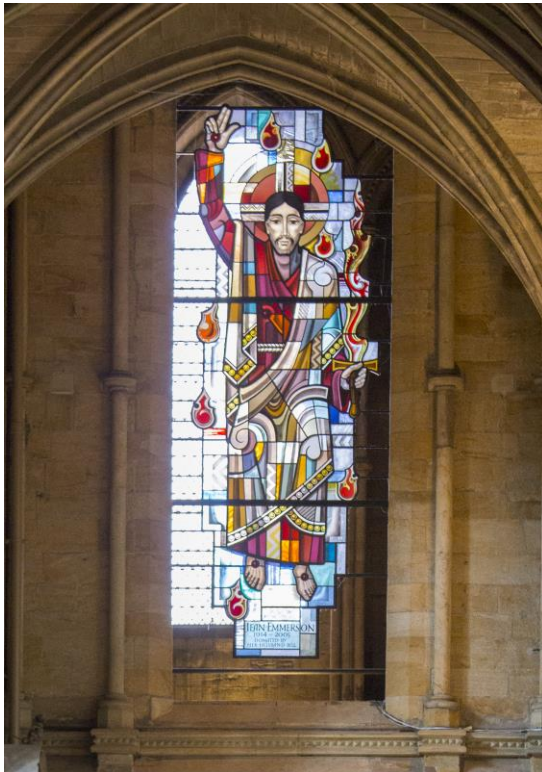




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# June Newsletter



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## **A Note from the Dean**

### **The Message of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost to Terrorism**

We are celebrating the Ascension and preparing for Pentecost at a time when the country has been shocked and saddened by the appalling terrorist attack in Manchester. Innocent people, including children, were killed by someone who was prepared to die for extreme, radical views. Understandably, many have judged this to be an evil act, reminding us that the world is far from perfect and that there are forces at work that would prevent people from enjoying life in its fullness.

According to St. John, Jesus said that he came that people could enjoy life in its fullness. It is also clear from what he said about God's coming kingdom that he looked forward to a day when God's rule on earth would be universal. At a time when we have been reminded, tragically, that this is still to be realised, we are reminded by our celebration of Christ's resurrection, ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit that evil will, in the end, be utterly defeated. God's goodness and the force of evil are opposed to each other, but not of equal capacity.

What we are celebrating in these weeks is a reminder that no evil force, however cruel and tragic its expression, is a match for the goodness and love of God. In the End, his creative, redeeming and sustaining love will conquer all that would prevent his creation from enjoying his gift of life in its fullness. And the goodness, kindness, sympathy and grief shown by ordinary people in the face of evil, cruel, barbaric acts show that God's reign and ultimate victory already emit their hopeful light, even in the darkest of times.

### **The General Election**

The Archbishops have recently written to the parishes and chaplaincies of the Church of England. The letter is too long to reproduce in this article, but it is worth noting some of its central messages as we approach June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Archbishops begin by suggesting that Easter invites us to celebrate and renew our love for God and our love of neighbour, our trust and hope in God and in each other. The first obligation of Christians in the run up to the election, then, is to pray for the candidates, and to continue to pray for those elected. A second obligation is to set aside apathy and cynicism and to participate and to encourage others to do the same. Churches are encouraged to put on hustings events and I'm pleased to say that we did exactly that at the Cathedral on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Helpfully, the Archbishops encourage us to draw on the ancient and Benedictine virtue of stability at this time of political change. Stable communities will enable us to be a nation of 'glad and generous hearts'. They also argue that contemporary politics needs to re-evaluate the importance of religious belief. "The assumptions of secularism are not a reliable guide to the way the world works, nor will they enable us to understand the place of faith in people's lives," they write. They go on to assert that the new Parliament should treat as an essential the improvement of religious literacy. The Archbishops believe that the deep virtues and practices of love, trust and hope, cohesion, courage and stability give us a firm foundation on which to live well together, for the common good.

