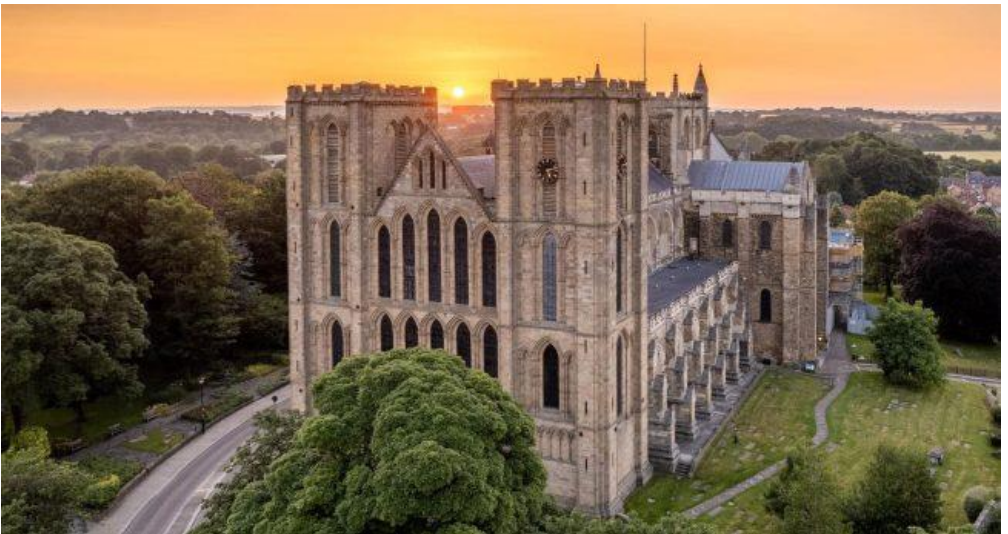


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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Stick with Love

It sounds like very good advice, to stick with love. It seems welcome in a world which in many areas seems determined to do everything possible to eliminate love as a guiding value and principle. We see it on the world stage. Tragically, war still casts its shadow over Europe and open conflict once more rages in the Holy Land. Stick with love? Perhaps in part the world needs to rediscover love.

It is also sobering that this apparent determination to stamp out love is seen in too many local and national communities, along with undermining many of the other fruits of the Holy Spirit of God (joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). The love of God, however, offers hope.

The succession of themes and moods which we attend to in the life of the Church over the next couple of months is a reassuring response to all that would prevent life being enjoyed in its fulness. In the end, love will conquer – with all those other spiritual fruits, because God shows that he will stick with love, and he will stick with his fallen, and otherwise hopeless world. In every situation, then, there is hope.

'I have decided to stick with love...'

We are thinking about sticking with love because 'Stick with Love' is the title of the Archbishop of York's Advent Book this year, written by our very own Bishop of Kirkstall, Bishop Arun Arora. At the cathedral, we are inviting everyone to read the book and to come together over three evenings in Advent to discuss it – further information available in this newsletter. Bishop Arun provides daily stories of saints - men and women of God – from a wide spectrum of ages and backgrounds. It reminds us how all-embracing and inclusive the love of God is, and how this can be reflected in the life of his Church.

The book reminds us that Martin Luther King once famously declared, 'I have decided to stick with love... Hate is too great a burden to bear.' What wisdom! From time to time, the love and hope of God become visible when other people, speaking from situations of hurt and injustice, share this same sentiment. We have recent evidence of this from Israel and Gaza. Some media reports of the conflict have enabled us to listen to the voices of ordinary people, from both sides, who simply want to live at peace with all their neighbours, Israelis and Palestinians alike.

Greater love...

In a complex and, sadly, often less-than-perfect world, things are not always so simple. Conflict and wars do happen, and sometimes people are justified in taking up arms to counter an even greater evil. At our time of Remembrance in November, we find ourselves reflecting on how words in St. John's Gospel which originally spoke of Jesus' loving self-sacrifice, resonate with the self-sacrifice of many in recent wars,

‘No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.’
(John 15:13)

Jesus was speaking at length with his disciples the evening before his crucifixion. Needless to say, we reflect most on this in the weeks and days leading up to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Yet we are bound to be influenced by what Jesus’ crucifixion and resurrection reveal to us of the utter dependability of God’s love when we look forward to Advent and, in Advent, prepare for Christmas.

Put on the armour of light

Advent, the first season of the Church’s year, encourages us to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Like Christmas, it reminds us that God’s love leads him to stick with us – so he came to us in that child of Bethlehem, and he will come again when Christ returns as judge. The theme of judgement may seem rather less inviting and more threatening, and yet it is a natural consequence of a truly good and loving God sticking with his creation until it is put to rights.

The theme of light is often used in Advent to make this point, and to encourage us to change to become more like Jesus. The wonderful collect for Advent Sunday puts it like this,

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

We can probably all think of many ways in which we would wish our loving God to change the world to make it more like his kingdom of justice and peace. Perhaps sometimes we find ourselves asking, ‘Why doesn’t God do something?’ The good news is that he will stick with his creation, and with us, until his kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. The sobering thing, however, is that it is not only ‘the world’ which needs to change, it is also us. A willingness to try to become more Christ-like is nothing less than our loving response to the unfailing love of God.

