



March Newsletter



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A Note from the Dean

Lent, an Antidote to Itching Ears?

"For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths." (2 Timothy 3-4)

Perhaps these verses from 2 Timothy can provide food for thought as we enter Lent. The letter presents Paul at the end of his life and mission as a prisoner in Rome. He is charging Timothy to take over his ministry from him, and warning him that there are distressing times to come. Timothy is urged to proclaim the message of Christ and his kingdom; to be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable. The time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, they will turn away from listening to the truth.

Reading 2 Timothy recently prompted me to wonder what we are doing in keeping Lent in an age described by some as one of 'post-truth'. We have survived the time of post-modernism with its attempts to relativize all claims to truth, and to condemn to history any thought of a meta-narrative (universal story) that could furnish even the smallest act and detail with meaning and purpose. Now we have arrived at a stage in human history when truth itself seems to be irrelevant and 'false news' has as much conviction as news. Is this finally the age of itching ears of which, according to 2 Timothy, the aged Apostle Paul warned?

The Church offers Lent as a way of resisting such a chaotic force. As preparation for Easter, we are invited to spend six weeks refocusing on God. From the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday with the accompanying reminder of our mortality, "remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return..." we are offered opportunities in worship, study and self-disciple to rediscover God's truth for us, "...turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

To engage in this is to acknowledge that God possesses all truth and that this has a claim on our lives. Pilate famously asked, "What is truth." He was looking it straight in the eye at the time, Jesus of Nazareth on trial before him. For many people over the centuries the dilemma has not been whether truth exists but where it is to be found. To keep Lent in our day, and to pray for a closer walk with God, is to make two statements of faith that need to be heard urgently. Truth really does exist, and it is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Lent also calls us to proceed with humility. The ears that are itching belong as much to us as others. We all have a tendency to listen to those voices that suit and please us, rather than the ones that lead us into greater truth. And, secondly, that greater truth is not always easy to discern. Looking to Christ to find truth is healthy, concluding that we have found it entirely is not.

Do enjoy Lent. Please, see the specially printed Ripon Cathedral Lent Information Leaflet and take advantage of all that is on offer in and through the Cathedral.

Saying thank You to Canon Ruth

This month, Canon Ruth and her family take their short journey from the Cathedral to Sharow where she will be Associate Priest of that parish and Lay Training Officer for the Ripon Episcopal Area. We will all want to express gratitude to Ruth for all that she has done while serving as Canon Evangelist. The work of the PCC, not least its ministry within the worshipping communities and the wider city, has flourished over the last eighteen months. Ruth's ministry to the Ripon Cathedral CofE (aided) Primary School, Ripon Rugby Club and the Harrogate and Ripon Council for Voluntary Services has been greatly appreciated.

Do join us following the 10.30am Sung Eucharist on Sunday, 5 March when we will make a presentation to Canon Ruth. We wish her, Andrew, Victoria and Ellen every blessing as they finally move into their family home together.

Dean John

Our new diocese – how's it going? A message from Bishop Nick

So much has been achieved since the Diocese of Leeds was created just two and a half years ago. Bringing together three very different dioceses was a hugely complex procedure, but we are all now part of a large, coherent body, whose benefits are being increasingly revealed.

The bishops and archdeacons are working closely with their areas, and the combined spiritual wealth of 656 churches, over 240 church schools and three cathedrals has brought increased creative energy.

We now have a central office in Leeds (complete with a charitable coffee shop that's open to all), a new parish share system, new governance and further delegation of authority from the diocesan bishop to the area bishops.

Some of the challenges we face include: getting the right balance between one diocese and the five episcopal areas, tackling the anticipated fall in clergy numbers, growing our churches and maintaining parish share. And it remains vital to reach children and young people with the Gospel in order to build future generations of strong Christians.

At the heart of all we do are the values captured in our diocesan strap line, 'Loving, Living and Learning'. It's a useful list to check against everything we do. What does that mean for you and your church?

+Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

Loving, Living, Learning

We aim to:

Love God, the world and one another.

Live in the world as it is, but, drawn by a vision of something better, we want to help individuals and communities flourish.

Learn when we get things wrong, by listening and growing together

Events & Special Services this month in the Cathedral unless stated

otherwise

Wednesday 1st March 12 noon BCP Eucharist with Hymns

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 2nd March 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Mary Reid (harp).

Thursday 2nd March 7.30pm Pathways for Nurture: Life Balance *Time to Play* with Nina Harrison at Thorpe Prebend House

Wednesday 8th March 12.30pm Lent Lunch followed by talk 'Being Disciples'

Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm Learning more about the Christian Faith with the **Dean** at Minster House

Thursday 9th March 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Stephen Raine (piano).