I hope at the very least we will be able to agree with the archbishops that we should be participating in the election and praying for all involved.

### **The Rev'd Trevor Vaughan**

As some people are seeking to take on public office and responsibility others are stepping down, the Revd Trevor Vaughan amongst them.

For three years, Trevor has looked after the good people of Littlethorpe, within the Cathedral parish, and cared for St. Michael's Church. He has done an outstandingly good job! His attention to pastoral care and the offering of well-prepared worship has resulted in a growth in both the size and confidence of the church community. It has also resulted in the people of the village feeling valued and cared for.

As Trevor steps down from this role and begins to take things a bit easier, I would like to record how enormously grateful I am for all that he has done and achieved. For a man who was supposed to be retired, it is a remarkable record. I know that the people of St. Michael's and the village would want to say the same and will probably do so with great depth of feeling following Trevor's final service on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

We pray for Trevor and wish him joy and happiness in a well-earned fuller-retirement.

### **Congratulations and Thanks to Christian Aid Volunteers**

Christian Aid Week took place last month. We congratulate those volunteers from the Cathedral who took part in the house-to-house collection in Ripon, raising £2,000. Many thanks for your witness!

### **Volunteers Week and Service, and Thank You to Lindsay Tanner**

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has designated 1 – 7 June Volunteers' Week. This is a great initiative in which we are all encouraged to celebrate the positive contribution made by millions of volunteers. Obviously, for millions of people up and down the country, volunteering is a way in which they live out their Christian discipleship.

We are holding a special volunteers service on Pentecost, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm. All those who volunteer in the local community, or who benefit from the efforts of volunteers, are encouraged to join us. That is the day, of course, when we celebrate God's gift of the Holy Spirit to his church. It seems clear that we see the Holy Spirit at work through the self-sacrificing good deeds of many faithful disciples and non-Christians. This is certainly worth celebrating.

In this service we will also be expressing our heart-felt thanks to Lindsay Tanner who has served the Cathedral well as a Reader and done much to enhance the lives of many in Ripon through her involvement in the community and running of Ripon Community Link. She is an absolute star whom we will miss as her life now becomes focused in Northumberland following her husband, Mark's appointment as Bishop of Berwick. I'm pleased that Bishop Mark will be speaking at the service. Please, do join us.

### **Welcoming two new clergy at the Cathedral**

I am delighted that in coming weeks we will be welcoming two new members of the clergy team at the Cathedral. Canon Ailsa Newby, our new Canon Pastor, and Caitlin Carmichael Davis introduce themselves below. Please, do help to make them

welcome in Ripon, and support them at their first services. Canon Ailsa will be installed on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm, and Caitlin will serve as Deacon during the 10.30am Sung Eucharist on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, following her ordination the day before in Bradford Cathedral. Please, also pray for them, and for Ailsa's Husband Richard, as they prepare to move to Ripon.

### **Cathedral Finances and Planned Giving**

I am extremely grateful to our Canon Treasurer, Andrew Kitchingman, for speaking at all services on Sunday, 21st May. He presented an update on the Cathedral's finances and explained how important the Planned Giving of congregation members is to the ongoing mission of the Cathedral. A copy of Andrew's address can be found below, and a summary of the financial statement can be found in the Chapter's Annual Report, available on the website or in printed form from the Cathedral.

Andrew explained how the Cathedral's finances have been strengthening over recent years. Taking into account the increase in the value of capital, we actually showed a small surplus in 2016. This, however, hides the fact that the balance of income and expenditure in the operation of the Cathedral is still in deficit by about £41,000. This represents an incredible improvement, thanks in part to the generosity of worshippers and other supporters, but we must double our efforts to eliminate the deficit completely if we wish to secure the long-term financial health of the Cathedral.