With my very best wishes
Dean John

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As I write, the choir just sung their last service of this half-term. Beginning their two week break gives firstly the opportunity for visiting choirs to join us for worship and secondly the chance to sit back and reflect on all that has been achieved in this last seven weeks. New probationers have settled in; the choristers, both boys and girls, have excelled in their singing; the Lay Clerks have settled in for the new term well with some glorious Lay Clerk only pieces at Evensongs. This half-term has also seen the return of former members of the choir to sing once again with a choir of over 100 at the Saturday Festal Evensong before our Patronal Eucharist in mid-October. That Patronal Festival itself was a remarkable event with both boy and girl choristers singing together in a choir with over 65 in the top line.

The run up to Christmas begins in earnest in early November with the special services around All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance before the Advent carol Service and Procession in early December. Then we find ourselves in the run up to Christmas with the Christmas concert and the two services of 9 Lessons and Carols. Please look out for the posters advertising the Christmas concert which will present a unique opportunity in the Advent/Christmas season to hear the Cathedral choir accompanied by the renowned St Cecilia orchestra. This is an exciting new initiative this year and one that promises not to be forgotten.

Fundraising for the planned summer tour is beginning in earnest and please support any choristers you know should they approach you with requests for sponsorship for any activities. Excitement is certainly growing.

Please continue to pray for the music staff and all in the choir that they may be kept healthy and saved from an overburden of demands.

Canon Michael

Pilgrimage and Retreat to Iona

In the spring I wrote about the proposed pilgrimage to and Retreat to Iona. Suggesting that it might take place in May 2024. However the planning has been such that we have had to delay it slightly and it will now take place in September 2024 (21-27 Sept).

Iona has an ancient Christian history, with the visit of Columba to Iona in 563, when the first monastery was founded and the rebuilding of the Abbey in 1938 by members of what became a new religious community, the *Iona Community*. The island was described by George Macleod, the Community's founder as a *'thin place, where only tissue paper separates the material world from the spiritual world'*.

Following extensive research, the option that we are now going with is to stay at Bishop's House, the Scottish Episcopal Church retreat centre between the village where the ferry docks and the Abbey itself. The Centre has been booked for the week entirely for Ripon Cathedral and we will have our own worship as well as being able to participate in much of the worship that the Iona Community hold in the Abbey Church itself. The retreat centre offers accommodation in single or twin bedded rooms but please note that there are no ensuite facilities. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes but it is possible that you may be allocated a bed in a shared room.

The retreat itself is from Saturday 21 Sept to Fri 27 Sept. We are planning to travel in a coach from Ripon to Oban to catch an early afternoon ferry to Mull. We will then catch the service bus across Mull to reach the last ferry of the day from Mull to Iona.

If you would like to find out more about the possibility of a pilgrimage and retreat to Iona then please have a word with Canon Michael.

Churches Together in Ripon Carol singer wanted!

We are joining together as Churches in Ripon to sing carols for visitors, at the Band Stand in Spa Gardens during the Winter Wonderland Celebrations.

Anyone who would like to join us, no experience necessary and all welcome, to meet at the bandstand ready to sing at 5-6pm on Friday 15th December.

This is a wonderful opportunity to witness to our shared faith in the town with other local Christians. Please come along and join us.

For further information, see Canon Claire.

NEWS FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Rhythm of Life

Are you interested in joining with others to journey together as we consider our Rhythms of life and potentially commit to gathering (initially) three times a year to deepen our sense of community and shared journey?

The idea is to form a dispersed community for the Diocese of Leeds (centred at Ripon Cathedral) that comes together regularly to be refreshed, challenged, eat together and pray together and then sent back out to further God's work in the communities of which we are a part, centred around the Rhythm of Life which began a few years ago.

The dates I am proposing to meet are:

Saturday 13th January 2024

Saturday 18th May 2024

From 10am – 2pm at Thorp Prebend House in Ripon.

The day will involve praying together, some input relating to one of the areas of the Rhythm of Life, some reflection time in the beautiful grounds and building of Ripon Cathedral, a shared lunch (please bring your own but we will eat together) and then closing prayer/worship.

If you know anyone else who might be interested in joining us, please forward this email on to them too.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP CanonClaire@riponcathedral.org.uk.

If you would like to know more about the Rhythm of life see:

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/rhythm-of-life>

Many thanks and I hope to journey with you more deeply over the coming years.

Pastoral Care Group

The Pastoral Care Group at Ripon Cathedral is made up of members of the congregation, lay readers and the lay pastoral minister; it is overseen by Canon Claire the pastoral lead.

We provide support and help to those who are housebound, or who are in need of short-term support. This can be in the form of home visits, phone support, home communion, and lifts to hospital appointments and visits to those in residential care. If you would like a visit or know of anyone who would benefit from a visit, please contact the Cathedral office on 01765 603462.

This group also run the regular parish lunches, occasional afternoon tea events and The Bereavement Journey Course. If you would like to find out more about these events, please get in touch via the Cathedral office.



