

# RIPON CATHEDRAL

## JULY – AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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## A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

### **Let every person be subject to the governing authorities**

As this Newsletter is published, we are within days of the general election. Like a growing number of nations this year - thinking about the shock election in France - the United Kingdom will choose its next government. And whatever its political complexion, we must pray for it and for the unity and well-being of the country.

It was a privilege to host and chair hustings during the campaign. A large crowd turned out, as did all eight candidates for the Skipton and Ripon constituency. It proved to be a very good-spirited event in which people respectfully listened to what each candidate had to say. It shows what can be achieved when the sort of bad behaviour and bullying which so often distorts public discourse, not least on social media perhaps, is absent. Well, perhaps it was never a real risk in the cathedral. Even so, I was delighted that so many people expressed genuine gratitude afterwards for the positive spirit which still gave the audience freedom to ask questions and express frustration.

The hustings began with prayer, and prayer has been encouraged by our archbishops and bishops throughout the campaign. The small booklet, *Pray Your Part*, has provided a biblical reflection and prayer for each day of the campaign. The final offering draws on Romans 13:1;

*'Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God...'*

The reflection includes these wise words;

*'Unquestioning obedience is not due to any elected government. However, we owe respect, compassion and prayer. Our government is led by real people with their own joys and struggles who offer their own gifts in public service. Let us pray for them and care for them.'*

This resonates with a theme in the sermon I preached on 9<sup>th</sup> June, when in a packed cathedral we commemorated the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Engineers enjoying the Freedom of the City, and we installed the Mayor of Ripon in the Quire. Drawing on the gospel passage of the day, Mark 3:20-35, there was a clear opportunity to speak up for the importance of unity in local, national and international communities, a unity which may have to be won by standing up against those who would distort truth and justice and undermine peace and freedom. You can find the text of the sermon in the pages below.

The final prayer offered by *Pray Your Part* for the general election campaign is;

*God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth  
and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants,  
life everlasting.  
Amen.*

## **Saying goodbye to Amanda Anderson**

Amanda Anderson joined us as Chief Operating Officer (COO) last summer and, sadly, due to family circumstances has had to draw back from work for some time, and so leave the cathedral. She has done a tremendous job for us during her time here, not least in the often-unnoticed areas of governance administration, health and safety, human resources and staff structures. Chapter members and staff gathered in the Cathedral Library on her last day for a tea party in which we were able to make presentations to express our gratitude and to wish her well for the future.

The process of recruiting Amanda's successor is well underway. Our hope is that we will have someone in place by the end of the year. In the meantime, I am extremely grateful to Anne Groves for taking on the mantle of interim COO.

## **Mitchel Ingham Barrow, the new Chairperson of RCDT**

I am delighted that the Chapter has appointed Mitchel Ingham Barrow as the new chair of trustees of the Ripon Cathedral Development Trust (RCDT). He replaces the Revd Nicholas Mercer, Rector of Bolton Priory, who retired a few months ago after five active years in the role.

After spending time in London, New York, Berlin and Singapore Mitchel has returned to his parent's old home in Dacre Banks. He has spent the last 25 years working in a variety of roles for large financial data organisations, identifying and implementing growth opportunities. He comments,

'My great-great-great-grandfather was an honorary canon of the cathedral. It is my privilege to help ensure the cathedral will continue to be a resilient centre of worship and mission for the next five generations of my family!'

We can only be encouraged by Mitchel's long-term perspective, something which comes naturally to us here at Ripon with the oldest cathedral fabric in the country. He is fortunate to be joining us at a time when the cathedral is enjoying growth and fruitful development across the whole breadth of its mission strategy, *Growing God's Kingdom*. Numbers of worshippers, choristers, visitors and school visits have all seen remarkable growth over the last year. Mitchel has promised to write an article for the next edition of the Newsletter, sharing his vision for growth in financial support through the work of RCDT. We have much to look forward to!

## **A glorious summer, whatever the weather!**

We have already been enjoying a glorious summer, with a brilliant organ festival, ordinations, a host of celebratory services and events, a prayer vigil for refugees in Refugee Week, the meeting of the Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum, and a great gathering of clergy for the Ripon Cathedral Rural Ministry Forum. This is quite apart from the daily ministry of welcoming visitors and pilgrims. You can read about many of these events in the pages below.

