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# August Newsletter



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## A Note from the Dean

### Summer celebrations of Yorkshire and Wilfrid

The arrival of August is a wonderful moment in the year. The first day of the month, of course, is **Yorkshire Day**, the day when all self-respecting Yorkshire people celebrate the blessings of this great county. I hope that this still holds wherever on earth we happen to find ourselves. Over the years, we Dobsons have enjoyed family holidays in various different countries. But whenever we have been under foreign skies on 1<sup>st</sup> August, we have 'kept the feast', as it were, by raising a glass of the locally-produced wine.

My recent visit to the **Yorkshire Show** brought home to me how much there is to celebrate about Yorkshire. That great event, of course, tends to concentrate on things relating to agriculture or the tourism industry of our beautiful area. Some of the regional organizations that have a presence on the show ground can also speak about the deep challenges that are facing rural communities at a time when so much seems fragile or vulnerable. Both local churches and regional organizations, such as the Yorkshire Agricultural Society, are well attuned to the problems related to sustaining traditional ways of life and even the very existence of some small, usually remote, communities. Many village schools in the region, with only tens of pupils, for example, are facing huge financial challenges that result from systems that regard schools with as many as 250 pupils as still small. So, yes, there are challenges, but there is much to celebrate, not least the exceptional beauty of the environment and the remarkable ways in which people give of themselves to sustain and grow communities, services and businesses. We are keen that Ripon Cathedral is engaged, understanding and, where possible, supportive. We are certainly called to pray for the people of this region.

There is more to Yorkshire than the northern rural parts and Yorkshire Day is a celebration of the whole. One only wishes that there were a **greater sense of mutual belonging and identity throughout the county**. If the northern powerhouse and greater devolution are to have any beneficial impact this side of the Pennines, one can only believe that a maturity that can transcend old boundaries will be needed. This is surely something the church should encourage. This year, Sheffield is hosting the Yorkshire Day Celebrations. Let us hope this strengthens unity.

Recently, the Ripon canons and I visited the **Huddersfield Episcopal Area**. (The Ripon canons form that part of the full College of Canons that belongs to Ripon Cathedral, rather than Wakefield or Bradford cathedrals.) We learned much about what the church is doing in that part of the diocese, but also about the achievements and struggles of the wider community. Again, there is much to celebrate. We learned from the chair of the University of Huddersfield how that institution has recently achieved a TEF (Teaching Excellence Framework) gold award, and how it is making handsome profits that are being reinvested into a significant building programme. In **Halifax**, we learned about the reopening of the Piece Hall and how the Minster is planning to develop its mission through that.

**Ripon Cathedral is here to serve the whole Diocese of Leeds**, which is essentially the area of Yorkshire that came within the original Diocese of Ripon established in 1836. It is quite understandable then that we should take an interest in the wider region. As we constantly say, we are 'here for us all'. It is helpful, then, that next year's Yorkshire Day celebration will be hosted by Ripon. We look forward to working with the whole city to make that event a fitting celebration for the county and a demonstration of the countless blessings we have to share in Ripon.

Some of the blessings of this city and its cathedral come through **St. Wilfrid**, our founder and patron. The parade on the first Saturday of August is a community-wide celebration in honour of Wilfrid, a feast going back to the reign of Henry III. It has the feel of a community carnival that combines both mediaeval and modern influences. Happily, it reaches its climax with a short, informal service in the Cathedral.

Those of us who took part in the recent **Wydale Hall weekend** were reminded of just how much good Wilfrid achieved in his life, and how he can be a great inspiration to us today. He was a **great missionary, church-building bishop**. His zeal in sharing the Christian faith, caring for the poor and establishing the church in a sustainable way can be an inspiration to us today. His achievements have a direct relevance for us as we seek together to grow God's kingdom in and through this ancient cathedral.

With my very best wishes  
Dean John

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

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital** Andrew Bryden.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10-3pm Family Days in the Cathedral.**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 4.30pm St Wilfrid's Procession Service**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital** David Newsholme

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10-3pm Family Days in the Cathedral**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 7.30m The Three Inch Fools present *Romeo and Juliet***

Tickets: £22 reserved seat, £45 VIP package. Box Office: [riponcathedral.info](mailto:riponcathedral.info)

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital** Nigel Allcoat

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10-3pm Family Days in the Cathedral**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August** Join us for a bit of SPACE on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, Chapel of St. John's, Bondgate. 10am to 4 pm. The theme of the day is *The Sacred Art of Listening*: how to listen more carefully to our own inner voice, the voices of others, and the voice of God. Part of the day will include eating a shared silent lunch. Cost of the day is £12. For more information or to book a place: E: [spaceripon@gmail.com](mailto:spaceripon@gmail.com)  
T: Cathedral Office 01765 603462.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 7.30pm Summer Organ Recital** David Pipe

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

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> September Great North Art Show**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free)** Robert Webb and Helen Jones (violin and piano).

