

RIPON CATHEDRAL

MARCH-APRIL NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Journey to Jerusalem, with a Heart for Peace

Journey to Jerusalem is the title we give to the all-age, children-led service on Good Friday morning. As many pilgrimage companies are experiencing, not surprisingly, there is less appetite than usual for people to journey to Jerusalem. Once again, as we contemplate how that ancient city was the stage for the saving work of Christ, it finds itself at the heart of a region at conflict with itself.

The gospels tell us that Jesus wept over Jerusalem;

As Jesus came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.' (St. Luke 19:41-44)

Recognizing the things that make for peace... This is important for families, communities, and nations at any time, not simply for Jerusalem in Jesus' day. And there seems to be an urgency about it as we prepare to walk spiritually with Jesus to Jerusalem once again. For the nations, for our community, and for ourselves, we can only pray for grace to discern and grasp the ways that make for peace.

An invitation to pray for peace in the way of the cross

Prayer is important, of course. It is at the heart of the Church's life as it seeks to make Christ's saving work an experienced reality in the world today. Passions are running high on the part of many in our own country, let alone the Holy Land and wider world, who see the Israel Gaza conflict from the perspective of one or other of those communities. The Church can only sympathise with Christ weeping over Jerusalem and pray for the possibility of a lasting peace with justice for Israel, Gaza and that entire region.

We cannot pray for peace for the Holy Land without being painfully aware of the need to pray for Ukraine, depressingly now in its third year of conflict. And then there is Sudan, one of our link dioceses, where Archbishop Ezekiel has been showing remarkable courage to protect the Christians from the conflict resulting from the warring of military factions. And how many more places and situations can we think of which are characterised more by conflict than peace?

I invite us all, members of the community of communities which is Ripon Cathedral, to make intentional prayer for peace part of our personal discipline as we seek to walk with Christ in the way of the cross, from Palm Sunday to Easter Day.

Here is a prayer we will use in the cathedral each day through Holy Week,

*Lord Jesus,
who wept over the city where you died and rose again,
lamenting that it had not recognized the things that make for peace;
we pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land,
for the peace of Ukraine,
for the peace of Sudan,
for the peace of all communities, families and hearts torn apart by conflict.
May those forces that would cast out your reign of peace with justice
be conquered by the eternal power of your love.
For your mercy's sake.
Amen.*

Holy Week and Easter

Journey to Jerusalem, to return to the children-led service on Good Friday morning. is always very powerful. It takes us from our Lord's humble yet triumphal entry into that ancient capital of the promised land, to the tragedy on the skull-like hill just outside it. It is moving and it is profound, and it only takes three-quarters of an hour, followed by the opportunity to chat with each other over a drink and a hot cross bun.

For those who wish to walk that world-transforming way with Jesus with depth of thought and contemplation over several days, and carrying on to the joy of the resurrection, the Church offers the services of Holy Week and Easter. This is the telling of the gospel and celebration of the means of our salvation at its most impressive. The telling of this amazing narrative is probably one of the oldest structured sections of the gospels. This means that since the earliest years of the Church, Christians have valued meditating on the details of Christ's passion (suffering) and resurrection. All our services through Holy Week help us to engage with this narrative, bringing its mystery alive for us in ways which make it meaningful for our lives and world today. Do see the details in the Newsletter and on the website.

The Very Rev Jane Hedges

Another good reason to join us at Ripon Cathedral for Holy Week services this year is that Jane Hedges is to be our guide. Jane retired as Dean of Norwich in May 2022 having served there for eight years. Her previous ministry had taken her from the Portsmouth Diocese where she was the Stewardship Adviser and then Canon Pastor at the cathedral, to the Exeter Diocese where she was Team Rector of Honiton, and to Westminster Abbey where she was Canon Steward and Archdeacon. Following "retirement" she served for six months as Interim Dean of Canterbury followed by a further eight months as Interim Dean of Newcastle, the diocese in which she now lives with her husband Chris, their dog, Benson and two cats, Minstrel and Wispa.

Jane writes, 'I am very much looking forward to spending Holy Week with you at Ripon. In the addresses throughout the week, with the help of music by Deitrich Buxtehude, "Membra Jesu Nostri", we will reflect upon the Body of Christ. We shall together think about the feet, knees and hands of Jesus on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Maundy Thursday as we celebrate the Institution of the Eucharist, we shall explore what it means to receive Christ's Body and Blood. On Good Friday our focus will be on the broken heart of Jesus and at the Easter Vigil as we proclaim that Christ is Risen, we will ask ourselves what it means to come face to face with Jesus in our daily lives.'