The Bereavement *Journey*

Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss?

A seven-session weekly course will be running here from Weds February 7th 2024

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Thorpe Prebend House



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Topics include:

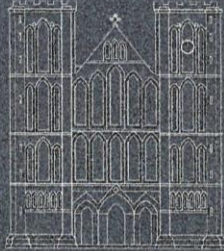
- attachment, separation and loss;
- the impact of pain of bereavement;
- adjusting to change;
- anger and guilt;
- coping with others' reactions;
- moving on healthily.

For more information or to register an interest in attending please contact:

fionapearman@riponcathedral.org.uk or ring the cathedral office: 01765 603462

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Passport



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Name

Children and families are invited to come and complete their own Passport for their journey around the Cathedral.

KS1 pupils in local schools are being invited to design the cover for the Cathedral's Journey to Bethlehem Service on Christmas Eve at 11.30am.

For further information, please contact Yvonne Jefferies, Cathedral Education Officer; Tel: 01765 643864 E: yvonnejefferies@riponcathedral.org.uk

**All entries will be displayed within the Cathedral from
5th Dec- 9th Jan.**

Do come and enjoy the Nativity Exhibition



Journey to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve
11:30am

Become a part of the Christmas story in this fun interactive service where we bring the story of Jesus' birth to life.

Come dressed up as your favourite nativity character (or anything else you like – everyone is welcomed at the birth of Jesus!)

All children and their families are welcome.

Christmas refreshments served afterwards.



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Children's Church and Little Children's Church

On Sunday mornings (school term time only) during the 10.30 Eucharist, join us for **Bible stories, songs, games, crafts** and **prayer**. New children are really welcome, and we always have lots of fun together!



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Children's Church is for age 6+

Little Children's Church is for age 0-6

(Children under school age must be accompanied by an adult)

To find out more please contact
BethWickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk

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Children's Church Family Trip to Hesketh Farm Park

On Saturday 2nd September a few of our Cathedral families met at Hesketh Farm Park, near Bolton Abbey, for our annual summer day out. The sun shone and we had a really wonderful day. It was a chance to meet some new faces (mine and Canon Claire's being two of them!) and to enjoy some time together. The children absolutely loved brushing the guinea pigs, holding the newborn chicks, chatting to an aged tortoise, go-carting and generally having a raucous time in the adventure playground and haybale maze!



NEXT MESSY CATHEDRAL – 12th NOVEMBER

On Remembrance Sunday we have our last Messy Cathedral of 2023, remembering those who have laid down their lives for our freedom. As we make poppy lanterns and have a go at some poetry, we will pray for light in the darkness and peace in the world. As always we will finish with a light meal together.



Messy Cathedral

Remembrance
Sunday 12th November
4.30-5.30pm

Join us at Messy Cathedral to remember those who have laid down their lives for our freedom. As we make poppy lanterns and have a go at some poetry, we will pray for light in the darkness and peace in the world. As always we will finish with a light meal together.



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Messy Cathedral is most suitable for children under 11, but all are welcome. It is free of charge and booking is not required. For more info, please email:

BethWickenden@nponcathedral.org.uk

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MESSY CATHEDRAL

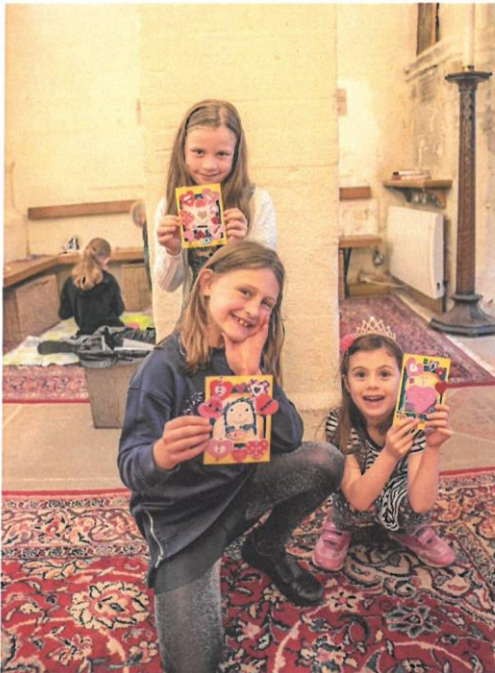
At Messy Cathedral we had a brilliant time trying to catch our own manna from heaven! We have listened to stories, crafted, played and prayed together. And most importantly stuck to our brief of making as much mess as possible!





CHILDREN'S CHURCH & LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During September and October we have been learning all about God's care and provision as we have explored the Exodus stories of the Israelites in the desert, and also celebrated Harvest. Lots of stories, lots of crafts, lots of fun!





Join us this Christmas

CHILD BISHOP SERVICE

Sunday 10th December, 10:30am

We bring an old tradition to life by enthroning a child as Bishop for the day. At this service we collect Christmas presents for children in need in the local area.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Sunday 24th December, 11:30am

This is an opportunity for children to experience the Christmas story for themselves by dressing up and becoming part of it! Followed by Christmas refreshments.