Thursday 9th March 7.30pm Pathways for Nurture: Life Balance *Time to Liberate* with Nina Harrison at Thorpe Prebend House

Saturday 11th March 1-4.30pm Sponsored Bible Reading Marathon by the Select Vestry.

Sunday 12th March 12-12.30pm Confirmation Preparation for Young People in the Library.

Monday 13th March 7.30pm Cathedral Concert Society – Anna Tsybuleva (piano).

Wednesday 15th March 12.30pm Lent Lunch followed by talk 'Faith, Hope and Love'.

Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm Learning more about the Christian Faith with the **Dean** at Minster House

Thursday 16th March 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Students from Leeds University.

Thursday 16th March 7.30pm Loving, Living, Learning with Bishop Nick Baines.

Saturday 18th March 11-4pm Sights & Sounds of Ripon

Sunday 19th March 12-12.30pm Confirmation Preparation for Young People in the Library.

Sunday 19th March 2.00pm Friends Lecture at Thorpe Prebend. Michael & Catherine Staleybrass 'Norwegian Stave Churches'.

Sunday 19th March 5.30pm Distinctive Service Whose World is it Anyway?

Monday 20th March 7.30-8.30pm Third Monday Evening Prayer Group meets in St Peter's Chapel.

Wednesday 22nd March 12.30pm Lent Lunch followed by talk 'Forgiveness'.

Wednesday 22nd March 7.30pm Learning more about the Christian Faith with the Dean at Minster House

Thursday 23rd March 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert. František Brikcius (cello).

Saturday 25th March 7.30pm Faure's Requiem with the Choirs of Queen Mary's School & The St Cecilia Youth Orchestra.

Sunday 26th March 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service Preacher: The Right Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford.

Sunday 26th March 12-12.30pm Confirmation Preparation for Young People in the Library.

Tuesday 28th March 7.30pm Licensing of Canon Ruth Newton as Associate Minster of St John's Sharow.

Wednesday 29th March 12.30pm Lent Lunch followed by talk 'Holiness'

Wednesday 29th March 7.30pm Learning more about the Christian Faith with the **Dean** at Minster House

Thursday 30th March 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Josephine Peach (piano).

Recommended Reading for Lent

This year we are recommending two books:

'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams

This fresh and inspiring looks at the meaning of discipleship covers the essentials of the Christian life, including: faith, hope and love; forgiveness; holiness; social action; life in the Spirit. It is highly accessible, for people of all ages and backgrounds. Designed for use by individuals or groups, with questions for reflection or discussion at the end of each chapter. This book will form the basis of our Lent Lunches.

Dethroning Mammon by Justin Welby

In his first full-length book Justin Welby looks at the subject of money and materialism. Designed for study in the weeks of Lent leading up to Easter, *Dethroning Mammon* reflects on the impact of our own attitudes, and of the pressures that surround us, on how we handle the power of money, called Mammon in this book. Who will be on the throne of our lives? Who will direct our actions and attitudes? Is it Jesus Christ, who brings truth, hope and freedom? Or is it Mammon, so attractive, so clear, but leading us into paths that tangle, trip and deceive?

<u>Learning more about the Christian Faith with the Dean & Confirmation Preparation 2017</u>

This year's Confirmation Service for the Cathedral congregation will take place on Sunday 11th June 10.30am and be conducted by The Right Reverend Nick Baines. There will be two different preparation courses as follows:

Adults: Learning more about the Christian Faith with the Dean. The course commences on 8th March at 7.30pm at Minster House.

Young People aged School Year 6 and upwards: Preparation will take place on Sundays 12-12.30pm during term time in the Cathedral Library commencing on 12th March.

Select Vestry Bible Reading Marathon – 11th March

The Select Vestry are once again organising a Sponsored Bible Reading Marathon during Lent. This year it will take place in the Cathedral from 1pm- 4.30pm on **Saturday 11th March** when we shall be reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Everyone is welcome to read a passage during the event and offers of Sponsorship would of course also be much appreciated. Refreshments will be available on the day for readers and supporters. If you would like to read or to sponsor please contact Ron Darwin at rondarwin@talktalk.net, 01765 608962 or sign up at the Parish Noticeboard.

Loving, Living, Learning Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm

Loving, Living, Learning - The new strap line for the diocese of Leeds, words that Bishop Nick believes speak much about the heart of the gospel that we wish to share with the people and communities of our region.

