



RIPON CATHEDRAL

MAY - JUNE NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Disproving the cynics and doubters

They are drunk! It won't last! They are deluded and misguided! The Church is dying! God is dead!

These are just some of the confident assertions and accusations of cynics and doubters which have been levelled against the Church from its birth on the very first Day of Pentecost until now, two thousand years later. Yet the Church continues to grow globally, and there are wonderful signs of renewed life, people coming to faith and transformational service, even in the challenging mission field which is western Europe. These signs are clearly seen in the life of Ripon Cathedral and the Diocese of Leeds.

Celebrating Pentecost

According to St. Luke, it all started on the Day of Pentecost. Christ, having been crucified, was raised to new life on that first Easter Day. Forty days later, after appearing to hundreds, he ascended into heaven. And ten days later, on the Jewish festival of Pentecost – 50 days after the Passover and after Jesus' resurrection - the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in a dramatic and earth-shattering way. It was as if, with a mighty wind, tongues, as of fire, came upon them. They could be understood by people of many nations and languages. No! They were not drunk, as the cynics suggested - see the account in the Acts of the Apostles. The Spirit was reversing the divisive and disabling effect of Babel. Back in the early days of the Old Testament, when people thought they could build heaven on earth in their own strength, they were frustrated by their inability to speak the same language, to understand each other and work together in harmony. Now, with the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, the Church was created to be Christ's instrument of change and transformation.

Two thousand years on from its birth, the Church is now a growing global community, full of life and transforming countless people, communities, and situations for the better. Yes, there are still cynics and doubters, perhaps we sometimes find ourselves amongst the latter. And yes, we do acknowledge that there are sincere people who find the idea of God and the owning of faith impossible, however hard they try. Also, it is well recorded throughout the history of the Church, that there have been countless examples of forces rising to oppose it when Christ's mission flourishes. Yet, thanks to the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church's life is sustained, it is refreshed and renewed in unexpected ways, and it serves the world beyond its own membership, thus furthering God's kingdom. It does not claim to be perfect, far from it, yet since its birth, the Church has been helping the world to become that bit more like heaven than would otherwise be the case.

Services of Celebration

Do join us to celebrate the Feast of Ascension on Thursday, 9th May at 5.30pm, and for the Feast of Pentecost, on Sunday 19th May – especially for the Festal Eucharist at 10.30am and (or) Festal Evensong at 3.30pm. These will be great occasions when, with the glorious and harmonious contribution of the cathedral choir, we will praise God for what he is doing in his Church today, not least in the Diocese of Leeds and through Ripon Cathedral.

The Diocese of Leeds @ 10

The signs of how God is working in his Church in this diocese are being shared and celebrated as we mark the 10th anniversary of the creation of the diocese on Easter Day in 2014.

In April, the Archbishop of York spent a long weekend in the diocese, visiting a wide variety of communities and expressions of Church across its length and breadth. He saw or heard about people coming to faith in all areas of the region; of auction mart chaplaincy in Leyburn, of mission apprentices in Bradford, of young Christians blossoming in Bradley (Huddersfield Episcopal Area), of people from Hong Kong being cared for in Leeds, of great achievements with Eco-Church in Embsay with Eastby, of the provision of sanctuary and support for asylum seekers in Wakefield, of Christian-led social action, of prison chaplaincy, of parish churches faithfully serving communities across the whole breadth of the diocese, and of much, much more.

We rightly praise God for all the clergy and people who are part of this diocese and who contribute to its mission. With the archbishop, I want to pay tribute to Bishop Nick who has provided exceptional leadership over the last decade, leading us through the inevitable complexities and challenges which come with the creation of a new diocese – yet more evidence of the Holy Spirit's work amongst us.

More Services of Celebration – don't miss *Rivers of Life* at Ripon Cathedral, 12th May at 3.30pm

All that the Archbishop saw and heard gave substance to the service of celebration at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, 20th April. There will be another cathedral celebration here at Ripon on Sunday, 12th May at 3.30pm. This is one in which Bishop Anna and I will be leading people from across the diocese in praising God for the myriad ways in which his faithfulness and life-giving love are seen in the rural communities and churches of this region. Please, do see what Canon Wendy has written about the service and the people from the region who will be illustrating how God's goodness is shown well beyond the structures of the Church, in the life of organisations and businesses which serve us all.