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Tuesday 19th December – Tuesday 9th January

Come and solve the clues to crack the Christmas code!

MESSY CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 21st January, 4:30pm

Come and make your own Christingle and celebrate the light Jesus brings into the world. There will be storytelling, sweets and a free sandwich tea at the end.



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FALLEN LEAVES

A service to remember those
who have died

Sunday 5th November
3.30 pm in the cathedral

Every year in the autumn we remember in love and prayer
those who have died and comfort one another in grief.

This service, with beautiful music from the choir, enables
us to reflect on loss and hope for the future.

All welcome. No need to book

Ripon Community Poppy Project presents

A Concert of Remembrance



in Ripon Cathedral
on 9th November 2023 at 7pm

Artists include

*Ripon City Band, The Dishforth Military Wives Choir
and Brackenfield School*

Tickets £13.50

Available from Stuff 4 Offices
at 13 Fishergate, Ripon
& The Wakeman Café
at 33 Market Place, Ripon

*All profits going to the
Ripon Community Poppy Project*

Posters sponsored by Colour It In • www.colouritin.co.uk





Christmas

Food & Gift Fair

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th November

09:30 - 16:30

Over 100 superb stalls with a selection of Christmas gifts, food & drink in the stunning setting of Ripon Cathedral.

Enjoy mulled wine and Christmas treats including hot turkey sandwiches, mince pies & home-made cakes.

Festive craft activities for Children

NEW FOR 2023!

Free park & ride service available.

Tickets: **£5** (Free Entry for Under 16*)

Available on the door or online at:

www.riponcathedral.org.uk

*When accompanied by an adult.



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GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Eco Church ‘Balance Sheet’ Exhibition at the Annual Review

The Cathedral Annual Review was presented to a large crowd at the Cathedral on Saturday 23rd September.

‘Coffee and Cake’ was served by the Eco Action Group and a ‘balance sheet’ of Eco activities was exhibited in the south transept. The exhibition stayed up for three weeks and provided interesting information for the congregation and visitors. It also showed the progress being made towards a Silver Eco Church award. It is hoped to do the ‘balance sheet’ annually.

St Wilfrid’s Stars 2023 - Nomination for the Cathedral Eco Group

The Environment and NZC2030 Committee and the Eco Action Group have been nominated for a St Wilfrid Star by Simon Hewitt, director of Ripon Together, to the grateful surprise of the volunteers.

The judges have to choose – ‘An individual or organisation that has made a significant contribution to protecting or improving the environment during the past year.’

‘The Cathedral Environment Group is doing work which many people would not necessarily associate with the Cathedral. They are doing it entirely voluntarily and any outcome will improve the sustainability and well-being of our city.’ said Simon

It will be exciting to be at the reception in the Cathedral on 26th October when the winners are announced.

COP 28 will be held in Dubai from 30/11 – 12/12/23

After a year of record-breaking heat and floods, this COP is a Critical Moment for Climate Action

The UN says “this is a critical turning point in our battle against the escalating climate crisis – a moment to take a long, hard look at the state of our planet and chart a better course for the future.”

“The global stocktake is an ambition exercise. It’s an accountability exercise. It’s an acceleration exercise,” said UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell. “It’s an exercise that is intended to make sure every Party is holding up their end of the bargain, knows where they need to go next and how rapidly they need to move to fulfill the goals of the Paris Agreement.”

You can follow COP 28 at <https://unfccc.int/cop28>

<https://www.chathamhouse.org/2023/09/what-cop28-and-why-it-important>



'Saving Creation' Courses started again in September

The Environment Programme at the Diocese of Leeds runs three levels of courses.

The courses are to educate people who feel they have a mission to help care for creation.

1. **Bronze** – this is a two hour Zoom course of Eco discipleship for all, to be done in your own time
2. **Silver** – this is an 8-week x two hour Zoom Course to give you a deeper understanding and help you be more engaged in Eco work in your church and become a Parish Environment Officer or another active role.
3. **Gold** – this is a 10-month x two hour Zoom Course to equip you to take on a role which will have the 'care of creation' as its primary focus e.g Area Environment Champion or as an important adjunct to work already being done in worship and teaching or community engagement.

The quality of the teaching has been warmly praised by **Ros Swaney, Dorothy Gray and Loretta Williams.**

Ros said *"As well as gaining a deeper understanding through the excellent teaching, all of us greatly appreciated the chance to talk to other people about the Eco mission of the church in this time of climate change and biodiversity degradation."*

Dorothy said *"We were encouraged to develop our view of a Christian's personal responsibility for responding to climate change and caring for God's world. My course colleagues had largely committed themselves to a "green" lifestyle and living simply prior to the course. The course did refresh our commitment and encouraged us to do more."* **If you would like to learn more about the Eco Courses,** the first step is to contact Ros Swaney, Parish Environment Officer at Ripon Cathedral.

roslynswaney@gmail.com

'Camino Ingles': pilgrimage musings after walking from Finchale Priory to Escomb Church



'Camino' means 'Way' or a 'Path'. In Christian circles the word usually refers to the 'Camino Santiago', a number of routes across Western Europe converging on Santiago de Compostela, the traditional focus since medieval times for pilgrimages that end in the city. Legend has it as the burial place of St James the Elder, the first of the 12 disciples of Christ to be



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martyred. A traditional Camino Ingles route has long connected Santiago with the ports of A Coruna or Ferrol on the coast in North West Spain, where pilgrims from English ports docked. A current initiative, backed by official Spanish Camino authorities, seeks to establish a Camino route through England to the South Coast, where ferry travel will again link it with the established Spanish Camino Ingles routes. The northernmost section in England will go from Finchale Priory (near Durham) to Escomb (near Bishop Auckland), Gainford, Richmond and Ripon, to York.