It is always a privilege for a cathedral to host an ordination service. It was a particular joy for us at Ripon to be with Bishop Anna, the Area Bishop of Ripon, on the first anniversary of her becoming a bishop as she presided for the first time at an ordination. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to Bishop Nick, our diocesan bishop, being with us to ordain 11 people as deacons, to serve in parishes across the whole of the diocese.

The pages below also tell of much still to look forward to over the coming months, this includes events for children and families during the school holiday weeks.

As the choir year draws to a close, we say a huge thank you to all music staff, members of the choir, and chorister parents, for the superlative contribution they have made to the cathedral's worship and life since September. We wish them a well-earned rest over the summer, while other visiting choirs will sustain our music. Of course, some of our choristers and music staff are touring Dr Krippner's (our director of music's) native Bavaria at the end of July. We pray for them and wish them well!

With my very best wishes, Dean John

**Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Choral Eucharist  
with the Commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day,  
the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Royal engineers gaining the Freedom of the City,  
and the Installation of the Mayor of Ripon**

### **The Dean's Sermon**

'If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.' (Mark 3:24-25)

Jesus tells the truth. Not that this prevents the mischief makers trying to undermine him with their usual tactics of distortion and lies, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons, he casts out demons.' (Mk 3:22)

From Jesus comes truth and wisdom, and the point is, we know immediately that what he says makes sense.

In the same way that those words which have decorated the Town Hall of this city for generations make sense, words which the choir will sing as we take the Mayor through to the Quire (the east end of the cathedral) to be installed;

'Except the Lord keep the city; The watchman waketh but in vain.'

Mr Mayor, in coming to this sacred place with your colleagues today, representing, as you do, the whole community, you acknowledge that there is a higher authority yet above civic leaders and the leaders of the nations. Gathering in this ancient cathedral this morning, we all acknowledge that God is the source of all life, that he sustains all life, and without him - and without heeding his wisdom and truth, without following his ways of peace and justice, of mutual respect and common courtesy - the life of this city is spoilt.

So, we thank you Mr Mayor for being here this morning to be installed. We thank you and your civic colleagues for what you seek to do for the wellbeing of this city.

‘Except the Lord keep the city; The watchman waketh but in vain.’

And surely, the same could be said about the whole world.

This weekend, we also commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Normandy landings. The reflections that we have been hearing and observing over recent days remind us of the tragic human price which is paid when tyrants and distorters of truth are allowed to persist with their vile schemes. These reflections, and for some, personal memories, have come from the beaches and cliffs of Normandy, and from homes across Europe, America and beyond. They spoke of the immense courage, the detailed planning, the prolonged training, the deploying of over 5,000 ships and landing craft in the largest air and seaborne invasion in the history of fallen humanity. They spoke of thousands making the supreme sacrifice in an attempt to drag humanity back up onto the high ground, the sunlit uplands of peace and freedom with justice. Throughout the Second World War, countless people, including vast numbers of civilians, lost their lives so that their generation and future generations might live in a world that was a bit more like heaven than the tyrants and distorters of Christ’s truth would have it be.

On the eve of the invasion, General Montgomery, Commander of the Allied land forces addressed the troops and said this,

“In the better days that lie ahead, men will speak with pride of our doings. We have a great and righteous cause.”

80 years on we can agree that the General spoke the truth. We do speak well of those who took part in Operation Overlord. But are we confident that the better days of which he spoke are guaranteed?

Our first reading today reminds us of the famous mythical account, right at the beginning of scripture, which tries to make sense of the undeniable observation that the world is far from perfect; humanity is far from perfect.

The man blamed the woman – typical! She had given him the forbidden fruit. The woman blamed the serpent, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ Always passing on the blame! But the net result is the same – a world divided, nations divided, communities divided.

'If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.'