Everyone is very welcome to join us for this service. Please, do come along. There will be refreshments served afterwards when we can carry on the sharing of good news stories.

Yet more good news – to be shared at the annual meeting on Monday, 20th May at 7.30pm in Thorpe Prebend House

Yes, the cynics and doubters will be cynical about the prospect of an annual meeting possibly being enlivening and encouraging. And yet this is precisely what we find with the Annual Parochial Church Meeting here at the cathedral in which we have an opportunity to reflect on how God has been working in and through the cathedral community over the last year. It also gives an opportunity to thank those who are contributing so much to all that we are and do, whether it be worship and pastoral care, education visits and welcoming visitors, serving the community through Cathedral Community Connections (C3), developing our Net Carbon Zero agenda and action, supporting our wonderful choir, or raising funds.

Every parish has an Annual Parochial Church Meeting – as I chair those across the cathedral benefice, I hear many encouraging stories of how the Church is active and enriching local communities. Even though the cathedral parish no longer has a PCC, we still need to have our annual meeting, when churchwardens will be elected and people chosen to serve on the Chapter's Growth Committee (the committee which represents our worshipping community and coordinates the mission which it offers to Ripon and the wider region).

So, the focus on 20th May is the life and service of the cathedral's worshipping community. The cathedral, of course, is made up of many communities, all of which contribute invaluable to the advancing of the Chapter's vision and strategy, *Growing God's Kingdom*. The opportunity to hear about the progress across the full breadth of our mission is the meeting at which we launch our annual review. This year, that will take place on Saturday, 14th September at 10.00am in the cathedral, when we also plan to have our Eco Coffee Morning. Please, put that in your diary also.

Ripon Cathedral Renewed – additional consultation

Many thanks to all who contributed to the additional consultation we held through Lent for our development plans. We were keen to share the details with as many people as possible. As the statement on the cathedral website informs us, 77% of those who submitted a response showed support for our plans. We know, of course, that there are those who have questions about what we propose, and there are particular concerns about a veteran beech tree and other trees.

We are now processing the responses, and considering any suggestions which might help us to amend our proposals towards an acceptable compromise. I continue to be grateful to the staff and volunteers who are working hard to move things forward so that the cathedral and city might one day have the facilities which are so essential to

the sustainability of the cathedral, the welfare of its choir, volunteers, staff, congregations and many visitors, the flourishing of the city, and our service to the region and diocese.

Still more good news and great opportunities

Please, do enjoy this Newsletter – published both in hard copy and digitally, and free of charge.

At the end of his Gospel, St. John says that there was much more good news about Jesus Christ which he couldn't include. He suggested that the world couldn't contain all the books which would be written. Well, my letter cannot contain a reference to all that this newsletter is encouraging us to be aware of and share in where possible: concerts, the Golden Wedding Service, how we are working with the city to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the offerings of our amazing gift shop. Please, do read about these things and so much more.

An elected Mayor for York and North Yorkshire

The election takes place on Thursday, 2nd May of the first mayor of the combined authority of York and North Yorkshire. This is an important moment in the political development of the region and the journey, hopefully, towards meaningful devolution. I encourage us all to pray for the candidates, for the wise use of the ballot box, and for grace and wisdom for the person elected.

Through the Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum, I am inviting the new mayor to come to the cathedral to meet with members of the forum. This is an opportunity for him or her to share their vision and to hear about the priorities of some of the leaders and major organisations serving the region.

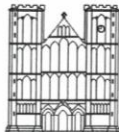
Prayers for the King, Queen and the Royal Family

Monday, 6th May will mark the first anniversary of the coronation. This prompts me to encourage us all to pray for the King, Queen and Royal Family, and especially for good health for His Majesty and Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales.

A Prayer for the King, Queen and Royal Family:

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all grace, we ask your blessing on His Majesty the King, Her Majesty the Queen, and all members of the Royal Family as they fulfil their service among us; that both by their word and example our nation and the commonwealth may be strengthened in the love of righteousness and freedom, and preserved in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With my very best wishes
Dean John



Dear Friends

**Re: Rivers of Life – Celebrating 10 years of rural life in the Diocese of Leeds
Sunday 12th May at 3.30pm at Ripon Cathedral**

At Eastertide, ten years ago, the Diocese of Leeds as we know it today, came into being. As you have possibly heard from your Area Dean, here in Ripon, we will be hosting a Diocesan Service at the Cathedral on Sunday 12th May at 3.30pm to give thanks for the rural church and its ministry across the Diocese of Leeds over the last ten years. The service is called ‘Rivers of Life: Celebrating 10 years of Rural Life in the Diocese of Leeds’.