I am extremely grateful to Jane for accepting my invitation to lead us through these significant days. It sounds as though great riches are in store for us.

Ripon Cathedral Renewed

The additional period of consultation for our proposed development project continues until Easter. The purpose is to give another opportunity for people to engage with the actual details of the proposals, and then, once informed, to share with us their views, questions, concerns and enthusiasms.

'It is clear that some people have reservations, and that a number are very much against a development which would take up any part of Minster Gardens – once the location of the Archbishop's manor. The plans would see 21% of the current green space used to build on, although with the addition of more public gardens made from land within our stonemason's yard, the amount of publicly accessible green space would increase by 42%. My hope is that by listening carefully to each other, we might be able to find positions of compromise which would satisfy the majority of people.'

Most people agree that the cathedral needs the facilities which are to be located in the new building; toilets, private choir rehearsal space, refectory, and storage. With a new shop, these help to open up parts of the cathedral in new and creative ways, and so help to secure Ripon Cathedral's long-term sustainability. The building and the landscaping also help to create the proposed cathedral quarter for Ripon.

It is important that those people, from both near and far, who long to see these facilities delivered express their support through the feedback forms which are an important part of the consultation process. These can be completed either on our website or using the cards in the cathedral. We are keen to hear from as many people as possible.

Happy Easter

I wish you every blessing for the rest of Lent and Holy Week, and when it finally comes, I wish you a very happy Easter.

With every blessing, Dean John

Confirmation at the Cathedral

Would you like to explore being confirmed at the service on 7th July?

Please contact Canon Claire to discuss further canonclaire@riponcathedral.org.uk.

Churches Together in Ripon

Annual General Meeting with speaker from Resurrected Bites.

7pm at St Johns, Bondgate

Please come along to support our ecumenical work in the city.

Easter Sunday

Short ecumenical service in the market place at 8am followed by breakfast at Holy Trinity Church. All welcome but please let Canon Claire know if you would like to attend for numbers for breakfast. canonclaire@riponcathedral.org.uk

Ripon Cathedral Sponsorship opportunities

Ripon Cathedral is a key cultural and visitor attraction in Ripon, North Yorkshire, attracting over 100,000 visitors annually, providing a range of concerts, events, services, education activities, fairs and family friendly events throughout the year. Ripon Cathedral Development Department works with a range of local businesses and provides sponsorship and partnership opportunities starting from £150 upwards.

All of our business sponsors help to support the preservation and development of the cathedral such as recent restoration repairs to our stonework, support our wonderful choir and music department as well as the delivery of our education and public events programme.

Within our marketing the benefits for businesses include branding, signage and social media recognition, association with our fundraising events, complimentary tickets and much more.

To find out more about our sponsorship opportunities and discuss how we can meet your business needs, please contact:

Sarah Lynch, Development Manager

sarahlynch@riponcathedral.org.uk Telephone 01765 603583

Supporting the Choir Tour to Bavaria 2024 Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge

In July a group of up to 38 choristers will be participating in the choir tour to Bavaria. The families of each chorister are being asked to contribute £450.00 towards the cost of the trip.

In order to support any families who may struggle with this, the wives and daughters of two Canons and the Director of Music are embarking on a fundraising challenge to complete the 'Yorkshire Three Peaks'.

Adriane and Grace Pollard, Elaine and Anna Gisbourne and Audrey Krippner will endeavour to complete the 26 mile, 1585m ascent 'Three Peaks' walk in under 12 hours on April 13th. We would love to raise enough money to fund a chorister's place to show our support for our amazing choir!

If you would like to sponsor us, please use the 'go fund me' page:

<https://gofund.me/2636d470>

Thank you so much!