I am aware that many different people support the Cathedral in a variety of ways. There are those who give generously of their time and skills, and those who effectively support the work of the Chapter directly through a variety of channels, such as RCDC. For those of us who are Cathedral congregation members, however, both clergy and lay people, regular Planned Giving is an essential way of supporting the church's mission as well as living out our discipleship. Our giving is an important way in which we acknowledge that all that we are and have come from God, and it expresses heartfelt gratitude. Obviously, each of us must give at the level we prayerfully judge to be appropriate, and certainly no one at the Cathedral is telling us how much we should be giving. The important thing is that we each make our contribution.

So, if you are not already in the Cathedral's Planned Giving scheme and would like to know more about it, please find out more by contacting Liz Thomas, Planned Giving Officer (Tel: 01765 606118). And if you are a member of the scheme already, please could I encourage you to review your level of giving. If you would like to speak with someone about this, Andrew Kitchingman and Liz Thomas, our Stewardship Treasurer, would be very pleased to have a chat with you.

I very much want to register my gratitude to everyone who supports the Cathedral. Together we provide an amazing witness, and we help to sustain the mission and ministry of this great cathedral to the whole diocese and region.

With my very best wishes  
Dean John

## **An Address on the Cathedral Finances and the Planned Giving Scheme by the Canon Treasurer, Andrew Kitchingman, given in the Cathedral services on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

For those who may not know me, my name is Andrew Kitchingman and I have been Canon Treasurer of Ripon Cathedral since my installation this January. I am a chartered accountant by profession with a 30-year career in the City of London now behind me. It is a huge honour to represent the Cathedral as a member of Chapter and equally a great responsibility to manage and improve the finances here during what is a difficult time for English cathedrals.

But first, I would like to pay tribute to my immediate predecessor, Philip Arundel. Philip served for 6 years as Canon Treasurer and achieved many things. Most importantly, he inherited a cathedral severely in deficit and had to take strong control of costs. Over his period of office and under his leadership, Chapter succeeded in reducing our annual deficit from approaching £0.25m to, last year, less than £50k on unrestricted funds, for which we owe him a huge debt of thanks.

You will note however that I said we are still in deficit, so I thought I would explain to you what the income and expenditure of the Cathedral was in 2016 and how they are made up.

The total income and expenditure of the Cathedral, unrestricted and restricted funds combined, are now almost in balance at approximately £1.2m per annum.

Almost 40% of our income came from donations and legacies, for which we have much to thank you for. A further 32% came from grants from the Church centrally and other awarding bodies. Investment income generated 12%, 10% came from trading and events and the balance was from fees paid to use the Cathedral.

On expenditure almost half our costs, nearly £600k per annum, are spent on repairing, maintaining and operating the cathedral and surrounding precincts and 40% represents the total cost of ministry here.

But the key number to take away here is that the deficit on unrestricted funds in 2016 was £43k. This was better than the budgeted £60k, but still represented a further reduction in our reserves. The Church of England is very concerned about the financial health of its cathedrals and has most recently established a working group to address the challenges faced. Its leader, the Right Reverend Adrian Newman, Bishop of Stepney, said on his appointment that, and I quote, “cathedrals are facing a new scale and depth of challenge in their bid to stay afloat”. There have already been well-publicised financial crises at Durham, Peterborough and Guildford and this is most definitely not going to happen at Ripon.

I say all of this not to generate gloom or panic but to provide a context in which we at Ripon must balance our books and ensure that sufficient resources are in place for the short, medium and long term wellbeing of this cathedral that we love so much. We look forward from a much better starting position than many but we have no shortage of challenges to finance.

Firstly, we need to crack this short-term issue of balancing the books. A budget was set for this year, predicting a deficit of just under £20k, so better again than 2016 but still reducing our reserves. In the first quarter, the loss was £4k, so we are on track but must not be complacent. **Why can we not work a bit harder and get us into a financial surplus?** On the expenditure side of the equation, I am confident that costs are now close to being as low as possible and our auditors, Euraudit have also given us a good bill of health on financial controls and procedures. We are very careful in how we invest your money. If we are to beat the brackets then, so to speak, we must increase our income wherever possible.