We will hear from representatives from the farming community, National Trust and nature conservation organisations, amongst others, to help us celebrate the joys and understand the challenges, that we may pray together for rural, village and market-town life across the diocese.

Whilst we expect and hope many who attend to be from the Ripon Episcopal Area we are keen that clergy, licensed lay ministers and parishoners join us from the Diocese as a whole – both those who minister, worship and work in other rural areas, but also our urban neighbours, that we may all more fully appreciate the wonderfully diverse and united nature of God’s Kingdom and people in this region.

Whilst there is no need for people to book into the service, it would help us enormously with the provision of orders of service and refreshments to have some indication of possible numbers. Please note that clergy (with the exception of Area Deans) will be sat in the congregation. RSVP should be sent to judithbustard@riponcathedral.org.uk or Tel: 01765 603462.

As well as glorious worship there will also be an opportunity to enjoy friendship and fellowship together over a cup of tea and piece of cake afterwards!

We do hope you will be moved to join with us to mark this important occasion and vital part of our partnership in the Gospel.

With Easter Blessings and many thanks,

The Right Reverend Anna Eltringham

The Very Reverend John Dobson

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Diocese of Leeds

Loving.
Living.
Learning.

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Rivers of Life

*Celebrating 10 years of Rural Life
in the Diocese of Leeds*

**Bishop Anna and Dean John, with the support of
the Bishop of Leeds, invite you to
Ripon Cathedral for a celebratory service to mark
the Tenth Anniversary of the Diocese of Leeds
on Sunday 12th May at 3.30pm**

Please be seated by 3.10pm

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Celebrating 10 years of rural life in the Diocese of Leeds by Canon Wendy Wilby

These past 10 years have speedily flown by with the Diocese exploring different ways of working in virtually every aspect of its life. One of the challenges has been having three cathedrals serving one Diocese, when, let's face it, the norm has always been one cathedral! It has encouraged our cathedrals to recognise that, after all, they don't have to be all things to all people all of the time. To that end, as ministry has come into focus, Ripon Cathedral and indeed the Ripon Area quite clearly has been called to serve the vast rural community of North Yorkshire with all its joys and concerns. It seems appropriate that, when we take stock and give thanks for the past 10 years, the service for celebrating Rural Life in the Diocese of Leeds is hosted in Ripon Cathedral.

Called **Rivers of Life**, the service will draw people together from across the diocese thanking God for all those who contribute to, and support rural community, farming and rural business. We will focus on four major areas. Firstly, we will reflect on the huge importance of water in the dales and moors with our fast-flowing rivers and reservoirs, not to mention the problems of increased flooding and water-logged land. We have invited Simon Warwick MBE of the Lower Ure Conservation Trust to share his experience with us.

Secondly, farming and food production in this new Brexit age. John Dawson, whose family farms the slopes of Ingleborough, will give us hands-on information as they face all the challenges of contributing to feeding the country.

Thirdly, visitors and hospitality, a fast-growing area as we welcome more and more tourists both from this country and abroad to visit our stunning countryside and historic sites. Justin Scully, General Manager at Fountains Abbey, National Trust, will talk about this renowned World Heritage site.

Finally, the Rt Rev Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon, will be sharing what she has discovered about community life and community spirit in her first year of episcopal ministry whilst she has travelled around North Yorkshire. Community is central to our ministry as Christians where individuals are to be valued and loved for what they are, the children of God, and where sometimes, as acting as places of Sanctuary, we have made room in our homes and hearts for refugees from war torn countries.

In all these areas we see the work of our Creator God unfolding, and in these past 10 years it has been our task to join in with that work and contribute to the bringing in of God's Kingdom.

Do come and join us at the service, you are most welcome!

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter we had at the Cathedral this year. The Lay Clerks, swelled by many depts who came to help out, alongside the girl and boy choristers and all the choral scholars enhanced the worship of the cathedral so wonderfully. I know many messages of thanks and appreciation have been passed to the Cathedral, and it is only right we the music staff hear those messages and understand how much their hard work is appreciated.