THURSDAY RIPON CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

APRIL – JULY 2024

18th April
25th April

Tim Harper
Jane Burnell

Organ
Soprano

2nd May
9th May

Students from Leeds University
Gillian Hart
acc. Michael Stevenson

Oboe

16th May
23rd May

Julia Hartmann
Students from Leeds University

Piano

6th June
13th June
20th June
27th June

John Treherne
Paul Chamberlain
The Yorkshire Decibelles
Young Singers of Ripon

Virginals
Accordion
Choir

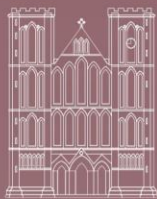
4th July
11th July

Joseph Spratt
Charlotte Harper

Tenor
Recorder

1.00-1.50; Refreshments served from 12.30
Free admission; retiring collection

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Come and Sing Maunder's *Olivet to Calvary*

Tim Harper, organist
Dr Ronny Krippner, director
Ripon Cathedral Choir

Palm Sunday 24th March 2024
Devotional Performance: 17:30h

Join Ripon Cathedral Choir to sing J. H. Maunder's fine Passiontide cantata "Olivet to Calvary", composed in 1904. Often regarded as the sister work of Stainer's *Crucifixion*, Maunder's offering on the subject of the last few days of the Saviour's life on earth is a fine example of Victorian church music.

If you would like to sing,
please contact Laura Jones on
laurajones@riponcathedral.org.uk



Thank you
for your support

We're on a match funding mission



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Music is the heartbeat of our lives at Ripon Cathedral, and the talented choristers are on a mission to raise money for their music tuition, scores, and chaperones. They're building up to a CD release and tour, and they need your help!

Through generous
pledges we have raised
£13,200

We now need your
support to match this with
£13,200

To reach our target of
£26,400

Bravo! Last year, you supported music at the cathedral with a tremendous £14,500. Now, we hope to exceed that with a series of fundraisers. Help us match the donor pledges and ensure the music of Ripon flourishes and prospers for years to come.



To donate visit

www.riponcathedral.org.uk/music

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"...the pitch-perfect voices of the rehearsing choristers soar, swell and swirl around you."
The Telegraph



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SPECIAL SERVICES

Palm Sunday 24th March

10.10am Procession to the Cathedral from the market place

10.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Olivet to Calvary

Holy Week

Very Revd Jane Hedges will be leading us through Holy Week
by her addresses each day.

Monday – Wednesday 7.30pm

Said/Sung Compline

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist and Watch until Midnight

Good Friday

10.30am Journey to Jerusalem

12 noon Preaching of the Cross

1.30pm Good Friday Liturgies

Easter Eve 7.30pm

Easter Eve Vigil

Easter Sunday 10.30am

Festal Eucharist

3.30pm Festal Evensong

All Welcome

Find all services at www.riponcathedral.org.uk



Journey to Jerusalem

Good Friday, 10.30am

Join us at our Good Friday service for children and families, where we will remember Jesus' death on the cross and how it shows God's incredible love for us all. This amazing story will be told by the children and young people who have been attending our Holy Week workshop. At the end of the service we will be serving drinks and hot cross buns.



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Easter Activities

Weds 27th and Thurs 28th March



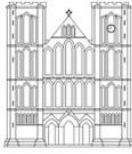
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10am until 12 noon

Decorate a wooden donkey and fabric puppets
Easter Baskets and an Easter Egg Hunt
Drama and Story

All children to be accompanied by parent/carer
£5 per morning includes refreshments
To Pre-book
contact yvonnejefferies@riponcathedral.org.uk

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CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT TO IONA

*A thin place - only a tissue paper
separating earth from heaven*

George Macleod, founder of the Iona Community



**Saturday 21st September
to
Friday 27th September
2024**

Pilgrimage and Retreat to Iona

Following successful cathedral pilgrimages to Rome in 2022 and Santiago de Compostela in 2023, a pilgrimage to the remote Hebridean island of Iona will be taking place in 2024.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to relax with each other and with God in the stunningly beautiful setting of this cradle of celtic Christianity.



The Abbey on the island was founded by St Columba who came with 12 monks from Ireland in 563AD. Columba also appears, holding Iona Abbey, on the reredos at the

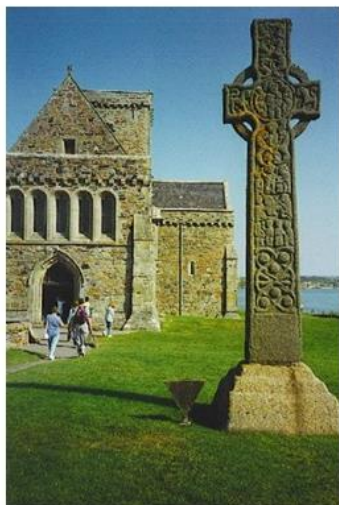
High Altar, next to Mary. We will be staying at Bishop's House, the Scottish Episcopal retreat house on the island, close to the village. We have exclusive use of the retreat house with single and twin bedded rooms with bathroom facilities dotted along the corridors.