So how do we go about this? Currently just 9 of the 42 cathedrals charge for entry, though Bishop Newman expects that to rise. Some are free to enter but charge instead for special exhibitions, Durham is an example of this.

Chapter has no present intention to implement either of these charging initiatives but if we are to live without such income and within our means, then we need to persuade those entering the cathedral for services or as tourists to give more. You may be surprised to hear that in 2016, over 98,000 visitors entered the cathedral and gave on average 78p each. They would spend 3 times that on a coffee at Starbucks! 50p more each and we would have been in surplus last year.

We host, through RCDC, a significant number of events each year in and around the Cathedral, including a wedding and spring fair, the Dean's banquet and, most recently the beer festival. In 2016 the team did a tremendous job, running 17 events and generating gross revenues of over £250k, a record result. We are always looking for ways to generate more revenue from events but my sense is that we are operating at close to event capacity already.

You, the members and worshippers are, quite naturally, our first port of call in generating income for this, your cathedral. In 2016, worshippers present and past were generous and gave collectively £467k in donations and legacies. Some of this came from one-off donations (including legacies), some from the pew slips at services and the balance of £97k from the planned giving scheme, led for us by Liz Thomas. This latter scheme is one that I am keen to promote more strongly to one and all here; it's an efficient way to give, it allows the cathedral to have greater clarity in its budgeting and thirdly, it allows us to claim as much as possible back from the Chancellor through Gift Aid. That can only be a good thing!

We currently have 136 members of the congregation in the planned giving scheme and Liz Thomas and I would be delighted to speak to those others of you not currently giving in this way. Please also, if you are already on planned giving, give some thought to the level of your giving, perhaps you have not increased the sum for some time?

In this regard, I was deeply struck and affected by Archbishop Welby's book for Lent this year, 'De-throning Mammon'. When I say deeply struck, what I mean by that is that I read it through at one sitting and then read it twice again by Easter Sunday. What I realised on reflection, is that I was living my own life pretty much in the way he described, budgeting for all of the financial priorities in my family life and then giving

a proportion of the balance to the church. Welby made a strong case for a thorough review of my priorities for, as it is quite clear to me, my faith and this place are indeed a major priority in my life. I have begun that re-balancing.

It is for us all as individuals to set our own priorities and to give what we can. I am convinced, however, that Ripon Cathedral will not thrive as it should unless we, its members, are willing to support it more than we are currently doing.

Turning to the medium and longer term, we have a number of programmes in place which seek to make this place a better-endowed cathedral, able to do much more in delivering God's kingdom on earth. Are you aware of the wonderful initiatives run by RCDC, our development campaign? You could sponsor a chorister, join the Patrons or Custodians and enjoy special events to thank you for your support. Our music trust, RCMT and the Dean's excellent initiative, Ripon Cathedral Revealed both seek to re-set the agenda here in Ripon. Please look to support one or all of these so that, in time, we will have a more strongly endowed cathedral, better able to support you and all who come here to enjoy the great treasures accumulated over 1,300 years.

Thank you very much for your support and your attention. With your help, we can consign the deficits and the brackets to the history books and look forward to a sustained period of operating surpluses with all the attendant benefits that such financial health will deliver.

Please do what you can. The Dean and I look forward to talking to you after this service. We have all the details!

### **From Reverend Canon Ailsa Newby**

One of the peculiarities of clergy life is that when you move job, you move house and church as well at the same time. If moving house is supposed to be one of the stressful things in life, the combination of moving job and place of worship too intensifies the problem.