The new term has begun with rounds of recruitment taking place with around 30 schools being approached to see if there are any potential new choristers are willing to get on board and to work hard to reach their potential as Cathedral choristers. The net has been cast a little wider again this year with schools in Wetherby and North Harrogate approached.

Once term has finished though, the excitement for the tour Bavaria will really bubble over. A tour party of 50, with 37 choristers and lay clerks and staff will fly from Manchester to Munich at the end of July to perform in both concert and liturgical settings.

Please continue to pray for all the staff of the music department as they continue their work of developing a choir that enables so many to encounter God through music!



THURSDAY RIPON CONCERTS CATHEDRAL

APRIL – JULY 2024

18 th April	Tim Harper	Organ
25 th April	Jane Burnell acc. Tim Kennedy	Soprano
2 nd May	Students from Leeds University	
9 th May	Gillian Hart acc. Michael Stevenson	Oboe
16 th May	Julia Hartmann	Piano
23 rd May	Students from Leeds University	
6 th June	John Treherne	Virginals
13 th June	Paul Chamberlain	Accordion
20 th June	The Yorkshire Decibelles	Choir
27 th June	Young Singers of Ripon	
4 th July	Joseph Spratt	Tenor
11 th July	Charlotte Harper	Recorder

1.00-1.50; Refreshments served from 12.30

Free admission; retiring collection

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SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL JUNE 2024



TUESDAYS AT 7.30PM



4 JUNE
RONNY KRIPPNER
Ripon Cathedral

11 JUNE
TIM HARPER
Ripon Cathedral



18 JUNE
ALASTAIR STONE
Ripon Cathedral

25 JUNE
**KATHERINE
DIENES-WILLIAMS**
Guildford Cathedral



Tickets: £12
from Ripon Cathedral Gift Shop or online
Online tickets subject to booking fee.

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Confirmation

Are you interested in exploring faith or being confirmed?

Over 4-5 sessions, we will be exploring topics such as what is the big story of the Bible? What do we believe? What is Church? Where do I fit into the story?

The confirmation service will take place on 7th July during the 10.30am service.



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ASCENSION DAY

Festal Eucharist

Join us for this special
celebration

Thursday 9TH MAY

5.30pm



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40 days after Easter, Christ left
the earth and returned to his
Father in heaven.

Celebrate with us!

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D-Day Lectures in the Cathedral

Given by Lieutenant Colonel the Revd Nicholas Mercer

Tuesday 21st May 7.30pm

Just War Theory and the Law of the Conduct of War

Tuesday 28th May 7.30pm

Establishing and Maintaining Peace – the International Rules Based System

Ripon Cathedral's D-Day Lectures are on Tuesday 21st May and Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Quire. They will be given by Lieutenant Colonel the Revd Nicholas Mercer. The first, on the 21st, is about Just War Theory and the Law of the Conduct of War. The second one, on the 28th, is about Establishing and Maintaining Peace – the International Rules Based System.

The Canon Chancellor of Ripon, Canon Matthew Pollard said, "2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. They were the beginning of the end of the Second World War. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who served there in order to liberate Europe from the threat of tyranny. We are also indebted to those who established systems of international rules which – however imperfectly – have helped maintain relative peace in Europe for over 75 years since those dark days of 1944 and 1945. Nicholas Mercer is a powerful and compelling speaker. He has been there and done it – a practising Christian Military Lawyer who found himself in the thick of war. He speaks from first hand experience of how wars begin and are conducted, and of the pressures on the mechanisms which are meant to ensure peace."

Lieutenant Colonel the Revd Nicholas Mercer. Educated at St Andrews and Oxford University. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1990 and subsequently commissioned into the Army Legal Service 1991. He served in Northern Ireland, Bosnia Herzegovina, Cyprus and Germany and was the Command Legal Adviser for the HQ 1st (UK) Armoured Division during the Iraq War 2003. Ordained 2011 and named Liberty Human Rights Lawyer of the Year 2011-2012 for "integrity and courage in the face of the dissembling and denial of human rights abuses in Iraq 2003". Trustee of Redress 2011-2022 and member of Liberty Executive Committee and Policy Council. Formerly Rector of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and British Antarctica, he has been Rector of Bolton Abbey, North Yorkshire since 2019.