In September 2023, 12 of us walked the first stages – over 20 miles - from Finchale Priory to Escomb - to explore the emerging route, over 3 days

Any good 'Camino' offers an opportunity to distil our experiences of contemporary life, with heightened awareness or reflection on the environments through which we walk, with personal or wider themes. We have been asked how, on this Camino journey, as pilgrims we connected with nature. A number of responses come to mind:

- The routine of walking each day - after day - after day - slowed us down to better align with the PACE of the creator. Observing and tuning in to the rhythms of the natural world enriched our lives.
- A slower pace allowed us all to be more effectively PRESENT in the moment: attending to one another, better able to notice things and respond to the immediate environment – the rustle of wind in the trees, the gurgling of streams and rivers, the voices of children playing, the impact (often quite intrusive) of human technology –cars, planes radios on the everyday personal sound palette. It helped us appreciate the deeper values of seeing, silence, listening, with reflection. Each person will have had their own personal and different perceptions and appreciation of the natural environment.
- We grew in an awareness of being PART of the whole picture around us: the freedom of being an equal, small but valued, part of a global narrative: not needing to be at the centre of the picture as 'king pin', but appreciating being part of a bigger picture which reflects God's presence and creative purposes.
- Knowing ourselves as simply **being** in God's world and creation induces a deeper PEACE, with a sense of personal wellbeing. As Julian of Norwich expressed it in the 14th century; "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well".

A good Camino pilgrimage can nurture and encourage a deeper sense of gratitude, with the practices of PRAISE, not only in the life of those making the journey, but also in an awareness of the creation itself reflecting and praising in the presence of God – through sound and birdsong, through growth and beauty, through colour and texture, through odours and aromas, through the interconnectedness and interdependence of everything in the natural world.



Some years ago, a book by Kosuke Koyama carried the title '3 Mile an Hour God'. As this title suggests, we can relate better to a '3 mile an hour God' when we slow down to his pace, a natural and humane pace. If God's love is often experienced as patient and slow, the Camino allowed us to be tuned in better with him.

Rod & Jan Allon-Smith

UNDERSTANDING MORE ABOUT CARING FOR CREATION

"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle."

Pope Francis, Laudato Si (211)

The fifth mark of mission in the Anglican church is -

'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. This fundamental mission underlies everything else that the church sets out to do.

As an individual it is difficult to believe that everyday actions can make a difference to the effects of climate change and global warming. But we can all act positively to care for God's creation.

Rather than hiding our heads in the sand, becoming climate deniers or feeling hopeless, there are many people acting as good stewards of the world at grass roots level. There are many sources of inspiration and many people striving to make a difference by changing their lifestyle habits, supporting environmental charities and tackling environmental projects in their communities.



Green Christian

Pick up the leaflet in the cathedral

'Nine Ways of Living Gently on the Earth'

Ordinary Christians, extraordinary times

<https://greenchristian.org.uk>

THE LEEDS DIOCESE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, led by Jemima Parker has a wealth of information about the fifth mark of mission – ‘

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/our-faith/environment/>

You can sign up to a bi-monthly newsletter, 'God's Green Fingers', which has encouraging stories about green initiatives in the Diocese.

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/our-faith/environment/news-events-and-training/gods-green-fingers-newsletter/>

Wild Christian is a project of A Rocha UK.

Christians are involved in society and local churches and we can contribute to addressing nature loss, climate change and other environmental issues.

<https://arocha.org.uk/wild-christian-making-links-speaking-up/>



PERSONAL CARBON FOOTPRINT CALCULATION



This is where it all starts on the individual level. The WWF Carbon Footprint Tool is easy to use. It reminds you that although you are trying hard, getting to Net Zero Carbon takes strategic thinking and lifestyle changes and investment. In '*Tonnes of CO₂*', the average UK carbon footprint is 9.5 compared with the World 6.76 and Africa 1.00 .

TIPS FOR A WARMER WINTER

1. Make sure you close your curtains when it gets dark to stop heat escaping.
2. Get draft proofing to stop losing heat. Professional draught-proofing of windows, doors and blocking cracks in floors and skirting boards can cost around £250, but can save around £50 a year on energy bills. DIY draught proofing can be much cheaper. Installing a chimney draught excluder could save around £25 a year as well. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins
3. Make sure your hot water tank is insulated with a thick jacket. It will save you lots of money not to mention reducing your carbon emissions.
4. Thick loft insulation is one of the cheapest and easiest ways to save energy and will pay for itself in hardly any time.