Yet –despite all the admin of moving house, and leaving my present churches organised – I am very excited about our move to Ripon. We (my husband Dick and our sons Mark and Roger) have had some great times in North Yorkshire and the Dales over the years both on holidays and visiting family as my husband comes from Rothwell, near Leeds. For him it feels like returning to his roots. My roots are further north still, in Dundee where my own family comes from, though I grew up in London and only briefly went to school in Scotland. Later I was a law student in Durham (with a specialist subject in Theakston's ales!) before practising law in London first in a big City firm and after that with the charity JUSTICE where I worked on miscarriage of justice cases and life sentence issues.

It was my work with prisoners that led me to seek ordination. There's not space now to explore all of that and I hope, as we get to know each other, I can tell you more about my life. Presently I'm Team Rector in the Parish of Putney where I lead a team of 3 clergy. Putney is an inner-London suburb that started out as a medieval village on the Thames and we have two beautiful, thriving historic churches.

It has been a good, happy place to be but it is also right to move on. Life changes but in the Church of God it is never a complete parting as we always remain rooted in the Body of Christ. I shall look forward to getting to know you all and worshipping with you in the wonderful cathedral. Please pray for Dick and me as we move, as I am praying for you. Even though we have not yet met on one level we already know all that we need to know to pray for each other: that we seek to follow Jesus Christ. The rest is mere detail!

### **From Caitlin Carmichael-Davis**

I grew up close to Ripon in Skipton where I attended Holy Trinity Church and Christ Church, before studying law at Balliol college, Oxford. I am looking forward to returning to Yorkshire, and to an area I love, especially after spending six of the last ten years in the South East.

After leaving Oxford I joined Teach First and began teaching at a senior school which serves a diverse and socially deprived area of South Bradford. It was hard work, as I trained for my PGCE while already teaching full time, but it was hugely rewarding — allowing me to make a small contribution to developing young people's confidence and ability to thrive in adult life. It will continue to inform my work at the Cathedral, as it provided me with experience of the variety and depth of the Leeds diocese.

For the last three years I have been training for the priesthood at Ripon College Cuddesdon where I have studied for another BA and an MA in Theology at Oxford. Studying for another degree at my undergraduate university was a strange experience, especially as all the other undergraduates suddenly looked very young. I have loved studying theology, and my time at Ripon College Cuddesdon where I have made excellent friends. The college is a lively mix of traditions and approaches and continues to thrive — with a total of about 200 students currently training for ministry. Interestingly, the College carries in its name a connection to Ripon, where Ripon Hall was first established in 1898 (moving to Oxford in 1919 before eventually merging with Cuddesdon in 1975). The College retains a doorknocker, which carries a bust of the Ripon Wakeman, and numerous drawings and paintings of the Cathedral and surrounding area.

I have been seriously considering becoming a priest for ten years, and first remember thinking about the possibility as a small child. So I am very much looking forward to my Ordination on the 1st of July and to joining the team at the cathedral.

I love curry and decent coffee and in my spare time I enjoy cooking, music, and the theatre. I already own far too many books, especially about Shakespeare.



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

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 8.00pm Silent Prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
in the Chapel of the Resurrection

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 12 noon Cathedral Parish Lunch** in the Cathedral Hall.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Pentecost Festal Eucharist**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm Volunteers Service with Farewell to Lindsay Tanner,**  
**Cathedral Reader**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free)** Students from Leeds University.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Trinity Sunday Festal Eucharist with Confirmation**  
President & Preacher: The Right Reverend Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm Golden Wedding Service** Preacher: The Dean

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free)** Clothworkers Consort *choir*.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Corpus Christi Festal Eucharist & Procession**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm 'Dessert Island Discs' with Bishop Nick in the Cathedral Hall.** For more information, please see PCC Noticeboard.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June The Bible Society stall** will be in Ripon Market Place. Donations of cakes, jams, etc will be welcome from 8.00am onwards at the stall.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Concert Ripon Choral Society** Handel – Creation

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm Distinctive** Celebrating Father's Day

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 7.30-8.30pm Third Monday Prayer Group**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Concert St Charles Singers** US Chamber Choir

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free)** Tom Coxhead & Jonathan Allsopp, *organ duet*

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm Ordination of Priests** – The Right Reverend John Pritchard

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm Evensong with Installation of Canon Pastor and Archdeacon of Leeds** Preacher: The Right Reverend Nicholas Baines, Bishop of Leeds

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting** at Thorpe Prebend House. Talk by The Revd. Caroline Falkingham : "Women in the Bible".

