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April Newsletter



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A Note from the Dean

Loving, Living, Learning through Passiontide to Easter

Loving, Living and Learning have been identified as three values that characterise all that we are trying to be and to do within the Church across the Diocese of Leeds. They speak of much of the good news that comes to this region – and the whole world - through the Gospel. They support the vision for the Diocese to be a part of God's Church which is developing confident Christians within growing churches that through their service help to transform communities for the better: Confident Christians, Growing Churches, Transforming Communities. This month we recall again the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This is the foundation of the Gospel and should surely give us the confidence to see the life-transforming potential that it contains.

How can we use our Diocesan values to help us reflect in fresh ways as we pass through Passiontide and into Easter? Loving, Living, Learning. Very briefly, let us look at them in reverse order.

Learning. As disciples of Jesus Christ we constantly learn and discover more about the one whom we regard as our Lord and Saviour. Those of us who, through Lent, have been reading *Being Disciples* have been helped by its author, Rowan Williams, to see that being a disciple involves being a student of Christ. We are not to be the sort of student who turns up for the odd occasional lecture; rather, more like the students of classical times, we are to remain close to our Teacher, observing him closely and learning from all that he says and does. Certainly, we try to do this through the services of Holy Week as we walk with our Lord through the events of his passion (his suffering). And like the women who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning, we remain close to him to witness the signs of the resurrection. Of course, if we are to develop as disciples, growing in confidence in the faith in a way that can strengthen and sustain us, we need to remain close to Christ – including in worship – throughout the year.

Living. We don't have to remain close to Christ for very long before we learn that he wants the best for us. As St. John recorded in his gospel, Jesus said of his followers, "I came that they may have life, and have it in its fullness." Remaining close to Christ in the sort of study that some of us have been doing in Lent, and in the worship that can become part of our routine of life, is designed to help us and the world to be the best we can – enjoying life in its fullness. The lesson that we learn again through Holy Week is that the way to fullness of life comes through the way of the cross. This can seem foolish to the wisdom of the world, as St. Paul pointed out to the Corinthians. But it is shown to be valid and effective in the one who said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me... and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24-25) And the history of the church reveals that countless people have experienced a new and fuller way of

living by drawing close to Christ and ‘dying’ to old, none-Christlike ways of living. The resurrection life is for this world as well as heaven.

Loving. We don’t have to remain close to Christ for long before we realise that the offer of life in its fullness depends totally upon Love – divine love. “God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them” we read in 1 John 4:16. Creation itself was an act of divine love, as were all the attempts of God to put things right from the time of Adam and Eve. Through Holy Week we are reminded of the pain suffered by God because of his rebellious creation. And on Easter Day we see that his love is vindicated and the resurrection life is created through it. Such love for us can surely give us encouragement and confidence in our faith. It is this love that invites us to reciprocate with love for God, each other and ourselves.

Holy Week with Bishop John Pritchard

I am very grateful to Bishop John Pritchard for joining us to lead the Cathedral’s Holy Week. Bishop John, an assistant Bishop within the Diocese of Leeds and living in Richmond, has at various times in his distinguished ministry been Warden of Cranmer Hall, Durham (the theological college attached to St. John’s College), Archdeacon of Canterbury, Bishop of Jarrow, and, until his retirement in 2014, Bishop of Oxford. He has written many stimulating books on Christian discipleship, ministry and prayer. As many will know, he is a good friend of Ripon Cathedral and has led a number of courses for us over the last couple of years.

Please, do make the Cathedral services from Palm Sunday onwards a priority, as we seek to remain close to, learn from, and grow in love for our Lord and Saviour. The details can be found in this Newsletter and on the Cathedral website.

Holy Week for children at Ripon Cathedral

There is an urgent need within our society to introduce more young people to the Christian narrative, not least the accounts of how Jesus showed his undying love. Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of a willing group of volunteers, we are able to offer again our Holy Week event for children: Journey to Jerusalem. As the details below in this Newsletter explain, this runs on the mornings of the Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday for children of school age. On Good Friday morning, it also includes a service for all ages at 10.30am. The children will help me to lead this and the event will be followed by hot cross buns and drinks. Please, do encourage children to take part in Journey to Jerusalem and join us for the worship on Good Friday morning.