The Lectures are free and booking is not required



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80th Anniversary of D-Day & 75th Anniversary of the Royal Engineers Concert

Thursday, 6 June 2024

7pm-10pm





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 Wednesday September 18th at 7 pm

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.



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

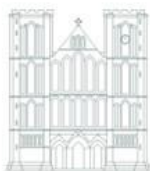
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Easter Activities Weds 27th Mar Holy Week - Donkeys, Disciples and Jesus thinking about Palm Sunday.

Here we have children making Easter baskets -weaving ribbon and assembling the baskets themselves. They had an Easter egg hunt after making Easter cards with decorated foil crosses and learning about the Easter Story. Easter basket kits created by JennyRuth supporting our C3 partner. Children and parents and carers were all enthusing about having such fun crafting together in the beauty of the Cathedral.





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GOLDEN WEDDING SERVICE

Sunday 9th June 2024 3.30pm

Were you married in 1974 or earlier?

If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding or even a longer time together, Ripon Cathedral warmly invites you to share in this year's special service of thanksgiving and blessing, to renew your vows and to reflect on and celebrate your many years of married life

If you would like to apply for tickets to attend this unique service (regardless of where you were married or where you are now living) please send your name and address to:

Mrs Trina Knockton, The Chapter House, Ripon Cathedral,
Ripon, HG4 1QT

email: CathedralAdmin@riponcathedral.org.uk Tel: 01765 603462

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

EARTH DAY 2024 – Theme PLANET vs PLASTICS



Since 1970, Earth Day, on 22nd April, has been a reminder of the urgent need for greater environmental awareness and climate action. **Globally about 400 million metric tons of plastic waste is generated annually.**

Nearly 36% of this is used in packaging, including single use products for food and drinks, and about 85% ends up in landfill. Plastic is a very useful material but it takes hundreds of years to degrade. It

comes from fossil fuel and must be produced and used responsibly, following a circular economic model.

A RECYCLED ART WORKSHOP for EARTH DAY 2024

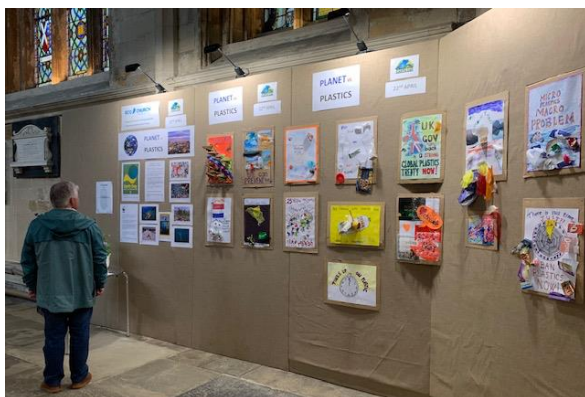


Twelve brave people participated in the challenge to make a poster on the theme ‘Planet vs Plastics’. The artworks are displayed in the north aisle. Everyone was united on the need to reduce plastic pollution, especially single use plastic, and created posters to express their ideas, helped by local artist, Gill Wicks

Some of the group who created Planet vs Plastics posters

EARTH DAY 2024 – PLANET vs PLASTICS recycled art posters in the north aisle UN GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY 2024 – round 4 talks start in Ottawa on 22nd April 2024

The UK is near the top of the charts for plastic waste per person globally, second only to the US, according to the results of the BIG PLASTIC COUNT, organised by Green Peace and Everyday Plastic, and participated in by 225,000 people in March 2024.



UK HOUSEHOLDS ARE THROWING AWAY AN ESTIMATED* 1.7 BILLION PIECES OF PLASTIC A WEEK – THAT'S 90 BILLION PIECES PER YEAR

*Assuming the data from our households are typical across the UK



CRUCIAL UN GLOBAL PLASTIC TREATY TALKS

On April 22nd, 175 countries, including the UK, are coming together for the fourth time in Ottawa to thrash out details of a global treaty that could end plastic pollution, by drastically reducing single use plastic and improving re-cycling in poorer countries. We do our best to reduce and recycle plastic but plastic pollution is forecast to triple by 2040. **It is time for governments, big brands and supermarkets to take responsibility and agree a strong GLOBAL PLASTICS TREATY by the end of 2024.**

REFUSE – REUSE – REDUCE our SINGLE USE PLASTIC NOW....