A view from the gate

Farming is just completing its busiest three months. Kicked off by the Yorkshire Show, farmers have been reaping the harvest of the previous year's work and celebrating that harvest in the Cathedral with the Yorkshire Agricultural Society at the beginning of October. Combines working in the fields, tractors and trailers holding up traffic, livestock being moved, markets busy with their trade are all activities you may have noticed and all part of rural life at this time of year. It is a moment of change in the seasons and of farmers busy with that change.

Last year the weather worked for them, this year it's been very different. Rainfall above monthly averages has made field work difficult if not impossible. Winter sown crops of oilseed rape, wheat and barley must be sown and established before the weather turns. Land work when soils are too wet damages soil structure and is often self-defeating.

Farmers are becoming much more conscious of the science of soils and of the fungal activity in them that helps crops grow. They are changing their crop rotations, integrating herbal grassland, experimenting with reduced fertilisers and chemicals, producing grass fed beef, lamb and milk, free ranging pigs and chickens. All this is in response to the changing subsidy regime since Brexit coupled with the financial incentives promoted by Defra and to a greater awareness of the wider environmental benefits of 'regenerative agriculture'.

It's an exciting time to be farming and the key is to find the 'sweet spot' in your farm which enables long term sustainability both financially and environmentally. Easier said than done!



Advent Carol Service & Procession

Sunday 3rd December
5.30pm

Join us for a beautiful candlelit service as we begin the preparation for Christmas

See all of our services online at
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Advent Course

Following the Archbishop of York's
Advent Book for 2023
'Stick with Love'
at Thorpe Prebend House
at 7.30pm

Monday 4th December led by Canon Michael

Monday 11th December led by The Dean

Monday 18th December led by Canon Claire

To book, please contact the Cathedral Office or email:
cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org

The book is available in the Cathedral Shop - £ 10.99

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CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Ripon Cathedral Choir & St Cecilia Orchestra

Sunday 17th December

5:30pm

Adults: £15 | 5-16s: £5 | Under 5s: FREE

A rare opportunity to see the wonderful Ripon Cathedral Choir sing alongside the renowned St Cecilia Orchestra for a spectacular Christmas concert.

Led by the Director of Music, Ronny Krippner, this seasonal concert will celebrate Ripon's musical excellence at this joyful time of the year.



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Scan the QR code for tickets and details
of our other Christmas services.





Christmas & New Year Special Services

Festival of Lessons and Carols

23rd & 24th December
5.30pm

Christmas Eve

11.30am Journey to
Bethlehem
11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion
10.30am Festal Eucharist

Boxing Day

9.30am St Stephen's Day
Eucharist
10.15am Pilgrimage to
Fountains Abbey with carols

New Year's Eve

Watchnight 11.15pm

Sunday 7th January 10.30am

Festal Eucharist for Epiphany

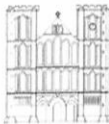
Friday 2nd February 7.30pm

Festal Eucharist for Candlemas
with candlelit procession

All Welcome

Find all services & events at: www.riponcathedral.org.uk
Tickets are not required for any of the services

C3: CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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Ripon Cathedral is committed to supporting our community through partnerships with local charities. Contact C3@riponcathedral.org.uk or 01765 603462



Ripon City of
Sanctuary



Ripon Branch

RIPON
Community
House



Food Support



Ripon
Branch

CHRISTIAN AID

A SPECIAL QUIZ IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID PROJECTS WORLD-WIDE
SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 7PM. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Supper and Quiz, £10

See full details in an advert in this newsletter

RIPON YMCA

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE URGENTLY NEEDED

Please help the YMCA and the young people they support.

See advert in this issue of the newsletter for more information.

Also volunteers are needed to help at the Christmas meal for tenants at the YMCA on the 22nd of December.

Contact: [01765 607609](tel:01765607609)

RIPON WALLED GARDEN

The Garden becomes a Winter Wonderland – gifts, treats and the most wonderful Xmas trees and wreaths.

Have a coffee in their new café!

Home delivery of Xmas trees available.

Contact: [01765 609229](tel:01765609229)

DEMENTIA FORWARD

Winter Ball, Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate

10th November, 7pm

For tickets ring [01765 601224](tel:01765601224)

JENNYRUTH WORKSHOPS

Why not do your Christmas gift shopping at

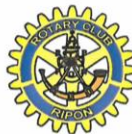
<https://www.jennyruth.co.uk/christmas-shop>

or in person at the Cathedral Christmas Gift Fair

24 & 25th November, Ripon Cathedral

FOOD SUPPORT UPDATE

Please see a full page advert in this newsletter than outlines the specific Christmas related needs of the Salvation Army Food Bank, Ripon Community House Food Bank and the Ripon YMCA



Jenny Ruth
Workshops



Christmas at **RIPON WALLED GARDEN**

**OPEN 7 DAYS FROM 25TH
NOVEMBER 9.30AM TO 4PM**

- New Cafe! (last orders 3.30pm)
- Christmas Gift Shop
- Handmade Wreaths and Table Centres
- Premium Cut and Potted Christmas Trees
- Handmade Christmas Cakes and Mince Pies
- Christmas Hampers
- Victorian Orchard
- Woodland Walk

**PRE ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES
(OVER 9FT), CHRISTMAS CAKES, HAMPERS
AND WREATHS ON 01765 609229**

Ripon Christian Aid Quiz Evening

A stimulating and fun quiz with all proceeds to the
Christian Aid Projects World-wide.