Join us at the Cathedral as Bishop Nick's shares his views on Living, Loving, Learning. There will be time for discussion and inspiring worship lead by the Music Group of St. Mark's, Harrogate.

<u>Local Male Singers wanted for REFRAIN – a remarkable event at Richmond Castle, North Yorkshire.</u>

In 2017, three unique sites across England will be brought to life with extraordinary vocal music, in a new piece by artist, composer and choir leader Verity Standen. Richmond Castle – a Norman fortress that was used in the First World War as a prison for Conscientious Objectors – is the first of these sites. Over the weekend of 9th-11th April, audiences will be invited to explore the Castle as never before, as voices resonate around the site. **Verity Standen** and producers **Situations** are looking for local male singers to take part in this amazing event as performers. Perhaps you sing in a local choir, and fancy a new challenge? Perhaps you have never sung in public, but would love to try? No experience is necessary – Verity is running workshops for anyone who would like to come and find out more. To register your interest, or ask any questions, please email David Pisaro: davidmpisaro@hotmail.com. Please include your name, where you are based, and any singing experience you have (but don't worry if it's none).

<u>Forthcoming Events & Special Services</u> in the Cathedral unless stated otherwise

Saturday 1st April 7.30pm Ripon Choral Society Poulenc & Vaughan Williams.

Wednesday 5th April 12.30pm Lent Lunch followed by talk 'Faith in Society'.

Wednesday 5th April 7.30pm Learning more about the Christian Faith with the **Dean** at Minster House.

Thursday 6th April 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Charlotte Rowan (violin) accompanied by Charlotte Stevenson.

Saturday 8th April 10.00-4.00pm Cathedral Food, Home & Garden Show

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday 9th April

10.10am Blessing of Palms in the market square followed by procession

10.30am Festal Eucharist

3.30pm Stainer: *The Crucifixion* performed by the Cathedral Choir as a devotion

for Palm Sunday

Monday10th April – Wednesday 12th April 7.30pm

Address by the Rt Revd John Pritchard 'That was the Week that was – and is, and ever will be' followed by Compline.

Tuesday 11th April & Wednesday 12th April 11.30am Stations of the Cross – a 20 minute devotion as we focus on Jesus carrying his cross, dying and rising again.

Maundy Thursday 13th April 7.30pm Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper with Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altars and Watch of the Passion.

Good Friday 14th April

10.30am Service for people of all ages followed by hot cross buns

12 – 1.30pm Guided Meditation by the Cross

1.30-3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday with Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 15th April 7.30pm Great Easter Vigil and Sung First Eucharist of Easter Easter Sunday 16th April

8.00am Eucharist (BCP)

10.30am Festal Eucharist, Procession and Blessing of the Easter Garden

President & Preacher: Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds

12.30pm Eucharist (BCP)

3.30pm Festal Evensong and Admission of Choristers

Monday 17th April 7.30-8.30pm Third **M**onday **E**vening Prayer Group meets in St Peter's Chapel.

Tuesday 18th April 7.30pm Harrogate International Youth Festival Local groups of young musicians performing ensembles from all over the world.

Saturday 22nd April 7.00pm 'Songs & Tales' Holy Trinity Ripon. Tickets £10 – contact Ian Dimery 07920885140.

Sunday 23rd April 2.00pm St George's Day Parade & Service

Wednesday 26th April 7.30pm Learning more about the Christian Faith with the **Dean** at Minster House.

Thursday 27th April 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert Students from Leeds University.

Sunday 30th April 3.30pm Farewell Eucharist for Bishop James.

Food, Home & Garden Show - 8th April

We are asking all keen gardeners to consider us when sowing spring seeds very soon. One of the ways in which you can be involved and support this event is by donating any plants for our fundraising plant stall, helping to raise money for Ripon Cathedral Renewed: Supporting the Dean's development plans for a 21st Century Yorkshire Cathedral. Please contact mollybarrs@riponcathedral.org.uk if you can contribute.



Bishop James' Farewell

As you will know, Bishop James will retire as the Bishop of Ripon on 30th April 2017. There will be a farewell Eucharist at 3.30pm that afternoon at which James will preside and preach. There are two things to note:

- Help with post-service hospitality please contact Julia Barker
- Contributions to a gift offering please direct any gifts to Anne Groves at the Cathedral Office

We owe Bishop James a huge debt for this long and faithful ministry during times of significant change and challenge. Please pray for Bishop James as he prepares to retire.