Drinks bottles

A rising tide of plastic

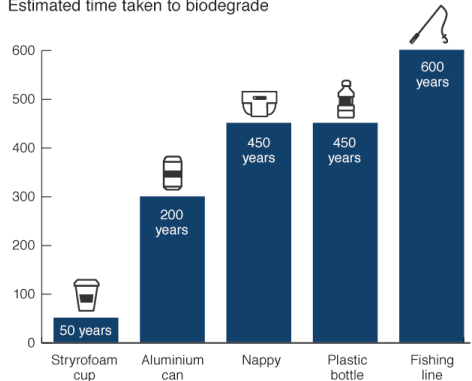


Source: Euromonitor

BBC

How long til they're gone?

Estimated time taken to biodegrade



Exact time will vary by product type and environmental conditions

Source: NOAA / Woods Hole Sea Grant

BBC

ELLEN MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

In 2005 Ellen Macarthur sailed solo around the world in the fastest time ever.

- Then she quit sailing because she realised that the resources of our planet are finite. She became passionate about sustainability.
- In 2010, she set up the Ellen Macarthur Foundation to research and promote the transition to a CIRCULAR ECONOMY in partnership with governments, universities and global brands. <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org>
- WATCH her TED TALK – ‘The surprising thing I learned sailing solo around the world.’



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND has a mission to care for the planet -
‘To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth’

1. Getting to Net Zero Carbon by 2030

The General Synod, in 2022, supported a Routemap to make the Church of England Net Zero Carbon by 2030, in its churches, cathedrals, schools, colleges and clergy housing. Please look at this link which takes you to an introduction to the Routemap on the Church of England website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-T1EISy8T50>

2. Joining the Eco Church Award Scheme

The Church of England has asked all churches to sign up to become an Eco Church or Eco Cathedral. Please look at this link which takes you to the Eco Church website and explains how the Award scheme works. <https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/eco-church/>

3. Caring for the Environment in the Diocese of Leeds

The Environment Officer at the Diocese is Jemima Parker. She has established a network of volunteer Area Environment Champions in the Deaneries.

The role of the AEC is to link with the Parish Environment Officer in every church in their area and help them on their church’s journey to Net Zero Carbon 2030 and Eco Church. Please look at the Diocesan environment pages <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/our-faith/environment/>

4. Working towards NZC 2030 at Ripon Cathedral

1. At the end of 2022, the Cathedral lightbulbs changed to LED, and a green electricity contract was signed. It is hoped to change to low energy external spotlights soon.

2. The Environment and NZC 2030 Committee has concluded that ground source heat pumps are not possible because of Ripon geology. It is currently researching solar panels.

3. The Committee would like to reduce paper and printing costs. Chester Cathedral saved £30K by various measures.

Please be sustainable and help reduce our paper and printing costs by using the QR code at the 10.30am service.

CONSERVATION AREA

Ripon Cathedral is surrounded by a wonderful green space. It is cared for by Tim Lee and his assistant, Emily. One aspect of their work is on the south side, where they manage the graves and have helped the cyclamen under the copper beech to spread into a stunning carpet.



Ros Swaney met Tim and Emily to discuss the care of the Conservation Area.

This area has naturalised into a spring garden. It starts with snow drops and celandine. Then cowslips, primroses and violets appear. There are some large clumps of blue bells,

before the cow parsley takes over and also the cleavers. There are brambles along the wall and this provides protection for hedgehogs and other small mammals. The dominant cow parsley is a valuable pollinator. Paths could be mown through the area but dog walkers who do not clean up after their dogs make this problematic.

Would you like to help come up with a plan to manage the area and encourage some of the species mentioned above? If you have expertise or enthusiasm to help, please contact a member of the Eco Action Group – Ros Swaney, Dorothy Gray, Loretta Williams.

THE JOYFUL SINGING OF THE CLIMATE CHOIR MOVEMENT



Founded in Bristol in 2022, as the 'moderate voice of protest', there are now 11 Climate Choirs in England and 1 in Swansea.

The choirs have sung in support of nature and the planet at Parliament House, the Science Museum, Barclays Bank AGM and Bath Abbey.