This is wonderful opportunity to take a step back from the routine of day to day living and to take time to pray and worship in the retreat house chapel, the ancient Iona Abbey or on pilgrimage around the island. There will also be opportunities to explore the island with it's hills, moors and beaches at your own leisure.



There will also be the sessions with led reflection with times of quiet available.

The plans are to leave early on Saturday morning to arrive in time for the evening meal.



The Programme offering will include

- A daily service of Holy Communion at 8am at Bishop's House
- The opportunity to attend the Iona Community daily morning service at 9am
- A Sunday Communion service in Iona Abbey at 10.30am.

- Compline each evening at 8pm.
- Iona Community service each evening at 9pm.
- The opportunity for a pilgrimage around the island (either off road or on road) led by the Iona Community.



- Time for stillness and reflection (bring your own materials for painting or journalling).
- The opportunity to visit Iona Abbey (English Heritage members are admitted at a reduced rate of free).
- Time to be with friends old and new.

Booking form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I am happy to share a room with _____

I would prefer a single room _____

I wish to attend the Cathedral pilgrimage & retreat to
Iona from 21st - 27th Sept 2024.

I understand the following :-

- the cost will be £760 to cover all transport & food;
- whilst every effort will be made to accommodate sleeping arrangements, requests cannot be guaranteed;
- once my place is confirmed I will be liable for the full cost;
- no refunds can be made;
- I am responsible for taking out my own travel insurance;
- should the Cathedral make a surplus from running this, I am happy for the balance to be retained for mission and ministry.

Signed _____ Date _____

If you wish to join please pass your form as soon as possible to Sarah Godfrey (cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk) with £100 non returnable deposit.



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A journey through the life of

Wilfred Owen

Monday 18th March 2024, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Wilfred Owen



Join us as we walk round Ripon Cathedral pausing to reflect on how Owen's lived experiences informed his view of war, suffering and religion.

This immersive session based on the Stations of the Cross requires some walking and standing.

The lecture is led by Daire Corr, an educational volunteer and guide at Ripon Cathedral, and lasts approximately 40 minutes.

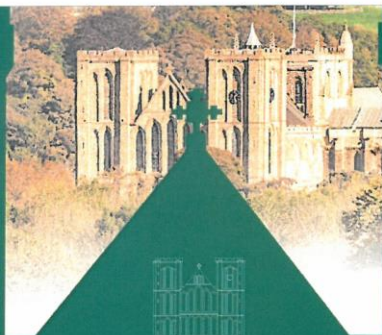
Everyone is most welcome.


Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Yvonne Jefferies,
yvonnejefferies@riponcathedral.org.uk



Daire Corr




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SPRING FOOD, HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2024

10am - 4pm

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/spring-show-2024](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk/events/spring-show-2024)



A view from the Gate

Farmers are struggling through what they feel is the wettest winter on record. Many crops are waterlogged, land drainage systems are failing to cope and outwintering livestock is knee deep in mud. On the bright side the days are drawing out and land will start drying out, but we feel a long way from sowing spring crops and nurturing the winter sown ones with the TLC they need.

In January the Cathedral celebrated Plough Sunday. Farming depended on the plough to bury the weeds and help create the tilth needed to establish crops. The government is soon to offer financial incentives for direct drilling, that is the sowing of crops into an undisturbed soil amongst the residue of the previous crop. This helps increase the worm population, reduce carbon emissions, increase soil organic matter and help soil retain water better and become more resilient to climate change. The plough will be used only occasionally when the burden of unwanted grasses and weeds defeats other cultivation systems. The plough remains a vital tool but to be used sparingly. The Service in the Cathedral brought together the many strands that make up our rural life in collective celebration, reflection and thanksgiving. It was great to see represented such a cross section of ages and interests.

So we all look forward to Spring, to kind lambing weather, to a dry spell to get done the spring sowing and then to an early turnout of cattle removing the routine and work of bedding up and scraping out and foddering livestock. A few prayers for this would do no harm!

Ripon Cathedral Electoral Roll

The Cathedral's Electoral Roll is a list of the names and addresses of everyone who regards themselves as a regular worshipper and attenders of the various congregations of the Cathedral, Littlethorpe St Michael's and St John's, Bondgate. Being included on the Electoral Roll is the basic sign of membership of the Church of England. If you like to think of yourself as 'belonging' to the Cathedral (and are baptised), your name should be on it. It enables you to take part, if you want, in the business meetings of whichever church you attend, and to vote in elections.