Easter Day with Bishop Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds

I am pleased that this is a year when Bishop Nick, our diocesan Bishop, joins us for Easter Day. Bishop Nick will preside and preach at the 10.30am Festal Eucharist on Easter Day.

Sights and Sounds of Ripon and the Tour de Yorkshire

The *My Neighbourhood* event, *Sights and Sounds of Ripon*, took place on 18 March and was a great success. Many of the city’s attractions and ‘good news stories’ were

on show for both residents and visitors. I received many expressions of gratitude from people within Ripon who were delighted that the Cathedral had played a full and enthusiastic part. This was only possible because of the leadership of our C3 Group and the willingness of many volunteers to lead tours, run children's activities and provide the wonderful Pop-Up Café! Thank you very much to all who were involved.

This all provides a great preparation for the day of the Tour de Yorkshire (Saturday, 29 April) when the city is once again on show. With partners in Ripon, we are keen to do all that we can to welcome visitors and show them just how much there is to appreciate and enjoy in this ancient Cathedral city. We are certainly keen to give them plenty to do between the ladies' race passing through the Market Square late morning, and the men's in the late afternoon. Again, we will be offering tours, children's activities and a pop-up café. If you think that you might like to help for an hour or two, please do sign the sheets on the PCC Table in the South Transept or contact the Cathedral Office.

Bishop James Retires

Sadly for the Diocese of Leeds and the Ripon Episcopal Area, Bishop James retires at the end of this month. He became suffragan Bishop of Knaresborough in the former diocese of Ripon and Leeds in 2004 and then Area Bishop of Ripon in 2015 following the creation of the Diocese of Leeds the previous year. Needless to say, James has given the church and communities of this region long and dedicated service. This actually goes back before his consecration, to his days as Director of Ministry and Training (1997-99) and Director of Mission (1999 – 2004). This also included two years as Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral from 1997.

There will be a Festal Eucharist with Farewell to Bishop James in the Cathedral at which he will preside and preach. This takes place on Sunday 30 April at 3.30 pm followed by Refreshments in The Dean's Garden. Members of the Cathedral congregations are very welcome.

The Dean's Garden

The note above about refreshments following Bishop James's retirement service prompts me to make a comment about The Dean's Garden. This used to be called The Deer Park until this year, and I have no doubt that this will remain a name that many of us will find ourselves using automatically for some time to come. We have made the change, however, because of the increasing levels of confusion. Events take place there each year that attract large numbers of people from beyond the Cathedral and city. We have received a growing number of reports (complaints!) from those who have gone mistakenly to Studley Royal – where there is a real deer park!

In his memoirs, *I was Glad*, my only living predecessor, Christopher Campling, suggests that it might have been Bishop John Moorman who first described the garden of Minster House, the Deanery, as The Deer Park. I'm sure no one has ever imagined that deer have actually roamed in it! This, I suspect, was just a humorous episcopal reflection. Well, we certainly do not want to discourage humour, but

neither do we want people being led by satnavs away from our events to the attractions of the National Trust. So it is, after considering a number of options, we have decided upon the straight forward title of The Dean's Garden. The Dean and his wife are very happy about this, and are hoping that this does not create new confusion resulting in hundreds of people attempting to gain access to The Dean's Garden via the Dean's drive at Minster House. One senses that there is more humour yet to come!

The Cathedral Spring Clean

Thanks to someone disclosing to me that the Cathedral used to hold spring cleaning events, we have decided to hold another one as we prepare for Easter. This is being headed up by John Groves, one of our churchwardens, and the PCC, but represents an invitation to all Cathedral worshippers and volunteers. It gives each one of us an opportunity to make a valuable - and I hope enjoyable - contribution to the caring and cleaning of this magnificent building.

Please, do take note of the details below and join us for a couple of hours on 1 April. Encouragement comes from the promise of refreshments!

The 2017 Cathedral Parish Weekend

Last year's Parish Weekend was described by some of those who took part as 'happy, joyful, wonderful, fulfilling, friendly and fantastic'. You can probably guess then that people enjoyed it and were keen to have another event this year.

In July, then, we are heading for the very attractive venue of Wydale Hall, the retreat house of the York Diocese, just within the Borough of Scarborough. Unfortunately, we can only take about 45 people so do book early to avoid disappointment. As well as enjoying each other's company and the natural delights of the house and its grounds, we will be doing some gentle reflection on what St. Wilfrid might wish to say to us today.