**At Holy Trinity Church Ripon
in the Arches.**

Start at 7.00pm

On Saturday 25 Nov. 2023

Tickets per person £10

**Including supper of baked potato with variety of fillings
and tea or coffee ice cream and/or biscuits.**

Maximum of 6 per team which can be made up on the evening.

Prizes will be awarded to the winning team.

Booking is essential with tickets available from

Robert 01765 604826 or Michael 01765 605276

Or Cathedral Shop.





C3's Christmas Appeal 2023

In Aid Of

Ripon Salvation Army Ripon YMCA Ripon Community
House

By supporting our partner charities, please help us to make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning.

We really appreciate each and every donation, but kindly ask that all gifts are new and NOT gift wrapped. We will give gifts to people of all ages from newborn baby right through to the elderly.

GIFT VOUCHERS are particularly helpful - local shops and supermarkets, Boots, Argos etc.

FOR ALL AGES: SWEETS, SELECTION BOXES, BOXES OF BISCUITS, CHOCOLATES.

FOR TODDLERS: Tactile books, dolls, jigsaws and games, colouring in books, soft toys, learning toys (e.g stacking and sorting shapes).

FOR AGE 7-11: Crafting kits, puzzle books, quizzes, family games, pens and pencils, notebooks, mugs, socks, sensory and calming gifts (e.g. fluffy, scented or fidget toys).

FOR TEENS: Bath and body gifts (e.g.body sprays, and shower gels), nail varnish and handcream, games, lego or trivia cards, pretty stationery, footballs, hot water bottle with cover, diaries.

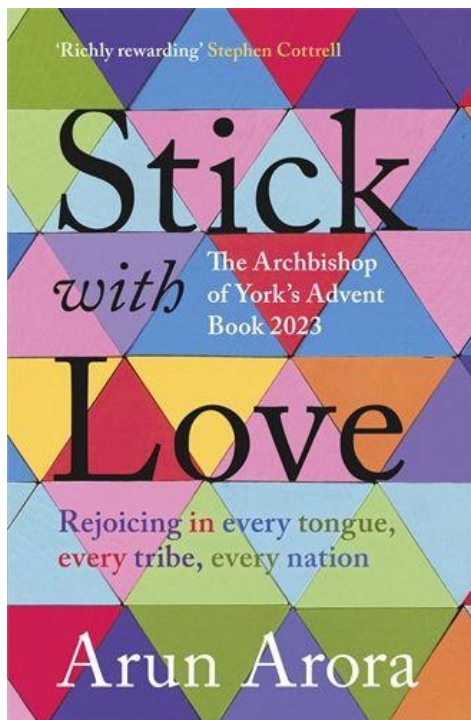
FOR ADULTS: Mugs, scarves and gloves, jigsaws, family games, shop bought food hampers, gift boxes of toiletries, hot water bottles with covers, diaries.

Donations of Christmas food items such as fruit cakes and Christmas puddings are also very welcome, as well as all the usual day to day items which will go to Ripon Community House and the Salvation Army.



ALL DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN THE BASKETS AT THE WEST DOOR OF THE CATHEDRAL. Thank you!

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP



Available in the Cathedral Gift Shop – The Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2023 - £10.99

SUMMARY OF STICK WITH LOVE

'What a delight... a fascinating mix of characters whose stories bring to life the Way of Love to which Jesus calls us all.'
BISHOP MICHAEL B. CURRY

'A wonderful series of short reflections... easy to read but packed with depth and insight.'
PAULA GOODER

Martin Luther King famously declared that 'I have decided to stick with love... Hate is too great a burden to bear'. In these luminous daily readings, Arun Arora helps us consider the biblical picture of the Church as the people of God, drawn from every tribe, every tongue and every nation.

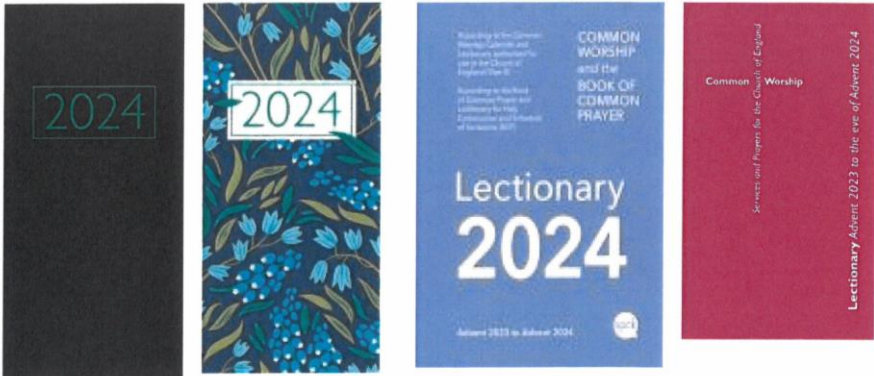
Themes of racial justice, hospitality and welcome are explored alongside the stories of saints from across the globe. Beginning with reflections from Isaiah and Revelation, the meditations lead us on to consider the missionaries, martyrs and mystics who light our Advent way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR OF STICK WITH LOVE