The electoral roll is confidential and the information cannot be shared with other organisations.

At this time of year, a revised definitive roll is produced before the Annual Church Meetings. If you are **not** currently on the Roll, you can pick up a form in the Cathedral or at either of the other churches. Please return completed forms to the Cathedral office, or, during March, 'post' them in the box beside the notice board in the South Transept of the Cathedral. If you prefer to return your form electronically, please return to cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk. There is no need to complete a new form if you are already on the Electoral Roll.

If you need any help, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Heather Powling, 07904 198926.

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Eco Film Festival – organised by the ECO ACTION GROUP

Thirty people came to watch the first film, Brother Son, Sister Moon. Zefferelli's film was made in 1972. Fifty years on, in 2024, the themes of our interconnectedness with the natural world and inequality of wealth are even more relevant and urgent. It was especially pleasing to meet people from several local environment groups and from other churches in Ripon and the wider area. We look forward to a good audience at the next three films.

Sights and Sounds of Ripon 9th March – 11am – 2pm

The ECO ACTION GROUP will be in the Cathedral to meet and talk to people about the progress and challenges of Net Zero Carbon 2030 for the Cathedral and how we can reduce our personal carbon footprint and save money.

Two More Actions towards Net Zero Carbon 2030 at the Cathedral



QR Code for the 10.30 Sunday Service

Now you can scan the service on to your phone or Ipad. Using less paper helps lower the Cathedral carbon footprint. Every gesture helps our planet.

A Reminder to Shut the North Door which is often used to go to the Cathedral Offices. Every gesture helps our planet.



EARTH HOUR is on Saturday 23rd – Earth Hour 8.30 – 9.30pm

Earth Hour is an international event. It was started by WWF in 2007. This year, in recognition that we are at a tipping point in the climate and nature crises, the Earth Hour campaign asks people to switch off the lights **and give an hour for Earth**, spending 60 minutes doing something - *anything* - positive for our planet.

Pray to help find the right action for you. Pray for ways that you can be an even better steward of our wonderful sustaining earth.

SYNOD – Making Biodiversity as important as Net Zero Carbon 2030

At the NATIONAL SYNOD, in late February, there will be a Land and Nature motion to bring Biodiversity up the Church of England's Environment agenda.

At the Parish level this motion calls on parishes and cathedrals –

- to make a simple land management plan using the example of God's Acre
- to work towards the aims in the Land section of Eco Church Award Scheme
- to record the biodiversity of their green spaces by taking part in the Churches Count on Nature scheme each year

Let us pray that this motion is successful, inspiring us to work more meaningfully on our Cathedral land

A Green Fair is being held at **Holy Trinity Church, Ripon** on **Saturday 6th April** from **10am – 4pm** LOTS OF STALLS AND ACTIVITIES ALL WELCOME

Check the website for more details. <https://htr-church.org.uk/environmental-matters/>

YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST: how our members make a difference for Yorkshire's wildlife - by Amy Cooper

For nearly 80 years, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust has been saving, protecting and restoring places for wildlife. We care for over 100 nature reserves, from carpets of wildflowers in the Dales to puffins on the white chalk cliffs of Flamborough, and a rich variety of woodlands, wetlands and wonderlands in between. Our reserves offer quiet contemplation and space to be, to experience wild close encounters; Ripon City Wetlands, a haven famous for its winter starling murmurations, is less than 2 miles from the centre of Ripon, and Staveley nature reserve with its quartering barn owls, skulking bitterns, and playful otters, is also close by.



The Trust has big ambitions for land and seascape restoration. Our *Wild Ingleborough* programme is reviving 1,300 hectares of limestone grassland and pavement – and providing a home for rare plants found nowhere else in the world. *Wilder Humber* is returning 500,000 oysters to the Humber estuary and restoring acres of seagrass beds for carbon capture. The *Yorkshire Peat Partnership* has so far restored an area of upland the size of Bradford!

We work extensively with local communities across Yorkshire; Join #TeamWilder and people across Yorkshire making the difference nature needs – our partnership with the Diocese of Leeds is improving churchyards for nature.