And the state of the world today, with war in Europe and conflict raging in the holy land, reminds us that we cannot be complacent. Those kingdoms and houses that would stand for peace and freedom with justice must stand together – united. John Donne famously wrote, 'No man is an island.' Neither is a nation.

In celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Engineers gaining the Freedom of this city, we are affirming again our commitment as a city to supporting and encouraging the 21 Engineers who are such an import dimension of this community today. In this cathedral, we pray for you regularly every month, as we pray regularly for the mayor and council, for the business community and charities, for the medical services and the police and fire fighters and so. We pray for the whole community. But when you 21 Engineers are deployed in challenging situations, we keep a candle lit for you on the Altar of Justice and Peace and we pray for you every day.

Colonel Bishop, we give thanks to you and your colleagues today for your professionalism and commitment to duty; for all that you do for the peace and wellbeing of this nation and the wider global community.

In a fallen, imperfect world, where tyrants and the enemies of peace and truth still raise their heads from time to time, it is a sobering yet undeniable truth that those nations that would stand up for peace must prepare for war. So, we also pray for our political leaders, asking that they too will show the same commitment to peace and freedom which is seen in the willingness of our armed forces to risk everything.

And finally, and briefly, we must each of us in this cathedral this morning accept our part in ensuring the wellbeing of the city and the peace of the world. The words Jesus spoke there, 2,000 years ago, words of wisdom and truth – often the uncomfortable truth, he speaks to us here and now. And he invites each one of us to heed his words and to follow him in our daily living. And this morning, in our personal lives, in our professional and public lives, he calls us to be agents of that peaceful unity which, ultimately, can only come from him.

'If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.'

## **Ripon Cathedral Rural Forum**

The Cathedral's Rural Forum convenes gatherings of representatives of more than 30 organisations from across the rural sector of the region. We are very pleased recently to have had a day with the newly elected Mayor of York and North Yorkshire. Our members were able to ensure that the Mayor understood what their concerns and priorities are. Readers of the newsletter will understand that, for perfectly good reasons, we are not allowed to generate publicity about the event or report on what was discussed until after the General Election – the publication date for this edition of the newsletter was before July 4<sup>th</sup>. What we can say, though, is that we look forward to reporting in the future on a growing relationship between the Rural Forum and the Mayor's office.

## **Ripon Cathedral Rural Ministry Forum**

A new venture for the Cathedral is to convene people – either ordained or lay - who are engaged in Christian ministry in rural contexts, in order to provide support and encouragement for each other. The second such gathering took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> June. Around 35 people came together from all over the Diocese of Leeds. We must remember that the Ripon area does not have a monopoly on things rural: there's a great deal of countryside around Barnsley, Wakefield and Huddersfield.

The keynote speaker was the Revd Canon Caroline Pinchbeck who is the Rural Life Advisor for the Diocese of York. She spoke of how different things grow better in different soils, and of how different people like different types of gardens. It's necessary to know what sort of soil you're gardening in, and to work out what sort of garden you want to create. She brought a wealth of experience and wisdom to bear on helping us to think it all through.

We also had representatives from four different localities across the Diocese giving us case studies of how they are collaborating with others in each of their contexts faithfully and fruitfully to engage in God's mission. It was an uplifting and affirming day attended by people who are passionate and enthusiastic about their vocations. It is clear that the rural church is very relevant to rural communities, very alive and very effective in building God's Kingdom.



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# Join us this summer

Join us in the cathedral on Tuesday mornings 10.30am-12pm during the school summer holidays for some fun, creative activities.

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Families



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## EDUCATION AND ALL AGE LEARNING

Over the course of the last six months, the Education Department has been expanding its range of learning packages and tailoring them to meet the specific learning outcomes requested by particular schools. When schools come to the Cathedral, it is not just for a day out. They come to have their curriculum enriched in a specific and targeted way which ties into different subject areas and is suited for differing age groups of learners.

We have also begun to offer larger scale events to multiple schools. It's good for pupils from very small schools to gather and be part of something larger. In some of the village schools across North Yorkshire there might only be two or three pupils in each year group. We have recently had Sacred Space Art Days. Literally hundreds of children have attended, and the Cathedral has been alive with them creating individual work which has contributed to the creation of big pieces of art which have covered the Cathedral floor. We are very fortunate to have skilled and energetic volunteers to lead these days.