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free)** Yorkshire Decibelles *choir*.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Concert Opera North ' Big Sing'.**

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

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 3.00pm Ordination of Deacons in Bradford Cathedral.**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10.30am Sung Eucharist and Welcome of the Revd Caitlin Carmichael-Davis.**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm Spiritual Pilgrimage.**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Concert Leeds Festival Chorus.**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Summer Organ Festival** Peter King.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 5.30pm Distinctive**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 7.30-8.30pm Third Monday Prayer Group.**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Summer Organ Festival** Tim Harper

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 7.30pm Concert** Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July Parish Weekend** at Wydale Hall

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm Summer Organ Festival** Tom Coxhead.

### **Ordination of Deacons 1<sup>st</sup> July Bradford Cathedral**

There are limited places for the Ordination of Deacons on 1<sup>st</sup> July at 3.00pm when Caitlin Carmichael-Davis, our new Curate, will be deaconed. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sign-up sheet.

### **Working with Children, Young People and Families**

**Children's Church** regularly takes place each Sunday during the 10.30am service with **Children's Church Xtra** in the **Cathedral Hall** on 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**“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.

### **'C3: Cathedral Community Connections**

#### **City of Sanctuary**

- **Thy Kingdom Come 'wave of Prayer' to be held in the Cathedral - 28th May-4th June** As part of this special prayer initiative, Yvonne Jefferies and Jean Denney are working with the children of Greystones and Cathedral Primary Schools to prepare Prayer Stations in the Cathedral focusing on offering welcome and hospitality to refugees.
- **World Refugee Day – 20 June** and **National Refugee Week UK – 19-25 June** - Globally there are over 60 million people who are currently refugees forced to leave their homes due to war due to global conflicts. Ten of the world's poorest countries take in over half the world's refugees with Jordan taking in nearly 3 million alone. The British Red Cross estimates that there are just over 100,000 living in the UK. **Ripon** has welcomed 3 families of Syrian refugees.
- **Please pray** this month for refugees around the world, for those who have come to the UK, for those who are living with us in Ripon. If you would like more information about how you could support refugees in our area, please contact Yvonne Jefferies or email the C3 Group [ripon.cathedral.outreach@gmail.com](mailto:ripon.cathedral.outreach@gmail.com)

## **Dementia Forward**

The Ripon and Harrogate Museums are offering six relaxed fortnightly Monday morning sessions with tea and biscuits in your local museums and gallery. Open to anyone living with dementia, whether you have an interest in art and history, or just like having a go at something new and meeting people. Sessions will be charged at £5 and carers will be free of charge. The museums are all wheelchair friendly, and volunteers will be on hand to introduce you to each activity.

**To register, and for a list of all the dates and venues, contact Wendy Hunwick-Brown on 01765 690799 or [wendy.hunwick-brown@riponmuseums.co.uk](mailto:wendy.hunwick-brown@riponmuseums.co.uk)**

## **The Walled Garden**

A repeated plea for volunteers to help at the Walled Garden. People are needed both in the garden and the café. This is a fantastic community of people and a wonderful environment in which to volunteer. Please consider whether you could provide some help. NO experience is necessary and there is no minimum time you have to be able to offer. For more information contact [j.spink@riponcommunitylink.org.uk](mailto:j.spink@riponcommunitylink.org.uk)

## **Cathedral Gift Shop**

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat 10am-5pm Tel: 01765 601347 Website:

[www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk).