Watch the videos on <https://climatechoirmovement.org>

A Fishy Ode

The sea, the sea,
It is fantastic
When it isn't full of plastic.
Full of colour, full of fish
But would you want it on your dish?
If you did but know and remember
From January to December,
That in your fillet or fish finger,
Micro plastics always linger.
Each and almost every day
Micro-ing and there to stay,
Much to our sorrow and disgrace.
And so say all the human race.
For we have nearly lost the plot
To give our thanks for all we've got.
We must work to clear up the sea
For every fish what'ere it may be
And rid it of the micro plastic.
Now wouldn't that be
FANTASTIC?

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RIPON CATHEDRAL SUMMER BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday 24th August 2024



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With live music throughout, a range of guest ales, refreshing ciders and delicious street food in the cathedral grounds, this event is not one to miss!

There'll be children's activities to keep little ones entertained. Please put the date in your diary and we'll update on beers, bands and entertainment.

Tickets will be available soon



Ripon Cathedral is committed to supporting our community through partnerships with local charities.

Contact C3@riponcathedral.org.uk or 01765 603462



CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid Week (12-18 May) will focus on the Cost-of-Living Crisis.

Contact Dorothy Gray dorothygray1152@gmail.com if you can help deliver envelopes. *New volunteers welcomed!*

- **Sponsored Walk - York to Ripon in aid of Christian Ai** - see poster in this newsletter
- **Date for your Diary:** A fund raising market stall of pre-loved handbags, scarves, and jewellery on Ripon Market on **3 August**. Donations can be left in a weatherproof bag on the steps of St Wilfrid's house (Canon Michael's House)



Support for today, planning for tomorrow

DEMENTIA FORWARD 03300 578592

<https://www.dementiaforward.org.uk>

- **Tuesday 14th May, 10.30am - 11.30am.** Free online dementia awareness event. Email fiona.andrews@dementiaforward.org.uk for the link to join the session)
- **An Appeal for Bakers.** An urgent need for bakers to help with cakes and scones for the events. If you are able to help, please email amy.senior@dementiaforward.org.uk.

Could you spare a few hours? Urgent need for **volunteers** at The George Armitage Centre in Burton Leonard. Go to <https://www.dementiaforward.org.uk/volunteering/>



JENNYRUTH WORKSHOPS

<https://www.jennyruth.co.uk> info@jennyruth.co.uk

Jennyruth Workshops will showing off their Spring wares at the **Harlow Carr Summer Garden event - 21st-23rd June.**

OR you can always shop online at <https://www.jennyruth.co.uk>



RIPON ROTARY CLUB. This year's Ripon Rotary Charity Bike Ride will be on the **11th May**. For more information:

<https://riponrotarybikeride.org/rider-info.aspx> HELPERS ALWAYS WELCOMED! Contact Wendy Richardson if you can help.



RIPON YMCA 01765 607609. info@riponymca.org

You can help the YMCA's work with vulnerable young people if you:

- **Make a donation of** products for our tenants - **washing up liquid, sponges and blue cloths,etc** . Leave at the baskets at the West Door of the Cathedral or at the YMCA Charity Shop next to Booths.
- Visit and shop at the **YMCA Charity Shop**.
- Become a **volunteer or Trustee** – more info on the website.
- Join their **Room Sponsor scheme** and make a regular donation. £12 per month



Harrogate and District
Community Action

HARROGATE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION
hadca@hadca.org.uk_or phone 01423 504074

The **HADCA Where To Turn to Directory** provides information about local services. The **HADCA Volunteering Directory** provides information for people wishing to volunteer in the local area.

HADCA runs a weekly **FRIENDSHIP CLUB** for people from the Ripon area who are over 65 years old - St Wilfrid's Community Centre every Tuesday from 12:30- 3pm.



You are invited to our
Friendship Club
Every Thursday 12.30pm - 3pm
St Wilfrids Community Centre, Trinity Lane, Ripon

THE POWER OF 10 provides young people experiences of volunteering within the community. **If you know of any volunteer organisations who could offer volunteering opportunities to young people in the Ripon area, please contact Joanne Thackwray. JoanneT@hadca.or.uk**



Helping our Food Banks

Donation boxes at the West End of the Cathedral. The SA is busy stocking up supplies for families to use in the school holidays when children will not have school meals.