**Dementia  
Forward**

Care and Support for Life

Dementia is something that worries many people, especially as we get older. But just how much do you know about

what it is, and is not? How can you support someone with dementia, and where can you turn if you are concerned about symptoms?

Dementia Forward are an experienced and established team supporting people with dementia and those who care for them through a range of services. They can support you whether you have a diagnosis, are worried about memory problems or care for someone affected by dementia.

C3 is hosting a free  
Dementia Information Evening  
on

**MONDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER  
7:30 PM**

**In Thorpe Prebend House**

**Places are limited, so if you are interested in  
attending, please reserve a place  
By emailing**

**[C3@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:C3@riponcathedral.org.uk)**

# GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS



Saving Creation  
Diocese of Leeds

## ECO ACTION GROUP REPORT FOR THE GROWTH COMMITTEE – MAY 2024

**The main aim of the Eco Action Group**, since forming almost three years ago, has been to raise awareness, in the congregation, of the fifth mark of mission of the Church of England 'to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'.

It does this through encouraging the **Eco Church Award Scheme** and by spreading the ideas of **Net Zero Carbon 2030**, which is the challenging goal set for all our churches.

**A second aim** is for Ripon Cathedral to give a clear message to the community and to visitors that it is concerned about the climate crisis, and about human over exploitation of nature, and about the effect of this on all our neighbours, particularly those in the Global South.

**At the Cathedral we have almost achieved a Silver Eco Church Award** through our exhibitions and other activities and through energy reductions measures in our workplace and buildings. But we are not quite there and we have been asked to have an Eco page on the website to make it easier for people to understand our views and achievements on nature and climate change issues.

**Another matter to be considered is how and where to have a dedicated area in the Cathedral for the fifth mark of mission, Eco Church and Net Zero Carbon 2030.** I know many people are looking interested in this subject from the number of brochures which people pick up in the Cathedral. It would be wonderful to have a quiet, prayerful space dedicated to the care of God's creation and all that implies.

Really the **Eco Action Group** is at the start of the journey and we hope to gather more people, more ideas and more momentum in the coming year.

*Ros Swaney, Ripon Cathedral Environment Officer*

## SAVING CREATION GOLD COURSE NEWS

**Congratulations** to Dorothy Gray who completed the one-year Gold Saving Creation course in June. Dorothy will join Ros Swaney in the role of Ripon Cathedral Environment Officer to encourage the churches in the Parish on their environment journey and to act for the environment via her position on the Growth Committee and as Synod representative for the Cathedral

**On the 8<sup>th</sup> of September at the Evensong Service at 5.30pm**, Dorothy and Ros will be commissioned into their role of **Eco Mission Enabler** by Bishop Anna, along with other graduates of the Saving Creation Gold course, which was initiated by the Diocese of Leeds in 2022 and is now an approved ministry pathway.

# PILGRIMS, PALESTINIANS, AND PASSPORTS

by Dorothy Gray June 2024



My friend Clare Slator and I, along with our dogs, Skit and Scout, have embarked upon a long-term pilgrimage. Our intention is to visit all 42 Anglican cathedrals in England within two years. We venture out each month to one or more Cathedrals and so far, we have been to 14. The Cathedral Passport provides us with a prompt to our destinations and the Cathedral stamps to record visits are much appreciated – there's nothing like a to-do list to tick off.

A principal aim is to publicise a small local charity, the **Jeel Scholarship Fund**, which supports further education in Palestine. The students are peace-loving youngsters, from impoverished backgrounds on the West Bank, who want to contribute to the well-being of their community. Donations are paid through the McCabe Educational Trust, so all monies go directly to the students. The charity is run by volunteers from around Ripon, so there are no administrative costs.