New ranges in the shop include bone china mugs and greeting cards showcasing the stunning artwork created by local artist Robert E Fuller. Robert's gallery is located in Thixendale near Malton and is one of Britain's foremost wildlife artists. He often appears on TV and regularly writes about his wildlife subjects for the Yorkshire Post.

Another range of cards available are the 'Tottering by Gently' by cartoonist Annie Tempest. Annie's characters Dicky & Daffy first appeared in Country Life magazine in 1993, the inspiration for the couple being her upbringing in Broughton Hall. A fantastic selection on display, the images and situations of which, I think we can all relate to!

Finally, we are happy to bring back candles and soaps from the Dalit Goods people. Every purchase made helps support the Dalit people who for 3000 years have suffered under the caste system. Dalit Goods provide work for the under privileged, education, healthcare and a loving home for the vulnerable children.

## **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.

## News from the Bell Tower

Congratulations to the Cathedral Bellringers on their recent competition success. Our ringers entered two teams in the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch Ringing Competition held at Sowerby. Our teams came 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> so the Cathedral Ringers will now represent the Branch in the Yorkshire Association Competition which will be held at North Cave in the East Riding in September.

## **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](mailto:postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk)  
Tel: 01765 603462 (Office) 01765 602072 (Chapter House) or visit our website: [www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk).

## Giving by Gift Aid

Our financial support of the Cathedral's mission is an expression of our gratitude to God for all that we receive from him. It does strengthen the mission, however, if the Cathedral can reclaim any tax that has been paid on our offerings. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift-Aiding your donation. For every £1 you give, we will receive £1.25. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the pews or from the Sidespeople. Please use the envelope and sign it—there is no extra cost to you.

If you would prefer to give by **electronic banking** the details are as follows:

**Account Name:** Ripon Cathedral PCC Fund                      **Sort Code:** 05 07 17  
**Account number:**                      35697334

## Planned Giving

If you are a regular worshipper at the Cathedral and would like to know more about our planned giving scheme, please contact Liz Thomas, Planned Giving Officer (Tel: 01765 606118) or have a word with one of the clergy.

We are very grateful for your financial support. Without it the worship and ministry of this Cathedral Church simply could not happen.

### **Cathedral Primary School – request for volunteers**

Several members of our Cathedral Community kindly give up a couple of hours each week to go into school and listen to children read. This is a really worthwhile activity for both the school and the people who work with the children. Obviously it is helpful in supporting the children's reading but it is also building inter-generational links between the two communities. I know that our Cathedral members who go into school feel really privileged to work with our lovely children and enjoy it enormously. If you feel you can commit to doing this, the school will be delighted to hear from you. You can phone the school office on **602355**. They will be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively (and if you wish to find out more), speak to me or e-mail me at [jeandenney@btinternet.com](mailto:jeandenney@btinternet.com)

### **Cathedral Primary School Governors**

Cathedral Primary School currently has three vacancies for Foundation Governors, as people have stepped down at the end of their terms of office, having given sterling service to the school. It is a wonderful and very worthwhile job, doing something that really makes a difference to help the school continue to blossom and grow. It is a very happy place to be and a privilege to work with a talented and dedicated teaching team under the excellent leadership of Darren Dudman, Headteacher. Ofsted rates us currently as “Good with Outstanding Features” and we are aspirational in our aims to be “Outstanding” in all areas.

We would really like to hear from you if you think you could work with us. The areas of expertise we particularly need are Finance and Curriculum but we are open to hearing about whatever talents and experience you can offer.

Please share this “advertisement” if you know anyone who may be interested. You can talk to me or to the Dean on this matter or contact school on **602355**. It is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit Governors as it involves a certain level of commitment. However we can be flexible about tenure and offer Associate Governorship, which involves sitting on just one committee and not attending full Governors’ meetings.

I do hope we can fill these vacancies and add to our current wonderful team to ensure the best possible outcomes for our children.

