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July Newsletter



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A Note from the Dean

Finding hope in the face of tragedy and uncertainty.

Many people have commented that our response to terror and tragedy has changed slightly with each successive dreadful event that we have learned of over recent weeks and months. There just seems to have been successive causes of suffering and we sense that we can only cope with so much. Before the minute's silence following the Grenfell Tower fire, one visitor to the cathedral asked me, 'Which thing is this for?' Her confusion was both understandable and forgivable. How much can we, as a nation, take?

In last month's newsletter, I reflected on how the messages of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost help us to respond in hope to news of terrorism and tragedy. My Ascension Day sermon, on the same theme, is published on the website. Since then, however, we have received not only the horrific scenes and reports of the Grenfell Tower disaster, but also learned about the appalling attack outside the Finsbury Park Mosque. As the Queen said, in an unprecedented official birthday statement, the nation is in a somber mood. Political uncertainty - caused by the General Election result, the delayed State Opening of Parliament, and the start of the Brexit negotiations - only serves to add to this.

Following each tragedy, we have communicated a message from the cathedral. Each has expressed sympathy and sorrow for the suffering and bereaved, and promised prayer for both the living and the departed. The Chapel of Justice and Peace has become a permanent focus for such prayer, with many people from the city and wider region coming in to light candles and write in a book of condolence. No doubt, like many of us, some of these people will have felt like lamenting with the psalmist in Psalm 22, "O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest."

Again, I would say that in the dark moments we are helped by returning to God's triumphs that we celebrate in the great feasts of the Church. God has felt human suffering and uncertainty, and has remained faithful. We too are asked to remain faithful in our prayers and to see signs of divine activity and God-given hope in the deeds of courage, kindness and self-sacrifice that immediately follow terrorism and tragedy. This spreads out in a wave of solidarity. I couldn't help but be moved and heartened when getting off a train at King's Cross. Volunteers were shaking collecting buckets for the victims of the Grenfell Tower. In human charity we glimpse God's faithfulness. Little wonder Psalm 22 can turn from lament to praise, "For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him." While not underestimating the depth of continued suffering for some recent victims, the kindness and goodness shown by many encourage us to remain faithful in prayer and to keep hope alive.

Welcome to our new clergy

This month we welcome two new members to the cathedral clergy team; Canon Ailsa Newby, the Canon Pastor, and the Revd Caitlin Carmichael-Davis, the newly ordained curate. Ailsa and Caitlin both introduced themselves in the June Newsletter;

their articles are still available on the website, if you missed them. Ailsa is being installed on Sunday, 25 June, the day this newsletter is published. This is just days after she finished in Putney, her last parish, and moved house. So, she will actually start work properly on Monday 10th July, and will preach in the cathedral for the first time on Sunday, 16th at 10.30am. Caitlin is ordained on Saturday, 1st July and will exercise her ministry as a deacon for the first time during the 10.30am Sung Eucharist on Sunday, 2nd July, after which the PCC will serve special refreshments. Please, do try to be at these services to help welcome and encourage our two new clergy. I know that they are looking forward to meeting everyone.

Ripon Cathedral Renewed

Many of you will be wondering how we are progressing with our proposed development project, Ripon Cathedral Renewed, knowing that we are working hard to secure the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

We are currently working on the revision of our plans in close consultation with the HLF. As you know, the project includes the restoration and enhancement of some of the cathedral's remarkable heritage as well as the provision of new facilities. These include a new music school, toilets and refectory enabling the cathedral to offer 21st century facilities for the benefit of the region and beyond. It is increasingly clear that this multi-million pound project is vital to the cathedral and the wider community.

As we expected, the HLF has decided not to offer us a first round pass with our first application (no cathedral has ever achieved this). However, we are very encouraged by the feed-back we have received and the invitation to discuss our proposals further. The board of trustees recognised Ripon Cathedral's significant heritage and was very complimentary about the quality of the team in place. They also appreciate the real need to open up parts of the cathedral that have hitherto been closed to the public and improve the visitor facilities.

I am very grateful to the significant number of people who have provided support and encouragement. I want to reassure you that we are still pressing forward to develop and deliver this project. At the moment, it seems clear that we would be justified in submitting a second application to the HLF under their guidance. Please, do continue to pray for those of us who continue to work on this, especially Canon Colin Harrison, the Chair of the project steering group, and Julia Barker, the cathedral's director of operations.