Third Monday Evening

A time for Reflective Prayer and a time to uphold the life and ministry of the Cathedral. Every Third Monday of the month (except August) In the Cathedral (St. Peter's Chapel) 7.30pm to 8.30pm (TME is a re-imagining of the Cathedral Prayer Group, which - with the full support of the PCC - will seek to complement other aspects of the Cathedral's offering of prayer).

Sponsorship of the Cathedral flower arrangements

If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in the Cathedral for a special occasion, please contact Mrs Sue Woods Tel: 01765 698006

Turning Green: A note from Julia Barker

As part of Growing God's Kingdom and the mission and ministry of the Cathedral we should all be looking after the earth that God created. With this in mind the Chapter wish to set up an environmental group who will look at ways we can reduce the environmental footprint of the Cathedral and also inform others what they can do. Are you interested in saving energy, saving water and recycling as much as possible? If you would be interested in helping the Cathedral in this way do contact Julia Barker on juliabarker@riponcathedral.org.uk.

Working with Children, Young People and Families

Easter Holiday Club for children in the Cathedral – Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th April 10.00am to 12 noon

Children of primary school age are invited to book in to our Easter Holiday Club (Reception children may attend but should be accompanied by an adult). On Wednesday and Thursday the children will take part in a variety of activities including: drama, paint a plate, Easter gardens, crafts, woodwork, banner making. The children will present their drama and Easter art work in the Good Friday service on Friday 14th April. Booking forms are available in the Cathedral – from the Parish information table in the south transept. For more details please contact: Jean Denney(jeandenney@btinternet.com) or Nicola Dobson (headteacher@bolton-on-swale.n-york.sch.uk) or via the Cathedral Office (01765 603462).

Youth Burst presents Youth Emmaus A six week course exploring 'What Christians Believe'.



13th March Introduction - Parents welcome for first 20 minutes for a course overview and Q & A 20th March – Knowing God 1– Is there anyone out there? 27th March – Knowing God 2 – Your secret life with God 24th April – Jesus – His Life and Ministry

8th May – Jesus – His Death and Resurrection

15th May – The Holy Spirit – Our Life and Breath

Who is it for? Young people aged 11 – 16 wanting to start or continue their journey and exploration of Faith

Where? Thorpe Prebend St Agnesgate

When? Monday Evenings on the above dates (5.30-7.00 intro session) <u>Light</u>
Refreshments will be provided

For further details or to register interest please contact Judith Bustard on 01765 643860 or turn up to the introduction session

<u>Children's Church</u> 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. 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.

"Breakfast Natters" 9.00am on the first Thursday of every month in the Cathedral Hall (October & November). A regular part of Ripon Cathedral's ongoing commitment to making connections with our baptism families and Cathedral School parents. Held on the first Thursday of every month.

'C3: Cathedral Community Connections

Sights and Sounds of Ripon Date: Saturday 18th March Time: 11 am – 2 pm see back cover for more details

- C3 needs volunteers to help the Cathedral's participation in this event. We are looking for people willing to:
 - Bake scones, brownies or flapjack to be sold in our café
 - **Help the team with a family craft workshop** (all materials provided, all you need to do is loan us your hands and your smile!)
 - Help the team running the café (serving, etc)
 - If you are able to help, please contact Anne-Marie Tarter (602129).

Ripon Community Link and Ripon Walled Garden need you!

Ripon Community Link is a locally based service which enables people with learning disabilities to achieve their life goals. They offer a wide variety of volunteering opportunities across their three sites in Ripon, as well as the Walled Garden which is located just on the outskirts of Ripon on the left side of the road as you travel toward Masham on the A6108. There are many ways in which you can volunteer your time and skills to help our partners in this work:

- For example, have you a few hours a week to spend in a beautiful historic garden or developing café, working with a dynamic and exciting team? Or supporting members at Ripon Community Link in a varied and interesting timetable of activities based in the city centre.
- If you don't have time to volunteer, why not treat yourself to a visit to Ripon Walled Garden? Explore the amazing garden, buy new plants for your garden or logs for your fire, indulge yourself with a cuppa and one of their delicious cakes.
- For more information: http://www.riponwalledgarden.org.uk/ or follow them on social media using Facebook or Twitter.
 - For a volunteers application pack, please email: admin@riponwalledgarden.org or telephone **01765 609229**.

News from Ripon City of Sanctuary

• **Monday, 6th March, 7:30pm** – a meeting at Allhallowgate Methodist Church. More details about the speaker to follow.

