 6th December he was awarded an MBE by the Queen as part of her special 90th birthday honours list. Barrie set up the workshops in 1989 to give people with learning disabilities an opportunity to gain work and life skills in making and selling a wide range of products. If you haven't yet been to the workshops, why not pick up one of their catalogues on the PCC table and have a look at what is on offer?

Forthcoming Community Events

- **Tuesday, 31st January** - an open meeting of the **Ripon City of Sanctuary** at which speakers from the Red Cross will talk about the role of the Red Cross in helping with the refugee crisis.
- **Saturday, 18 March – Sights and Sounds of Ripon Event** (more information to follow but save the date for a great celebration of all that makes Ripon a wonderful place to live!)

The Salvation Army Food Bank

New changes in the system of benefit is leading to delays in applications being processed, leaving many families in short term need for food bank support. The Ripon Salvation Army's Food Bank is feeling this increase in demand, so your help is more needed than ever before. At this time of the year the theme is Winter Warmers...food that is easily heated on a stove (not microwave) such as meat pies, corned beef, cooked mince in gravy, tuna, Smash or tinned potatoes, tinned carrots/peas, pasta and sauce, packets of steamed or rice/semolina pudds, custard, tinned fruit. Coffee and toiletries are also very helpful. Thank you for your support!

C3 Partners in Prayer

One of the ways in which Ripon Cathedral aims to support the work of our community partners is through including them in the Cathedral's regular cycle of prayer. However, in January we are making a special offering of prayer on behalf of the specific needs of each organisation during the new year ahead. During the week of 16th January, in the North Transept there will be a circle of 6 prayer stations representing each of our partners in Ripon. For each organisation there will be both general information about their work, and their specific concerns for the year ahead. We hope you will make use of the stations during the week of 16th January to 22nd January to offer your prayers in support of our partners.

Cathedral Gift Shop

New Year opening hours as follows: Sun 1st – Sun 8th January incl. closed for stocktaking. Re-open Monday 9th January. Please note we will be closed every Sunday in January but open Mondays-Saturdays 10am-4pm. **January Sale** Come along and pick up a bargain – many items up to 50% off.

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Service Times

Sundays

8.00am	Eucharist	9.30am	Mattins
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	12.30pm	Eucharist (BCP)
3.30pm	Evensong		

Weekdays

8.30am	Morning Prayer
9.00am	Eucharist (also Wed (BCP) & Fri 12 noon)
6.00pm	Evensong (or said Evening Prayer) (Saturday 5.30pm)

Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Everybody welcome, access via North Transept.

Mondays 10.00am The Magdalen Fellowship at St Mary Magdalen Chapel. Contemplative prayer and intercessions. Eucharist with Laying on of Hands on first Monday of the month. For further information, contact Anne-Marie Tarter 602129 or John Whelan 600668.

Further Information

For further information on any of the events and services listed or for general information, please contact us on: Email: postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk
Tel: 01765 603462 (Office) 01765 602072 (Chapter House) or visit our website: www.riponcathedral.org.uk.



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Cathedral Secretary

Ripon Cathedral is looking to appoint a Cathedral Secretary to provide administrative support to ensure the smooth running of the Cathedral.

This is a full-time position
Salary: £20,000 per annum

Full application details and further information can be found on our website
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Closing date: 12 noon 16th January 2017



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Pathways for Nurture 2017

Opportunities to develop in faith at Ripon Cathedral

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00pm at Thorpe Prebend House

Ephesians for Everyone with the Dean

18th January *Ephesians Chapter 4*

1st February *Ephesians Chapter 5*

15th February *Ephesians Chapter 6*

Saturday Workshops 10:30-12noon at St Peter's House

with Canon Ruth

18th February *Talking about God*

25th February *How do I know what God wants?*

Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm at Thorpe Prebend House

Life Balance with Nina Harrison

26th January *Time to Pause*

9th February *Time to Celebrate*

23rd February *Time to Rest*

2nd March *Time to Play*

9th March *Time to Liberate*

Sundays 12-12:20pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel

Guided Tour of the Eucharist with Canon Paul

8th January

15th January

22nd January

29th January

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