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm Brighouse and Rastrick Brass Band Concert.**

Tickets available from Ripon International Festival website

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm Choral Evensong with Commemoration of the Battle of Britain**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm 'Distinctive' Café Church** "... hallowed be thy name ..." What's in a name?. All welcome

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm Cathedral at Night – Spiritual Pilgrimage**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1.00pm Lunchtime Concert (free)** Samuel Moore (flamenco guitar)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7.30pm Royal Sinfonia Concert.** Tickets available through the Ripon International Festival website

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Freemasonry in Yorkshire and the West Riding**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm The Dean's Banquet** – see back page for more details.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 5.30-9.00pm Cathedral Harvest Supper in the Cathedral** for fellowship, food and fun with live entertainment by 'Shades of Grey'. Tickets available from Cathedral Office or PCC members.

### **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**

**The Walled Garden** is to hold a *Race Night* kindly hosted by The Golden Lion, Ripon £5 including pie and pea supper

**Ripon Community Link's Coffee Mornings** return in September, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Thursdays of the month, in Ripon Town Hall from 10-noon. Why not join a friend for Coffee and support the Link?

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October 3.30pm. A special service for people with Dementia and their carers.** This is a joy-filled service run in partnership with **Dementia Forward**. There will be a tea following the service to which everyone is invited. Please invite anyone you know whose life is impacted by this disease to join us for this service, and perhaps offer to bring them?

And don't forget the **Walled Garden's Apple Day on Saturday 14th October 10am - 4pm.** A fantastic day out for all ages!

**Ripon City of Sanctuary** Wonderful news about the progress of our primary schools in Ripon becoming *Schools of Sanctuary*. Both Ripon Cathedral School and Greystones Primary are set to gain *Schools of Sanctuary* status for their welcoming initiatives to the Syrian families in Ripon. One such initiative at Greystones was that at their Open Day in July, £240 was raised for the Ripon City of Sanctuary. This will help fund English tuition resources to help Refugee families integrate. Both schools have also had special activities and speakers in schools, and have organised a clothing collection to support Refugees/ Asylum Seekers' centres in Yorkshire. Victoria Kirkman, Interim Head of Greystones, has said ' *what an amazing impact this has had on our families this academic year- the power of the City of Sanctuary /School of Sanctuary work cannot be underestimated.*' (Some of you may remember Victoria who as a child was a member of the Cathedral Sunday School under the leadership of Margaret Darwin!).

**Ripon Salvation Army's Food Bank** Many thanks for your ongoing support! The items needed continue to be hearty protein meals (tinned or packets), pasta and pasta sauces, long life milk, coffee, tea, sugar, tinned puddings, and toiletries. Long life bags are always useful to help with the distribution of goods.

**Jennyruth Workshops** are organising 'Alice on the Square' - a tea party event on the Market Square on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August from 10am – 2pm. An event for all the family, the attractions include a craft stall, a cake stall with a voucher for a free tea or coffee at the Unicorn hotel with each slice of cake purchased and activities for the children to take part in. There will also be a display of life size figures and other items, made for the city by Jennyruth Workshops, which can be borrowed for local events by local organisations as part of a Community initiative funded by Ripon City Council small grants scheme.

## Cathedral Gift Shop

We are pleased to announce that the shop will now be open on Sundays between 12noon and 5pm and will be 'manned' by Jan Morton our latest addition to the Ripon Cathedral team. Please do come along to the shop to say hello and to welcome Jan to the Cathedral.

Just a reminder that tickets for the summer organ recitals are available for purchase in the shop. We have 4 recitals in August and advanced tickets are £8 each.

**Opening Hours:** Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun: 12-5pm. Tel: 01765 601347 Website: [www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk).

## 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 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. August Dates: 7<sup>th</sup> August - Chapel Eucharist, celebrant Wendy Wilby; 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Reflection and prayers for healing; 28<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday, no meeting

**The Magdalen Fellowship** would like to thank all those who joined in our Day of Prayer on behalf of the fund raising for the Chapel's structural repair work.