- **Saturday**, **18**th **March** Community Tea and Talk for all local Refugee families at Fairfax Community Centre, Harrogate, 2:30-4:30 pm.
- **Schools of Sanctuary**: C3 is working with both Cathedral Primary School and Greystones School in their work in becoming Schools of Sanctuary.
- **Needed:** people wishing to help Refugee families learn English in Ripon during the week at informal coffee-morning style gatherings.
- For more information about any of these, please contact our C3 lead person in this partnership Yvonne Jefferies E: www.wonne.jefferies@gmail.com.

Dementia Forward is supporting a new Singing Group being held at the Pately Bridge Methodist Chapel on Fridays from 2pm - 3pm. It is also providing a new Wellbeing Café opening in Sillington at the end of February. Volunteers should contact Debby Lennox on 01765 645904.

The Salvation Army continues to thank the Cathedral Congregations for their very generous support of their Food Bank. At the moment there is a particular need for tinned and packet vegetables such as peas, carrots etc. as well as tinned soups, Smash and tinned potatoes, pasta and biscuits. Please could you also help with toiletries for all ages and both genders. Many thanks for all your help, it truly makes a difference to people in our community in great need.

Cathedral Gift Shop

Last few copies of the lent study books are available for those of you who haven't yet picked up your copy. Justin Welbys Dethroning Mammon and Rowan William's Being Disciples.

Mothering Sunday is 26th March so do pop along to the shop for gifts & cards for this special day. Also we have a massive new range of Easter cards and decorations on display. **Opening hours** are Mon – Sat 10am to 4pm. Closed on Sundays. Telephone enquiries 01765 601347 or drop us an email lynnshaw@riponcathedral.org.uk

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

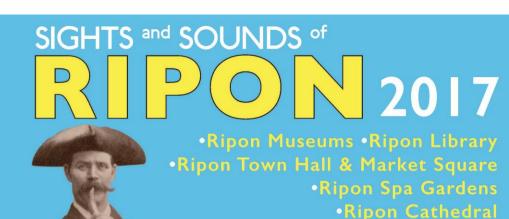
9.00am Eucharist (also Wed (BCP) & Fri 12 noon)

6.00pm Evensong (or said Evening Prayer) (Saturday 5.30pm)

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.

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. Contact Anne-Marie Tarter 602129/John Whelan 600668.



SATURDAY 18th MARCH

FREE EVENT WITH ACTIVITIES

AROUND THE CITY FOR

ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY

For updates and timings please follow #sightsandsounds #Ripon on social media and check website www.riponmuseums.co.uk

A flavour of what's on offer...

my neighburhood

- Ripon Museums Open I I am 4pm. Free entry to all museums for the day.
- Workhouse Museum Pop up cafe with home made cakes, refreshments 12 noon 4pm. Victorian school. Wash day chores. Rag rugging. Free face painting Have a go. Ripon Evolve & Red Traingle Drama Group Ripon then and now performance. White Rose Credit Union & Universal Credit Financial support and advice. North Yorkshire Horizons Drug & alcohol addiction information. Dancing from Ripon Morris Dancers & Betty Luptons Ladle Laikers Ipm.
- Prison and Police Museum Meet PC61. Be locked in a cell. Have your fingerprints taken.
- Courthouse Museum Audio trails. Meet magistrates in the community. The trial Take part and receive judgement!
- Library Open Ham 2pm. Dementia Forward Information and services.
 Meet Neighbourhood Watch Information. Ripon Library Action Group Help keep your library open.
 New Swimminng Pool Find out more. Ripon Re-Viewed Historical photos of Ripon.
 University of the 3rd Age Information stall. Harrogate & Ripon Centres for Voluntary Service
 Volunteering oportunities and projects. IDAS Support for domestic or sexual abuse. Workshop on domestic abuse signs 12 noon 12.45pm. Children and Families' Centres Children's story time. Ham & Ipm.
- Market Square North Yorkshire Police. North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service See a fire engine & watch a car cutting demonstration. Dancing from Ripon Morris Dancers & Betty Luptons Ladle Laikers 12 noon.
- Cathedral Quarter Peel Bells 10am 10.45am. Bell tower tours 11am onwards. Dancing from Ripon Morris Dancers & Betty Luptons Ladle Laikers 11am. Organ demo 11.30am 12.30pm. Pop up cafe. Family crafts. Family maps 11am 2pm.
- Spa Gardens Ham 4pm. Crazy golf. Ripon in bloom display.
 Recycling Advice. Games in parks & play Information.
- Town Hall Ripon Culture and Connections Get involved with the museums and your community. Hornblower 12 noon. Silverware talk Find out about our historic silverware 12 noon & 2pm. And lots more!