Our pilgrimage was conceived and started before the current conflict in Gaza and Israel began – but it could not be timelier. One of the students, Mahmoud, a trainee medic, found out that thirty of his father's family were dead or missing just before our journey to York Minster. Lighting a candle there for him seemed appropriate. More information on the fund and our individual outings can be found at

[www.jeelscholarshipfund.org](http://www.jeelscholarshipfund.org)

Pilgrimages are made to particular places with the intention of encountering God, in Christ. There cannot be more rewarding places of significance than our majestic and enduring Cathedrals, from Carlisle to Canterbury, to Norwich, to Truro. They all do it differently – for example, the photo of bean bags for Children's Church at Lichfield.



Our journeys include a walk round the environs of each Cathedral, usually a recommended pilgrim route which illuminates the context of the specific Cathedral. We attend a service where possible as well as visiting the shop and cafe where available.

We have found great hospitality and fellowship on our visits. In explaining about the charity, we become more aware of our own blessings.

Our Christian commitment is being deepened as we encounter others who inspire our faith. We hope to keep our hearts and minds open for future visits and remember the Lord to whom we are grateful.

Our last visit and stamp, will be to our home Cathedral here in Ripon. The photograph of the four of us is outside Lichfield Cathedral.



## **A CHANCE to LEARN about the ECO MISSION of other CATHEDRALS**

A secondary purpose of Dorothy and Clare's pilgrimage to the 42 English Anglican Cathedrals is to ascertain and evaluate the Environment ministry of other cathedrals and how they put their message across to visitors and the congregation.

The Eco Action Group hopes to learn from others and to share what we are doing at Ripon Cathedral.

A good example of an Eco active Cathedral is -

### ***Worcester Cathedral –founded 1084 – Silver Eco Church Award***

*Patron Saints - Bishop Wulstan and St Oswald – Prince Arthur's Chantry; King John's tomb and St. Wulfstan's crypt.*

- *Cloisters Café dog friendly.*
- *Information on Living Gently on the Earth on website and noticeboards.*
- *Silver award with extensive information on web site on biodiversity in Cathedral grounds; partner organisations such as Caring for God's Green Acre*
- *Longstanding Eco Talks Series. Also, information on Social Justice issues such as Modern Slavery*
- *An Energy Statement on display*
- *A Rocha Silver award certificate on display in Cathedral and information on Eco talks on notice boards. There are several boards with similar notices so if you miss one you catch another.*
- *The gift shop is comprehensive with memorabilia related to the Cathedral, including some nature based such as bird feed for the peregrines (mum bird on screen on four eggs), bees and a pink giraffe. In the stained-glass window on the Creation there are some special pieces including a pink giraffe. Most gift shops have goods with a specific local theme.*

## **NEWS from the DIOCESE of LEEDS**

### **Public Pledge to Not Invest in Fossil Fuels is Backed by Diocesan Synod**

At Diocesan Synod in March, members voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion presented by the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon, which proposed: "That this Diocesan Synod approves the proposal that the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance does not invest in companies with significant revenues (i.e. greater than 10%) arising from fossil fuels, in the future".



Sign up to <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/gods-green-fingers-newsletter> for Diocesan Environment News

## ECO TIPS

### No Mow May... and June, July and August!

Gardeners are being urged to keep areas of grass long. You don't have to completely avoid mowing - the recommendation is a layered approach, where shorter grass is complemented by areas of longer grass. This two-height approach boosts floral diversity and nectar and pollen production through the year, and less mowing gives garden lovers more time to relax and reconnect with nature!

*For more practical eco-tips, sign up to [Wild Christian](#), which is part of A Rocha Eco Church*

### VISIT OUR LOCAL NATURE RESERVES OVER SUMMER

On the [Yorkshire Wildlife Trust website](https://www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves) <https://www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves>

you will be inspired to visit some beautiful local reserves to contemplate and be thankful for God's wonderful natural world on which we all depend.

### TRAVELLING ON HOLIDAY – WHAT ABOUT YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT?

More and more people are trying to find ways to travel more sustainably. Buses and trains are good options and so is renting an electric car and exploring how easy or difficult it is to recharge! Flying is still the means most people use to go longer distances. If you can afford to offset your carbon footprint the Church of England recommends –

**Climate Stewards** which is part of the [A Rocha](#) family of organisations, caring for God's creation around the world.