Congratulations

We congratulate Philip and Judith Bustard following the birth of their first grandchild, Thomas Oliver, on Friday, 23 June. Philip is our head verger and Judith my PA and Parish Secretary. Needless to say, they might appear even more joyful than usual!

With my very best wishes

Dean John

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

Saturday 1st July 3.00pm Ordination of Deacons in Bradford Cathedral.

Sunday 2nd July 10.30am Sung Eucharist and Welcome of the Revd Caitlin Carmichael-Davis.

MONDAY 3RD July 10.00am Magdalen Fellowship meet at Well Church for a Eucharist followed by lunch.

Wednesday 5th July 8.00pm 'Cathedral at Night' - Spiritual Pilgrimage.

Thursday 6th July 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Young Musicians of Ripon

Saturday 8th July 3.00-4.30pm Friends of St Mary Magdalen Strawberry Tea and Silent Auction at St John's Chapel, Bondgate

Saturday 8th July 7.30pm Concert Leeds Festival Chorus.

Tuesday 11th July 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital Peter King.

Thursday 13th July 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Arioso, baroque ensemble

Saturday 15th July 12 noon Cathedral Parish Lunch in the Cathedral Hall. All welcome.

Sunday 16th July 5.30pm Distinctive Service

Monday 17th July 7.30-8.30pm Third Monday Prayer Group.

Tuesday 18th July 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital Tim Harper

Thursday 20th July 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Jonathan Parkin, guitar

Saturday 22nd July 7.30pm Concert Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

Friday 23rd July – Sunday 25th July Parish Weekend at Wydale Hall

Tuesday 25th July 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital Tom Coxhead.

Thursday 27th July 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free) Middlesbrough Town Hall Community Choir

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

Tuesday 1st August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital Andrew Bryden.

Saturday 5th August Ripon Flower Club – St Wilfrid's Competition and Display.

Saturday 5th August 4.00pm St Wilfrid's Procession Service

Tuesday 8th August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital David Newsholme

Friday 11th August 7.30m The Three Inch Fools present *Romeo and Juliet* Tickets: £22 reserved seat, £45 VIP package. Box Office: riponcathedral.info

Tuesday 15th August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital Nigel Allcoat

Saturday 19th August SPACE *Sacred Listening* at St John's Bondgate. For more information contact the SPACE team at spaceripon@gmail.com

Tuesday 22nd August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital David Pipe

Saturday 26th August-24th September Great North Art Show

'Treasures Untold': A Devotional Trail Within The Cathedral

On 1st June the Cathedral Pilgrimage Committee launched the first of a series of trails inside the Cathedral which will give visitors and worshippers the opportunity to discover not only the heritage of the Cathedral in stone, metal and wood but also the spiritual driving force which has caused the Cathedral to exist for more than thirteen centuries.

In a self-guided forty minute journey, 'Treasures Untold' will encourage worshippers, visitors and pilgrims to locate the key spiritual areas of the Cathedral and there discover the religious and historical importance of the building and the many people who have left their mark in this ancient place.

The Trail will visit the Crypt, the oldest remaining built fabric of any cathedral in England, dating from the seventh century; the Quire with its celebrated fifteenth century wood carvings produced by local craftsmen and many other important locations; pausing at each point to discover why these spaces exist, what their purpose was originally and is today.

There will be an opportunity to participate in a guided version of the trail as part of the 'Cathedral at Night' programme of events on **Wednesday 5th July at 8pm** (enter by the North Door). We do hope that as many people as possible will join us for a unique experience of the Cathedral. The Trail is free of charge and copies are available from Guides and Welcomers in the Cathedral.

'Treasures Untold' is the first of a series of self-guided trails on different themes which will be offered by the Cathedral during the year.

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 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.

Youth Burst continues Youth Emmaus. Thorpe Prebend House, High St Agnesgate at 5.30-7.00pm. 3rd and 17th July.

"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

What is C3? C3 – or Cathedral Community Connections - is about practical action. It is about caring – about giving – of time, money and material goods – and it is about raising awareness.

It is made up of members of the cathedral congregation working under the direction of the Parochial Church Council and its aim is to demonstrate Ripon Cathedral's commitment in building God's Kingdom through prayer and deed.

It partners the Salvation Army; Ripon City of Sanctuary - which offers support and help to refugees; the Ripon based charity Dementia Forward and Jennyruth Workshops, Ripon Community Link and The Walled Garden in the work these organisations do with the disadvantaged in our society and with those with learning difficulties.