Arun Arora is the Bishop of Kirkstall in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, and was formerly a minister in the church in the North East, West Midlands and North Yorkshire. He has served as Director of Communications for the Archbishop of York and subsequently for the National Church Institutions of the Church of England. Arun has written widely for national and regional papers including The Guardian, The Times, The Independent, the Yorkshire Post, the Birmingham Post and the Northern Echo where he was a columnist. In 2021 he co-chaired the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce which produced the report From Lament to Action.

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE GIFT SHOP

LECTIONARIES AND DIARIES Advent 2023 to eve of Advent 2024



SPCK Pocket diary/lectionary £14.99

SPCK Common worship lectionary £5.99

Church House Publishing lectionaries, Large £7.99, regular £5.50

The Church Pocket Book and Diary 2024 is the perfect church diary for anyone looking for a compact sized diary that follows the Common Worship calendar and includes lectionary readings.

This 14 month diary has a clear, spacious week to view layout, beginning with Sunday, that offers plenty of room for keeping track of appointments while still being a convenient pocket size that's easy to carry around. It also features two ribbon markers to keep your place throughout the year.

Beginning in December 2023 and running to January 2025, it covers the entirety of the approaching Advent season. It also has all of the titles for the Sundays throughout the church calendar and the dates of festivals to correspond with the Common Worship calendar and lectionary and the Book of Common Prayer, making it an essential purchase for clergy and churchgoers wanting a Christian diary.

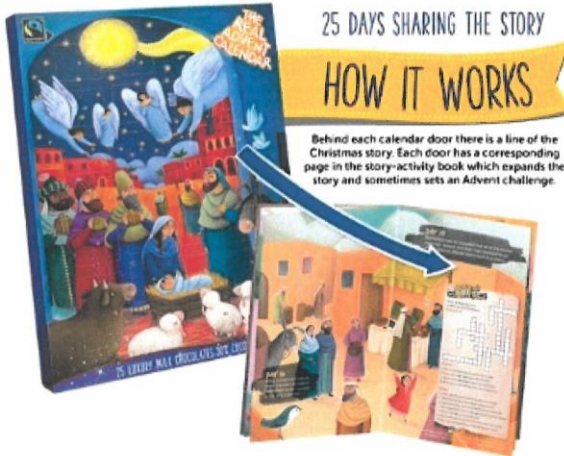
Your important contact details and to-do lists will be at your fingertips as well with this little pocket diary – it includes pages at the back for personal memos, addresses and telephone numbers alongside the complete Common Worship Calendar and Lectionary readings for Advent 2023 - Advent 2024 and includes the BCP scheme.

With information on every UK Anglican Diocese and those in the Republic of Ireland plus the names and addresses of all major Christian societies, charities and organisations covering all mainstream denominations, the Church Pocket Book and Diary 2024 is ideal for ministers and congregations needing to stay organised on to go.

This edition of the Church Pocket Book and Diary 2024 features a durable hardcover that will last you all year, and a matching ribbon marker.

Opening hours Mon – Sat 10am to 5pm, Sundays 12noon to 3.30pm

In stock now in the Cathedral Gift Shop we have
The Real Advent Calendar - £5



The Real Advent Calendar is the UK's only Fairtrade Advent calendar which comes with a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book and supports charitable causes.

The 2023 Real Advent Calendar is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The 2023 calendar has a new design. There is a Fairtrade Chocolate and a line of the Christmas story behind each of the 25 windows. The free book has a page for every day of Advent, expanding on the Christmas story and includes some fun challenges.

The Real Advent Calendar is made using Fairtrade chocolate - giving producers a fair price and a cash bonus. Money raised from the sales of the calendar will also help provide care and support for mums and new babies in African villages supported by the Funzi and Bodo trust.

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

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

Weekdays

8.30am	Morning Prayer
9.00am	Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10.00am	Wednesday followed by coffee and mingle
12 noon	Eucharist Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
5.30pm	Evensong (or said Evening Prayer)

The Magdalen Fellowship is an ecumenical group that holds a weekly service of short reflection, silence and prayer at St. John's Sharow every Monday morning at 10:30 am. On the first Monday of the month, there is a Healing Eucharist with a Laying on of Hands. For more information contact John Whelan 01765 647744 or Anne-Marie Tarter 01765-602129

Cathedral Meditation Group 7.30pm meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Cathedral.

Thursdays (most Thursdays – see the monthly events schedule) **1.00pm Lunchtime Concert in the Quire (free).**

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

Tel: 01765 603462 (Office) 01765 602072 (Chapter House)

Or visit our website: www.riponcathedral.org.uk.

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