Climate Stewards have offered high quality carbon offsets since 2007 and now work with many hundreds of individuals, charities and churches to provide advice and support in their carbon reduction journey.

The office is in Somerset, UK, and the staff team enjoys the support of a committed group of trustees.

The carbon calculator is easy to find on the website and is easy to use - <https://www.climatestewards.org/about-us/>

**9 WAYS TO TRAVEL WITH LESS PLASTIC**

- 1** Reusable drinks bottles\*
- 2** Bamboo travel cutlery
- 3** Bring your own snacks
- 4** Look up how to say "no straw please"
- 5** Choose ice creams in cones not cups
- 6** Beverages in glass bottles, cans or on-tap
- 7** Collapsible food pots for snacks and take-outs
- 8** Soap & shampoo bars and plastic-free deodorant
- 9** Reusable shopping bags

**#LessOceanPlastic**  
\* If tap water is not safe at your destination, take a water filter or purifier

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# RIPON Theatre FESTIVAL 2-7 July 2024



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[www.ripontheatrefestival.org](http://www.ripontheatrefestival.org)



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# Ripon Cathedral Choir Tour Concert

Saturday 13th July 2024, 7.30pm

Come and hear the cathedral's fabulous choir share the music they're taking on tour to Bavaria in July.



Book online: £12 plus booking fee  
[www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk)





# Ripon Cathedral Summer Beer Festival

Saturday 24th August, 11.30am - 7pm

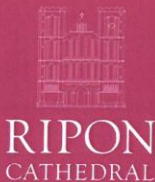
A tantalising range of beers, ciders, wines, spirits  
and soft drinks

Live Music

Street Food

Children's Activities

Book online: £8 plus booking fee  
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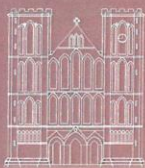
# The King's Men, Cambridge

Thursday 29th August, 7.30pm

The Choral Scholars of the Choir of King's College,  
Cambridge perform an evening of close harmony  
from Byrd to the Beatles.



Book online: £18 plus booking fee  
[www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk)



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# THURSDAY CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2024

|                            |                                |        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> September  | Daniel Gordon                  | Piano  |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> September | Alastair Stone                 | Organ  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> September | <i>TBC</i>                     |        |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> September | Tim Harper                     | Organ  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> October   | Jonathan Richards              | Guitar |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> October   | Lucinda Taylor                 | Harp   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> November   | Students from Leeds University |        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> November  | The Dales Ensemble             |        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> November  | Students from Leeds University |        |

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

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# C3: CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



Ripon Cathedral is committed to supporting our community through partnerships with local charities.  
Contact [C3@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:C3@riponcathedral.org.uk) or 01765 603462

## OUR C3 PARTNERS ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! COULD YOU HELP?



Support for today, planning for tomorrow

**DEMENTIA FORWARD**  
03300 578592. <https://www.dementiaforward.org.uk>

**Dementia Forward** would like to hear from anyone interested in volunteering at our Hub in Burton Leonard. We run day services for people with dementia with a range of activities, from singing to crafts, new age curling to quizzes. Volunteers support staff to ensure everyone has a good day and feels safe and supported. Volunteers are needed in other roles, such as driving our minibus, supporting with welfare calls, fundraising and baking. Call 01765 601224 OR email [debby.lennox@dementiaforward.org.uk](mailto:debby.lennox@dementiaforward.org.uk)



### JENNYRUTH WORKSHOPS

<https://www.jennyruth.co.uk> [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk)

JENNYRUTH WORKSHOPS is looking for new volunteers who could support workers with:

**Office skills, Painting, Using a scroll saw, Running stalls at craft fairs, Fund raising**

If you could help with any of these please contact [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk)

We can promise you will find no bigger smiles or pleasant working conditions than at Jennyruths! Visit the workshops and see for yourself.