It also works closely with Harrogate Borough Council seeking to improve social inclusion and employment opportunities within the Ripon area.

Dean John said: "It is clear that Jesus, following his own example, sent his church into the world in service. This involves sharing his good news in both word and deed. I am delighted with how the work of C3 is developing and am grateful to those people who are working hard to extend the cathedral's mission in ways that help to support and transform the lives of others."

C3 member Anne-Marie Tarter added:: "Jesus said love your neighbour as yourself. When we are wrapped up with our own problems the best thing that we can do is to reach out and help someone else because it puts our problems into perspective – and we get back far more than we give."

The group meets four times a year with other activities being co-ordinated by email and phone. If you are interested in being on the committee or being added to a list of willing volunteers to help with events and activities throughout the year please contact Anne-Marie at ripon.cathedral.outreach@gmail.com.

Thank You

Our thanks goes to all those who supported the efforts of members of the Clergy and of C3 in the recent activities focused on National Dementia Awareness Week and National Volunteering Week. Much hard work went into shining a spotlight on these two very important weeks. C3 is committed to encouraging volunteering in our community, particularly in support of our partners such as Dementia Forward.

News from The Salvation Army

There is currently a long delay for people seeking to move from former benefits onto the new system of Universal Credits. The time gap between the two is causing real hardship for many vulnerable people. The Salvation Army is helping to fill that gap by providing food and basic necessities for individuals and families. As well as the basics of food (pasta/sauces, tinned meat/fish, tinned vegetables/fruit, coffee/tea, tinned puddings, milk) there is a real need for basic toiletries such as shampoo, body wash/lotion, toothpaste, sanitary pads, etc. Goods may be left at the Sunday services or in the Chapter House during the week.

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.

Cathedral Gift Shop

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Women in the Pulpit

This year sees the 25th anniversary of the momentous vote in favour of women's ordination to the priesthood and Ripon Cathedral is marking the occasion from the pulpit with a sermon delivered by one of its newest members of the team, Canon Ailsa Newby on Sunday 16th July.

It will be the first sermon at Ripon Cathedral by the former lawyer, who sought ordination following her work with prisoners for the charity Justice and was recently installed at the cathedral with responsibility for leading in the area of the cathedral's pastoral care.

The tide of change began 50 years ago with the appointment of the first female lay readers and we are grateful for the ministry given by Loretta Williams, Dorothy Taylor, Nina Harrison, Michelle Dearlove and Yvonne Jefferies.

Then two decades after that came the ordination of women deacons. We welcome our own female deacon this month when Caitlin Carmichael Davis begins her curacy with us.

Canon Wendy, who has been serving as an interim Canon Residentiary in Ripon, was amongst the first women priests to be ordained in 1994 – (it took two years for the legislation to work its way through parliament and the church!)

Canon Wendy is also the Chair of the National Association of Diocesan Advisers in Women's Ministry. She said: "Up and down the country we are hoping that as many women as possible will be preaching in our churches on July 16. We have been privileged to witness a seismic ministerial event of enormous proportions in our generation. We must give thanks to God for all that women are formally bringing to the church.

"We at Ripon Cathedral are rejoicing in the gifts and skills that have been offered by women in ministry over many years. This last 50 years has seen a major transformation within the Church of England. It now provides a wholeness of ministry that represents both the women and men of our congregations and communities."

The Electoral Roll

The Cathedral's Electoral Roll is a list of the names and addresses of those who regard themselves as regular worshippers and attenders of the various congregations of the Cathedral or Littlethorpe St Michael's, its satellite church.

If you have started worshipping at the Cathedral or Littlethorpe in the past year or two, you might wish to take part in its business meetings and not had the opportunity of adding your name to the Roll, simple forms for completion are generally available at the PCC's Information Table in the Crossing. Once completed, forms should be sent to the Cathedral Office for onward transmission to the Electoral Roll Officer.

The Electoral Roll is confidential and cannot be shared with other organisations and does not include telephone numbers or email addresses.

Hugh Dunn, Electoral Roll Officer



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Service Times

Sundays 8.00am Eucharist 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.30am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Eucharist (BCP) 3.30pm Evensong

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

Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm Bell Ringing Practice Everybody welcome

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 on any of the events and services listed or for general information, please contact us on: 01765 603462 or visit our website.