Throughout the day people close to 50 individuals came to add their prayers for the future of the Chapel, and Canon Paul ended the day with Compline. If you wish to contribute to the restoration funds, there are gift aid fund raising envelopes on the table in the chapel. Otherwise cheques made out to "St Mary Magdalen Fund Raising Account" may be sent to: Revd J. Fox, 52 North Street, Ripon HG4 1EN or by bank transfer to Barclays Bank A/C no:43765245 Sort Code No: 20 37 13.

## **'Treasures Untold': A Devotional Trail within the Cathedral**

On 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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. Guided versions will also be available with the next guided trail on Wednesday 20 September at 8pm (enter by North Door) as part of the 'Cathedral at Night' series of events

## **Ripon Cathedral Bellsingers Annual Tower Outing - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 by Theo Kendrick - age 10**

We arrived at the first tower, which was Grinton, for a 9:45am start! It was a lovely sunny day. There was a tall ladder to climb up get into the ringing chamber. Ellie had to be careful because she was wearing her Heelies! There are 8 bells there and they were really quite nice. Lots of people arrived, some from Ripon Cathedral, John from Richmond and other from towers in the area. Everyone got to ring. There were enough boxes for the children who needed them and some of the adults too ;-)

We rang there for about 40 minutes then headed off in the sunshine to Reeth. We weren't ringing there but Robert and Anne (the trip organisers) had planned lots of refreshment stops in between towers, which was a good idea as it was a very hot day! We all had a drink and lots of people had cake or even an ice-cream! Dean John took photos of us all before we headed back to the cars and set off for our next destination, Barnard Castle.

It was a fantastic drive over the top of the hills. There were hundreds of sheep wandering around, some on the road, which slowed us down. We also stopped to look at some vintage Massey Ferguson Tractors that were parked up in a lay-by. Ethan had a look at them with Charlie and the men driving them said they were taking them out for a day trip to Yarm.

Barnard Castle was another 8-bell tower up a spiral staircase, which was through a door from outside the church instead of inside. This ringing chamber had a lovely new wooden balcony along one side that meant the children; Lottie, Eleanor, Ethan,

Rachael and I got to sit up out of the way and play while the others were ringing. The tower even had it's own supply of Lego and toys too!! I think they were a nice ring and everyone else thought so too.

Next stop on the journey was The Black Bull Pub in Frosterley, which not only was our lunch stop but also a ring. There is a Mini-ring of 12 bells there, which my brother Ethan & I had rung before, as had a few of the other ringers. My Grandma came and joined us too at this point and it was a grab for her. She told me that 'Ethan and I are like Mini-ring experts,' because we'd rung the Durham & Newcastle Mini-ring lots of times with our Uncle Kris (it's a family thing!) We all had great fun ringing on the bells. We rang lots of rounds on all 12, Andrew & John even rang 2 bells at once (double handling) but I stuck with just one. There was lots of concentration when they rang Grandsire Triples – it sounded lovely while I stood outside with Grandpa listening to it in the sunshine.

After a lovely lunch and ring we headed over to Bishop Auckland. Some people didn't make it to this nice 8-bell tower, as it's not really in Bishop Auckland it's in South Church! This was a nice tower with a lovely thick red carpet; the bells were quite nice too! After a ring here it was definitely time to find an ice cream. We couldn't find the café we were supposed to go to so we called into a lovely Garden Centre on the way and got one there! Gainford was our last tower of the day. They are a heavy ring of 6 bells and are extremely loud inside the tower so it's quite hard to hear the conductor. Everyone had a ring but a few of the younger ones found them a little tricky and there weren't many boxes for us to use.

It was a great day out and a brilliant opportunity to fill up the tower grabs in my Dove's Guide. Thank you Robert for organising it. Can't wait for my next Ringing Trip!



Friday 29 September 2017, 7pm.

An exclusive, dining experience.

The Very Revd John Dobson Dean of Ripon invites you and your guests to join him for an evening of fine dining and musical entertainment in the spectacular candlelit nave of Ripon Cathedral.

Slingsby Artisan Gin sparkling cocktail jazz reception with the High Row Jazz Band.  
Four course banquet dinner, Military Wives Choir and Silent Disco.

Please contact Molly Barrs if you are interested in attending: [mollybarrs@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:mollybarrs@riponcathedral.org.uk) or 01765 603583