**RIPON YMCA 01765 607609. [info@riponymca.org](mailto:info@riponymca.org)**

- Would you be interested in becoming a VOLUNTEER or TRUSTEE? Contact the Ripon YMCA and see how you could help this valuable community resource to continue to support young people in the Ripon area.
- You can also support the Ripon YMCA by sponsoring a young person's housing for £12 a month



**HARROGATE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION**  
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Harrogate and District

Community Action

The HADCA Volunteering Directory provides information for people wishing to volunteer in the local area. You can find just the type of

volunteering that matches you. See <https://hadca.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities> to find your volunteering match!

**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](mailto:JoanneT@hadca.or.uk)

**One example of a way of volunteering you might not have thought of is becoming a CARERS RESOURCE volunteer.**

A carer is someone who, without payment, provides support to a someone who could not manage otherwise. **Carers' Resource volunteers** take over for just a few hours a week to give the Carer much needed time off. **Contact Naomi Evans. 07590 877914 [naomievans@carersresource.org](mailto:naomievans@carersresource.org)**



## CHRISTIAN AID

**Date for your Diary:** A fund-raising market stall of pre-loved handbags, scarves, and jewelry 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). Please come and find a bargain for your wardrobe, and help to support the work of Christian Aid.

AND A BIG THANK YOU to all our lovely donators and envelope deliverers. Christian Aid envelopes returned to the Cathedral Office yielded **£1499.79p in cheques and cash. An amazing £3000 was donated through online donations for the sponsored walk by Mark Jowett, Clare Slator, and Dorothy Gray.** This total includes £325 given in cash by the Cathedral congregation. Many thanks to all who helped to raise this amazing amount.



Contributions have slowed a bit recently – but demand is still strong. The summer school holidays will soon be here when children will not get school meals, so we are trying to build up some stock to help. Items needed include:

**Canned meats, stews, pies and corned beef, hot dogs, pasta and pasta sauces, canned spaghetti & ravioli, canned vegetables and instant mashed potato, canned fruit and jellied fruit pots, fruit shoot drinks, rice puddings, tinned custard, custard powder, Breakfast cereals, variety packs, cereal bars, healthy snack foods and drinks, fruit squash, UHT milk – whole and semi-skimmed, Disposable Nappies and baby wipes, shampoo.**



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

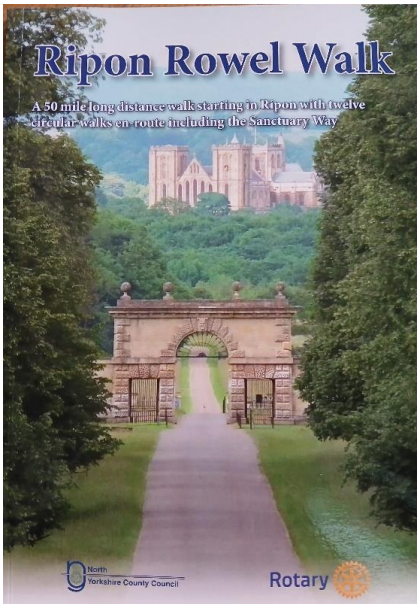
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## CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Shop opening hours:  
Monday to Saturday 10am to 5pm    Sundays 12noon to 5pm

**Book available in the Cathedral Gift Shop priced at £10 – ‘Ripon Rowel Walk’ - A 50 mile long distance walk starting in Ripon with 12 circular walks en-route including the Sanctuary Way.**



While it may not be possible to cover the whole loop in one day the [Rotary Club of Ripon Rowels](#) have published a great little book describing the route, including 12 circular walks starting and finishing in Ripon, Masham, and the surrounding area. Wholesale proceeds go towards maintaining the walk and other charities supported by the Rotary club.

This route is an elongated long loop around the lower Ure valley, starting and finishing in the ancient city of Ripon, and following recognised public rights of way and permissive paths.

The route visits villages, historic sites, wooded valleys, rivers, lakes and streams. Particular highlights are Markenfield Hall, the romantic and magnificent Fountains Abbey, Studley Water Gardens and Park and the beautiful St Mary's Church. There are visits to the tranquil River Skell's Valley of the Seven Bridges and to Eavestone Lakes, Dallowgill, Ilton-Cum-Pot, a 'Druids' Temple', and Hackfall Woods.

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

Or visit our website: [www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk).

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