Please, see the details below and book early to join us.

Happy Easter

Nicola and I, along with the members of the Chapter, wish you an enriching Holy Week and a very happy Easter.

With my very best wishes
Dean John

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

Saturday 1st April 9 – 12 noon Cathedral Spring Clean

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

Monday 3rd April 7.30pm Ripon Cathedral PCC APCM at Thorpe Prebend.

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 (free) Charlotte Rowan (violin) accompanied by Charlotte Stevenson.

Saturday 8th April 10.00-4.30pm 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

Monday 10th April 10.00-4pm Magdalen Fellowship will be holding a one day retreat at Parceval Hall.

Monday 10th 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 Monday Evening 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.

Saturday 29th April Tour de Yorkshire There will be a café open in the Cathedral from 12-3.30pm. If you are able to help with running the café or providing home-baking, contact Fiona Pearman: pearmans5@aol.com or 07773723841.

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

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

Monday 1st May 11-5.00pm Cathedral Beer Festival Award winning beers, great food and live music. £3.50 entry – children free.

Thursday 4th May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Queen Mary's School Chapel Choir.

Friday 5th May 7.30pm Primary Visitation of The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines for the Ripon Episcopal Area.

Saturday 6th May 7.30pm Ripon International Festival Royal Northern Sinfonia

Sunday 7th May 5.30pm Christian Aid Service

Thursday 11th May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Jonathan Clinch (organ).

Saturday 13th May 10-3.30pm (9.30am for coffee) A DAY OF SPACE at St John's Chapel, Bondgate. This day of stillness, reflection, music and meditation will focus on the **theme of Words of Life**. To reserve a place: spaceripon@gmail.com or phoning the Cathedral Office (01765 603462).

Saturday 13th May 10-30-12.30 St Wilfrid Conversation 'Why Bother with Yorkshire' A conversation about regional identity with a theological perspective between Sir Gary Verity and Bishop Nick Baines. All welcome. Free entry.

Sunday 14th May 11.15am Installation of the Mayor of Ripon

Sunday 14th May 12-4pm Cathedral Choir Open Day – an opportunity for children aged 6 to 11 years to sing with the Cathedral Choir.

Monday 15th May 7.30pm Third Monday Evening Prayer Group.

Thursday 18th May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Julia Hartmann (piano).

Saturday 20th May 7.30pm St Cecilia Orchestra – Spring Concert.

Sunday 21st May 5.30pm Distinctive Service – Does Christ Appear Today?

Thursday 25th May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Musicality.

Thursday 25th May 7.30pm Ascension Day Festal Eucharist and Procession

Sunday 28th May 3.30pm Thy Kingdom Come with The Right Reverend Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford.

Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm Bell Ringing Practice 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.

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.

Cathedral Gift Shop We have a great selection for your Easter including Easter cards, decorations, books, gifts and Easter shortbread and gingerbread goodies. Please note that the shop will be closed on Good Friday but open Mondays to Saturdays 10am – 5pm.

Aprils book recommendation that is being stocked in the shop is titled 'A splash of words' by Mark Oakley. Here are just a couple of reviews...

" If prose is a river, poetry is a fountain" – Michael Longley

" Mark Oakley has a strong sense of language as sacrament, a sharp eye for telling phrases and a warm heart with which to return echoes" – Andrew Motion

" This beautiful and wise meditation centred around the 'soul language' of poetry opens new windows in the shared house of both poetry and belief" – Carol Ann Duffy.

The end of April sees the Tour de Yorkshire zoom through the City (29th), keepsakes and regional mementoes adorn the shelves so please pop in and see us in the shop.

Report from Uganda by Robert Wood

For the last two years, the Cathedral PCC, as part of its charitable giving, has supported a small charity called Water for Kids (WfK) which provides safe drinking water, sanitation and health education in developing countries. At the end of February I joined a WfK visit to the Iganga district of Uganda to see some of the work being done. During the 11 days I was there, we changed a spring-fed muddy pool into a safe source of drinking water and we also provided a pump for a newly dug 40 feet deep well. WfK works in partnership with local communities. Local people provide most of the labour and then set up a water committee to ensure on-going maintenance, WfK funds materials etc.. We visited a number of previous schemes to check their on-going maintenance by the water committees and to take samples of water for bacteriological testing. Other activities funded by WfK include rainwater harvesting, boreholes, provision of improved latrines and health education especially handwashing. I found the whole experience fascinating and inspiring. The funds given by you are being very well used. I wish to say a sincere "Thank you" on behalf of Water for Kids and the people who benefit from its work. I am very happy to visit

local groups to give illustrated talks about the work of WfK. I can be contacted through the Cathedral office.

