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# May Newsletter



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## A Note from the Dean

### Thy Kingdom Come

These three words, familiar to us from the Lord's Prayer, are the title of a prayer initiative that has spread around the world in just over a year. Last year, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York invited people across the Church of England to join in a wave of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. You may remember that we at Ripon Cathedral did exactly that, along with hundreds of thousands of others in a number of different denominations. Our response included prayer stations and several prayer workshops that proved popular.

The Archbishops were inspired by the risen Christ's charge to his disciples after his resurrection according to St. Luke in the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:6ff reads, *"So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'* When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, *'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'*"

Famously, the disciples went into Jerusalem and waited for the gift of the Holy Spirit; it arrived in a dramatic way on the Day of Pentecost, enabling people of different languages to understand each other and resulting in about three thousand people being baptized in response to St. Peter's preaching. Now, that would be good to see in and around Ripon Cathedral!

The disciples had asked about the kingdom and Jesus promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit and power to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. The Archbishops therefore asked for members of the Church to pray for more people to be brought into the community of faith, to become disciples of Jesus Christ who will then live in a way that helps the world to be rather more like God's kingdom than otherwise it would be. Well, *Thy Kingdom Come* has grown in a way that might suggest to us that the Holy Spirit is at work.

This year, the three Cathedrals in the Diocese of Leeds are joining forces to give a lead with *Thy Kingdom Come* in this region. Many parish churches will also be taking part in many different creative ways. The Cathedrals are hosting three main services, one each, starting with Bradford on the evening of Ascension Day, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May; followed by Ripon on the Sunday after Ascension, 28<sup>th</sup> May, at 3.30pm with a Seasonal Songs of Praise and Bishop Toby as preacher; and then ending at Wakefield at Pentecost, 4<sup>th</sup> June. Also, here at Ripon, there will be prayer stations in the Cathedral for the full ten days, enabling an even larger number of people to join in these world-wide prayers for the growth of Christ's Church and kingdom.

Please, do join us for the service and participate in your own personal daily prayers. As Archbishop Justin has said, *"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."*

### Christian Aid Week (14<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May)

One way in which countless Christians and others help to further God's kingdom in the world is by supporting the work of Christian Aid. This remarkable charity was founded by British churches in 1945 to support refugees who had lost their homes and possessions in the Second World War. For over sixty years, it has been responding to human need in many of the most testing circumstances and locations around the world. Now a significant relief and development organization, it is supported by 41 different Churches in the UK and Ireland. A central ambition of Christian Aid has been to enable people to support themselves - a good way of showing God's love in practical ways that make a lasting difference.

Christian Aid Week is a time when tens of thousands of people across the UK and Ireland pray and raise funds for Christian Aid's work around the world. Amongst some of its most inspiring efforts are still initiatives to help refugees. The local Ripon Christian Aid support group has a good record of organizing the annual house-to-house collection and raising the profile of Christian Aid. Please, do support them with prayer and offer to help in practical ways, if you can. Details are available on the Cathedral Website or at the parish information table in the South Transept of the Cathedral.

The first St. Wilfrid Conversation: *Why Bother with Yorkshire?*  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am until 12.30pm in Ripon Cathedral

### TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION

You may be aware that we have been planning to replace the former St Wilfrid Lecture series with a new way of engaging people in theological reflection on the issues and challenges of the day. This is the St Wilfrid Conversations in which two or three people who are experts in particular subjects will explore particular issues and questions. There will always be a theological dimension to these but they will be done in a way that will enable all of us to engage and take part in the ongoing conversation. We had planned for the first St Wilfrid Conversation to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May and to be entitled *Why Bother with Yorkshire?* I have been pleased with the amount of interest that this has already started to generate. It is inevitable however that with this subject, not least when it is bound to prompt questions about regionalism and devolution that this may trespass onto political debate that would be inappropriate in the run up to a General Election. Having consulted with Bishop Nick and Sir Gary, I have decided to postpone this event until after the Election. If at all possible, we will arrange a Hustings event here at the Cathedral – please do look out for publicity about this. Also we are now working with the diaries of the Cathedral, the Bishop and Sir Gary to find another date for the St Wilfrid Conversation – again please look out for publicity.

With my very best wishes,  
Dean John

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

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 11.30am-5.00pm Cathedral Beer Festival** Award winning beers, great food and live music. £3.50 entry – children free.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert** (free) Joseph Spratt, tenor.

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

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon Cathedral Parish Lunch** in the Cathedral Hall.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Ripon International Festival** Royal Northern Sinfonia

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert** (free) Jonathan Clinch (organ).