Jean Denney (Chair of Governors)

### **Accommodation request**

Veterinary Medicine student seeking a week’s accommodation during work experience at Bishopston Vets, Ripon 23-30 September. Hannah’s mother, Rachel Whitelegg, was an acolyte at the Cathedral in 1980’s. Hannah will require bed/breakfast/evening meal. If you are able to help, please contact the Cathedral Office 01765 603462.

Are there any volunteers you know who would appreciate a proper thank you? Why not give them a personal invitation to come to our Volunteers' Service at 5.30pm on Sunday 4th June? Invitations cards available in the South Transept.



You are invited to come and celebrate Volunteers' Week with us at Ripon Cathedral

**5.30pm on Sunday 4th June**

Everyone who volunteers in our community is welcome as well as those who just want to say thank you



Ripon Cathedral  
here for us all

**Dessert Island Discs with Bishop Nick  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm  
in the Cathedral Hall, High St Agnesgate**

Organised by Ripon Cathedral PCC  
Tickets available in the Cathedral

For more information contact: Michelle Dearlove 07967452120

**Sponsor a Flower Arrangement**

Each week Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild creates beautiful flower arrangements. If you would like to sponsor an arrangement in memory of the passing of a loved one, or a birthday, or an anniversary,

Please contact Sue Woods on 01765 698006 to discuss your requirements.  
A framed notice of the occasion will be placed at the foot of the arrangement.

You are invited to attend a Living Legacy Appeal by the Very Reverend John Dobson, Dean of Ripon

Thursday 29 June 2017 in the Cathedral Library

If it wasn't for the vision of centuries of many generous benefactors we wouldn't have the magnificent Cathedral we all enjoy today. As we look toward the next hundred years, with some very exciting plans, we would like you to join us for an afternoon to find out how you can make a lasting difference to our Cathedral.

1300 A performance by The Yorkshire Decibelles (Lunchtime Concert in the Quire)  
1415 Living Legacy Appeal in the Cathedral Library  
1500 Yorkshire afternoon tea  
1600 Depart at leisure

RSVP: By 22 June 2017  
Margaret Hammond, Ripon Cathedral Development Campaign, Liberty Courthouse, Minster Road, Ripon, HG4 1QS. [margarethammond@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:margarethammond@riponcathedral.org.uk)



## Ripon Cathedral Parish Weekend

**Friday 21-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

**Wydale Hall, near Scarborough**

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

***\* A few spaces still available \****

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

## **Gargoyle Competition Winners announced**

The designs of two talented schoolchildren from our region have been chosen for a pair of new gargoyles at Ripon Cathedral.

More than a thousand schoolchildren from across North Yorkshire submitted entries for the competition, which is being run as part of a project of repairs currently being undertaken in the north east corner of the cathedral - where worn out stonework and crumbling gargoyles are being replaced.

The drawings of Rachael Ogier, aged 10, from Moorside Junior School in Ripon and Hayden Horsfall, aged 10, from Pickering Community Junior School will now be realised in stone and will take their place on the cathedral for centuries to come.

Cathedral Architect Oliver Caroe and two expert stone carvers were amongst the judges who selected ten finalists. The designs were then put on display in the cathedral and members of the public invited to cast their votes.

Ripon Cathedral's Director of Operations, Julia Barker said: "We had such a fantastic response and we are pleased to be working with two schools in the production of these gargoyles which will be here for many generations to come. It's something not just for them but hopefully for their children and grandchildren."

Gargoyles were traditionally used to help ward off evil spirits and show that within the church you were protected from evil. The vital work to replace the figures and other historic stonework is being funded by the First World War Centenary Cathedral Repairs Fund.

The winning school children will now work alongside the architect and stone carvers to see their ideas brought to fruition.

## **Ripon Cathedral Annual Report 2016**

Please pick up a copy of the Cathedral's Annual Report 2016 which are available in the Cathedral.