Wildlife will always need help to survive and thrive and the unwavering support of our 45,000 members is the lifeblood of our work to give nature a secure future in Yorkshire. Will you join us? <https://www.ywt.org.uk/membership-join-us-today-or-call-01904-659570>

UN GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY

The UN is working to bring into law a ban on single use plastics by the end of 2024. This is in response to a resolution passed by 175 nations in 2022. “A shift to a circular economy would cut the volume of plastics entering oceans by over 80 per cent by 2040; reduce virgin plastic production by 55 per cent; save governments US\$70 billion by 2040; reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 25 per cent; and create 700,000 additional jobs – mainly in the global south.”

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/nations-agree-end-plastic-pollution>

GREENPEACE AND THE BIG PLASTICS COUNT – 11th – 17th March 2024

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/how-it-works>

Over 60,000 households have signed up to count their plastics for one week from **11th – 17th March**. Scientists will crunch the numbers to work out the national results. These results will help prove that we need bigger, bolder action to solve the plastic problem. We need the UK government to push for a strong, ambitious Global Plastics Treaty at the current UN talks. **This is an action you can take to help this campaign.** It is now very difficult to avoid plastic in everyday life.



EARTH DAY Monday 22nd April 2024 - The theme is PLANET vs PLASTIC

The Cathedral Eco Action Group warmly invites you to come and participate in A RECYCLED ART WORKSHOP, with Refreshments, on the theme 'Planet vs Plastic' - Saturday 20th April from 10am – 1pm in the south transept of the Cathedral.

- use only recycled materials – plastic, cardboard, paper, etc to create posters which attract people's attention
- create your own **poster message** – oceans, rivers, countryside, pollution, communities
- bring your own material for your artwork but some will be supplied
- some scissors, glue, staples, string will be supplied but you may prefer to bring your own
- help from one or two artistic people
- exhibit the finished artworks on the boards in the north aisle of the Cathedral
- children must be accompanied by an adult

At the 10.30am Service on April 21st, Canon Claire will include EARTH DAY in her sermon and some of the artwork will be laid at the altar as a gesture of sorrow for the damage we are doing to the earth and for our failure to be good stewards.

'Everyday Plastic' by Daniel Webb. Photo © Ollie Harrop 2018.





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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
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SIGHTS AND SOUND OF RIPON

See the flyer for this event in this newsletter. A day that celebrates all the wonderful charities that support the people of Ripon.
Don't miss this chance to find out about volunteer opportunities and services that exist to serve the people of Ripon.

Plus local choirs, Morris Dancing, the Walled Garden's café,
the Cathedral Choir's chocolate tombola, and family crafts
11-2 on the 9th March

CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week (12-18 May) will focus on the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
Volunteers needed to deliver envelopes. Please contact Dorothy Gray or Elaine
Gisbourne if you are able to help. New volunteers welcomed!

Sponsored Walk in aid of Christian Aid

For full information about this, see the poster in this newsletter

RIPON YMCA

'You Matter' Drop-In sessions, Wednesdays 4-6pm.

Young people (16-25) can drop in to talk to YMCA staff and professionals from
different organisations about 'life stuff' that matters to them.
Tell young people you know of this important resource for them.

The YMCA's Sponsor a Room Initiative

See the poster in this newsletter about how you can help a young person to find
a safe place to live, with help from people who can support them.

By sponsoring a room for only £12 a month,
you can change the life of a local young person.

Our Partnership with the Refugee Council

At the end of November Yvonne Jefferies registered as a Volunteer with Refugee
Council ready to welcome our first families from Afghanistan on 14th Dec 2023.
These families had to flee their homes as someone in their family had worked to
support our Government and Military against the Taliban. We now have 8 Afghan
families living in Ripon, with more due to arrive soon. These families arrived
with only what they could carry. The response from the Cathedral congregation
has been amazing with over £500 worth of vouchers, and huge amounts of
bedding, clothing, toys, etc being donated. The collection of items will stop at
the end of February to allow for a review of what is still specifically needed.

Going forward, the need will be to hold events to meet the families
and help to welcome them into our community.

Yvonne and the families are so grateful for all the support that has been given.
Please pray for the families, and for their future here in Ripon.



**Jenny Ruth
Workshops**

SIGHTS and SOUNDS of RIPON 2024



A free family-friendly day. A celebration of local charities and local services, discover volunteering opportunities, and access advice and support.