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 10.15am-4pm Join us for a bit of SPACE** at St John's Chapel, Bondgate. SPACE days provide an opportunity to step out of our busy lives and enjoy a day of silence, reflection, and creativity. It is open to people at all stages of their spiritual journey with God. The theme of the day is HOPE. Hope is a rare commodity these days given all the upheaval in the world. Still it is important to find ways of finding and cultivating hope if we are to live well. And most importantly, we need to find ways in which we can in turn pass on hope to those around us. For more information or to book a place: Email: spaceripon@gmail.com Tel: Cathedral Office on 01765 603462

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 11.15am Installation of the Mayor of Ripon**

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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Third Monday Evening Prayer Group.**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert** (free) Julia Hartmann (piano).

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm St Cecilia Orchestra – Spring Concert.**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 5.30pm Distinctive Service** – Does Christ Appear Today?

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2.00pm Mothers' Union Meeting** at Thorpe Prebend House. Illustrated talk by Malcolm Hanson 'Cathedral Windows'. All welcome.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert** (free) Emily Smith & David Pisaro, soprano & tenor.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Ascension Day Festal Eucharist and Procession**

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

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 8.00pm Come and Sing Compline by Candlelight** in our 12<sup>th</sup> Century Chapel of the Resurrection with Canon Paul Greenwell, Precentor

**Forthcoming Events & Special Services** *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**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am Trinity Sunday Festal Eucharist with Confirmations**

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 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 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

**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

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

## **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.

**Youth Burst continues Youth Emmaus: A six week course exploring 'What Christians Believe'.** Thorpe Prebend House, High St Agnesgate at 5.30-7.00pm.

**8<sup>th</sup> May** Jesus – His Death and Resurrection

**15<sup>th</sup> May** The Holy Spirit – Our Life and Breath

**"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**

**The Walled Garden Spring Plant Sale Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 10 am – 3 pm**

Plant sale in the garden for all your spring bedding, perennials and seeds. Café will be open selling delicious cakes, light lunches and refreshments. Free entry, all welcome

**An urgent request!** The Walled Garden has an urgent need for volunteers, especially now as the gardening season is now underway. The volunteers at the Walled Garden are an amazing team of people supporting the learning and development of those with

disabilities. Volunteers are needed both in the garden and café. For information contact: [j.spink@riponcommunitylink.org.uk](mailto:j.spink@riponcommunitylink.org.uk)

**Jennyruth Workshops An Invitation: On Thursday 15th June, 10 am – 1pm**

Jennyruth Workshops are opening their doors for anyone to see the team at work.

Come and have a go at making a craft product or see their wildlife area where their garden and outdoor range is on display.

A reminder that JRW is still looking for RUNNERS for the Great North Run....or GOLFERS for the Sixth Annual GOLF CLASSIC to be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July. For information about either the Great North Run or the Golf Classic contact Karen on [01765 606620](tel:01765606620) or [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk)

**Dementia Forward Dementia Awareness Week, 14<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> May**

This week provides a time to reflect on the need to support those with the disease and those who care for them. 1 in 5 over the age of 80 may well suffer from dementia. Please could you hold in your prayers all those effected by dementia, and those working to find a cure for this disease.

- CATHEDRAL EXHIBITION: During this week there will be an exhibition of some wonderful photographs of people with dementia in the Cathedral. These have been taken by professional photographer Helen Williams ABIPP and they have already appeared on ITV. The most poignant remark illustrated on one of the photographs is the comment "I am still me"!

**The Salvation Army Food Bank** – The Food Bank would welcome donations of basic toiletries, washing powder/washing up liquid, pasta and pasta sauces, tinned meat and fish, coffee, long-life milk, tinned fruit, custard/rice pudding, biscuits. If you have any spare plastic carrier bags that would help in the transport of the items. Your donations are so appreciated! If you wonder if your donation matters, it might help to know that for the first time ever the Food Bank ran out of food over Christmas. The Salvation Army relies upon the generosity of people such as the Cathedral congregation to ensure that no one is ever turned away hungry.

**Ripon City of Sanctuary**

Yvonne Jefferies has been working with the Ripon City of Sanctuary to help two Ripon schools, Ripon Cathedral School and Greystones Community Primary to become Schools of Sanctuary. This requires each school to demonstrate that its students, staff and wider community understand what it means for people to be seeking sanctuary, and how they as a school can extend a welcome to everyone as equal, valued members of the school community. Both schools have had focused days and activities to raise awareness of the plight of refugee families. Special activities are in place in each school during Refugee Week in June.

**Cathedral Gift Shop**

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat 10-5; 01765 601347 Website: [www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk).

## **Volunteering Opportunity in the Cathedral Gift Shop**

Reliable shop volunteer(s) needed as soon as possible to cover our Sunday trading hours -12 noon to 5pm. Even once every four to six weeks would be a great help. Do you enjoy meeting people; do you have any shop experience? Please contact Lynn for more information and/or informal chat Tel: 01765 601347. Must be over 18 due to alcohol sales.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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).

# Ripon Cathedral Parish Weekend

## Friday 21-23<sup>rd</sup> 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.