Working with Children, Young People and Families

“Breakfast Natters” 9.00am on the first Thursday of every month in the Cathedral Hall. 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.

Children’s Church regularly takes place each Sunday during the 10.30am service with **Children’s Church Xtra** in the **Cathedral Hall** on 1st Sunday of the month. **Children’s Church Xtra** 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.

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 continues Youth Emmaus - A six week course exploring ‘What Christians Believe’. Thorpe Prebend House, High St Agnesgate at 5.30-7.00pm.
24th April – Jesus – His Life and Ministry **8th May** – Jesus – His Death and Resurrection
15th May – The Holy Spirit – Our Life and Breath

‘C3: Cathedral Community Connections

Thanks to all those who helped with the Cathedral’s contribution to the **Sights and Sounds of Ripon** event. We had an amazing day running a pop-up cafe with The Walled Garden, entertaining families with crafts and a treasure hunt organised by Moira Siara, treating visitors to a personal introduction to our magnificent organ thanks to Andrew Bryden, and to top it all a magnificent peel from the Bellingrings followed by a tour of the belltower. So many people joined in to make the Cathedral’s contribution to this Ripon event a great success by baking and by volunteering on the day. A very BIG thank you to one and all!

Jennyruth Workshops

A reminder that JRW is still looking for runners for the Great North Run. For those people who prefer golf to running, save the date *Thursday, 6th July* as JRW is organising their Sixth Annual GOLF CLASSIC. Teams of four players are needed. More details to appear in future newsletters. Contact 01765 606620 or info@jennyruth.co.uk

Spring Garden and Food Show 2017

Saturday 8 April 2017

Ripon Cathedral
10.00am – 4.30pm

Entry
Only
£2

Unique shopping experience

Demonstrations

Gardener Martin Fish

Family Activities

Celebrated Chef



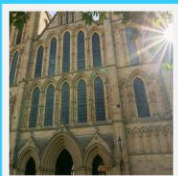
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To book your stall please contact
Carolyn Sands on carolynsands@riponcathedral.org.uk



Tour de Yorkshire at Ripon Cathedral

Join us for t'cycle of a lifetime with activities throughout the 29th April



- Enjoy a 'reet good cuppa' in our popup cafe from 12-3.30pm
- Free guided tours throughout the day with our specialist guides
- Family friendly crafts & activities (free of course - this is Yorkshire after all!)
- A quarter peal rung on the bells as the cyclists arrive - a warm Yorkshire welcome!



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Why Bother with Yorkshire?

The first of the St Wilfrid Conversations explores the idea of regional identity partly from a theological perspective. **Bishop Nick Baines** and **Sir Gary Verity** will be in conversation with each other and the audience.

Saturday 13th May, 10.30am-12.30pm at Ripon Cathedral.
Free entry. Contact judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk for more information.

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Ripon Cathedral Parish Weekend

Friday 21-23rd July 2017

*Come along and join in this PCC-organised Cathedral event
– it is open for all*

We plan to gather as the Cathedral Parish community to be alongside one another in fellowship and faith. We have booked the beautiful Wydale Hall near Scarborough for a weekend in July Friday evening till Sunday afternoon.

Dean John will lead the weekend. The event will include opportunities to enjoy: relaxed fellowship; a blend of worship; good meals; shared activities both active and reflective. All meals and activity are included in the price per head for the event.

There will be a car share organized to get as many people to the event as possible.

As places are limited to the accommodation space and room configuration available at Wydale Hall, it is important that we take bookings and deposits in good time. The booking form and pricing schedule can be found over the page. More information and a specific timetable will be available *6 weeks* before the event.



*Enjoyment
Worship
Good Food
Activities
Reflection
Prayer
Fellowship*

Further information and booking form available from the website or pick up a leaflet from the PCC Noticeboard or contact the Cathedral Office.