- Ripon Cathedral • Ripon Library
- Ripon Museums

Saturday 9 March 11am - 2pm

For more information contact
engagement.har@northyorks.gov.uk

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■ RIPON CATHEDRAL

- Bellringing from 9.30am until 11am
- Bell tower tours at 11.30am and 12.30pm for a limited number of visitors. To ensure your place sign up in advance at Ripon Library.
- Family crafts and games.
- Music by local choirs.
- Pop up Café.
- Over 30 local voluntary and community organisations showcasing their services and where you can get help and support.
- Meet North Yorkshire Police.
- Dancing from Ripon City Morris Dancers and Betty Lupton's Ladle Laikers.

■ WORKHOUSE, PRISON AND POLICE, COURT HOUSE MUSEUMS

- Free entry to all 3 museums upon production of proof of address in HG4 postcode.

■ LIBRARY

(regular opening times - 10am - 2pm)

- Storytime for under 5s and their families:
 - 11am - 11.30am
 - 12noon - 12.30pm
- Free LEGO club 11am-12noon - a free build LEGO session, suitable for ages 6 to 12 years.
- 11am - 12.30pm – knitting and crochet taster session. Members of the library Knit and Natter group will show you the basics of knitting and crochet – a free drop-in session.
- Information stalls from: North Yorkshire Living Well and Living Well Smoke Free, Mind, North Yorkshire Rotters, Defibrillators - Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, and Dancing for Wellbeing, with a chance to join in with short taster of some dances that can be done seated and standing.

■ ALL LOCATIONS

- Ripon Poetry Festival will be reading poems inspired by Ripon and Yorkshire at Ripon Cathedral 11.05-11.15am, Ripon Library 12-12.15pm and Workhouse Museum at 12.45-1pm.

*Note: Details of the events are subject to last minute changes.

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Harrogate and District
Community Action



You're Invited

Ripon Power of 10 Volunteering Reward Scheme for young people LAUNCH EVENT

TUESDAY 19th MARCH 2024

Kindly hosted by the Ripon Inn Park Street Ripon HG4 2BU
Drop-in anytime between 12 & 2 pm & 4 & 6 pm

An exciting opportunity to find out more about how your **voluntary organisation** can **recruit** more volunteers and support our young people with:

- Volunteering opportunities
- Employability skills
- Improved mental and physical wellbeing
- Feeling a valued part of the community
- Keeping young talent local

A local **Ripon Award** Scheme to encourage young people from primary school to secondary school to get involved in **volunteering** and experience the **benefits** it brings



This project is funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



The Power of 10

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Sponsored Walk

a fundraising event for Christian Aid

York Minster to Ripon Cathedral

Sunday 12 May 2024

Clare Slator and Dorothy Gray ask you to sponsor them at
www.justgiving.com/page/dorothy-gray-1707059567927

This year's Christian Aid week theme is poverty and the cost-of-living crisis in the UK and abroad



Why in a world of plenty are so many people in poverty? We can tackle it together.

christianaid.org.uk/appeals/christianaidweek



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

Cathedral Shop opening hours Holy Week and Easter 2024

28th March - Maundy Thursday 10am – 4pm

29th March - Good Friday CLOSED

30th March - Holy Saturday 10am – 4pm

31st March - Easter Sunday CLOSED

1st April onwards

10am to 5pm Mon – Sat

12noon to 5pm Sundays



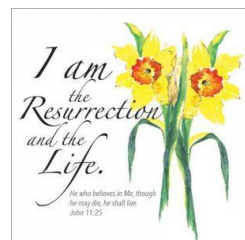
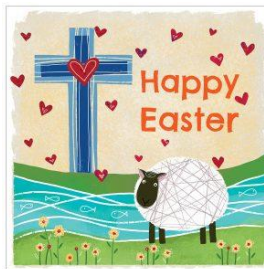
The 2024 Original edition Real Easter Egg includes a new 24 page Easter story activity book with a £200 prize competition. There is also a super thick Fairtrade milk chocolate egg (150g) with a lovely creamy taste. 30% cocoa – Palm Oil & plastic free. £5 each.

Our 2024 Special Edition is really special. We hand wrap only, 1,500 a year so the person you give it to is in for

a real treat. Made and foiled by hand, inside is the largest Easter Egg we make (200g milk chocolate egg), an 80g Easter Blessing milk bar and a designed Easter card which has the message 'Happy Easter' inside and a simple guide to Easter. It's made from Fairtrade 30% cocoa chocolate (Palm oil free) and is plastic free. £10 each.



Our Easter cards are stocked! We have a massive selection to choose from, there are designs for everyone's taste and budget. Come along and take a peek.



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:

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