Needed:

Tinned vegetables, instant mash, tinned meats and stews, pasta sauces, rice puddings and custard, fruity pots w/jelly, fruit spreads, healthy snack bars, uht milk



Food Support



RIPON WALLED GARDEN

[01765 609229 https://www.facebook.com/RiponWalledGarden/](https://www.facebook.com/RiponWalledGarden/)

For information about **THE WALLED GARDEN'S MAY SPRING FAIR** and their exciting **BRASS BAND CONCERT** in June see posters elsewhere in this newsletter.



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

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aid

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

christianaid.org.uk/appeals/christianaidweek



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RIPON WALLED GARDEN

SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 18TH MAY
9.30AM - 4PM

CIRCUS SKILLS, BALLOON
MODELLING, PIMMS &
REFRESHMENTS, ON SITE CAFE
AND FOOD STALLS,
CHILDREN'S ORCHARD GAMES,
LIVE MUSIC, TOMBOLA, PLANT
SALES, INDEPENDENT STALLS,
FACE PAINTING, A WOODLAND
WALK AND SO MUCH MORE!

A SUPER FUN FAMILY DAY OUT!

DONATION AT THE GATE - ALL PROCEEDS TO RIPON COMMUNITY LINK,
SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH LEARNING AND PHYSICAL DISABILITIES -
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1049030



SAT
29TH JUNE
2024
7.30PM



"LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS"

AT **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, RIPON**

WITH
RIPON CITY BAND
& **SARAH FOX**
(INTERNATIONAL SOPRANO)
RCL SING AND SIGN CHOIR

TICKETS £15- AVAILABLE FROM:

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THE LITTLE RIPON BOOK SHOP (CASH)
STUFF 4 OFFICES (CASH) OR CALL 01765 609229

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CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10-5; Sun 12-5. Tel: 01765 601347

Cathedral gift shop supplier insight.

We are often asked who produces items for the shop. Here we introduce Oakapple Designs manufacturers of our replica medieval wood carvings.

The company is headed by Philip Youle B.A. (Hons) Industrial Design (Product) who with our small and dedicated team manufactures these unique reproductions in our own factory/workshop.

All the pieces we reproduce are hand crafted to the highest standard and produced here in the United Kingdom that capture all the fine detail exact from the original with a very authentic copy virtually indistinguishable from the originals.

Oakapple Designs Ltd are the only company in the United Kingdom with unique permission from the Deans and Chapters of the cathedrals to take copies directly from these magnificent carvings and to then reproduce them for resale, to the Cathedral Gift shops and to our own customers both retail and wholesale.

Over the past 20 plus years we have visited many of the major Cathedrals and Abbeys in the United Kingdom and taken moulds directly from these wonderful and magnificent carvings. These carvings have survived England's long and rich cultural history and are now part of our unique collection of outstanding pieces that we have put together. The pieces we produce are some of the finest surviving examples from the master craftsmen of this period and ecclesiastic design and now available for the private collector. Over this period of time we have gained an excellent reputation from the Cathedrals and Abbeys with our professional service and reliability, we have been trusted to take these moulds from these very valuable and historically important carvings and then reproduced these for their own retail shops.



We have taken copies of carvings from many Cathedrals including Lincoln Cathedral, Ripon Cathedral, Beverley Minster, Ely Cathedral, Cartmel Priory, Worcester Cathedral, St. Giles of Edinburgh and Carlisle Cathedral.

Our customers include York Minster, Lincoln Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, St. Georges of Windsor Castle, English Heritage, Skipton Castle, Chester Cathedral, St. Martin in the fields – London, Leeds Council, National Galleries, Holy Trinity Church of Stratford upon Avon and the National assembly for Wales along with many other Cathedrals, Castles and Gift shops.

Here is a small selection of the Ripon Cathedral replicas taken from the medieval carvings 1490-1495 from within the choir stalls available in the Gift Shop



The Griffin & Hare - £58

This piece is especially interesting and special in that it is believed to be one of the main inspirations for the White Rabbit from the story of Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. Lewis Carroll's father was a Canon of Ripon Cathedral and Lewis would have spent much time within the Cathedral studying and observing these wonderful medieval carvings



Mr Somebody - Blemmyae - £17



The Ripon Hound - £17

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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