

RIPON CATHEDRAL

JANUARY - FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Ring in the Christ that is to be

A friend recently bought me the book, *365 Poems for Life*, compiled by Allie Esiri. This was a kind and well-chosen gift for what I still describe as my 'insignificant' birthday. The wonderful thing is that it delivers what it promises on the cover, 'an uplifting collection of poems for every day of the year.'

Pleasingly, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's *Ring out, wild bells* (from *In Memoriam*) is chosen for 31st December and the turn of the year. Its final line provides us with the perfect prayer for any day, one that expresses a heart-felt desire for the Christ who will guide us into the future, 'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

The turn of the year lies firmly within the season of Christmas, of course. So, we are receiving plenty of reassurance that this Christ is Emmanuel, the loving God of heaven who is with us every year. In fact, rather like several collections of poems compiled by Allie Esiri, he longs to be with us every day of the year. Sadly, too often, we might be tempted to tune into Christ when prompted by challenges and difficulties, rather like taking down a half-remembered book when looking for comfort and consolation, or returning to an old friend whom we had neglected in 'better times'. Christmas assures us that the eternal God of heaven, as seen in Christ, is down to earth and promises to be with us in every circumstance of life. But he does invite us forward, leading us into his future.

Advent reminded us that to accept the gift of Christ is to be prepared to leave behind those things that hold us back from him and the fullness of life he longs for us to enjoy. Alfred, Lord Tennyson got the sense of being prepared to let the past go,

*Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.*

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

He has the wisdom to encourage us to leave behind old pains and griefs which can become such a part of a person's identity, even changing who they are in themselves,

*Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.*

A little later in the poem, the prayer is for life-changing repentance. As always with a sincere turning back towards following Christ, this can change an individual and the world for the better,

*Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.*

This looking forward continues - in positive, hopeful spirit, determined to be transformed for the better, until in the end we are brought face to face with Christ,

*Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.*

*Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.*

Well, we can certainly enter 2025 praying for an end to the sort of curses highlighted by Tennyson - slander, spite, diseases, addictions, and wars. These and others have spoiled the lives of individuals and communities, not least in the days of 2024. And, inspired by Tennyson, we can pray, hope and work for truth and right, for the love of good, for the quiet victory of peace, and for generosity to those in need ('the larger heart, the kindlier hand').

Growing God's Kingdom: ringing in the Christ that is to be

Tennyson leaves us looking forward to the possibility of a better world, of being better ourselves, by pointing us to Christ. His poem seems to inspire both devotion in prayer (and I would include worship, repentance, feasting on scripture and the sacraments), and in service to the world – all focused on Christ. This resonates powerfully with our cathedral vision, Growing God's Kingdom. The whole breadth of our vision is part of our focusing on Christ and following his lead into the future we believe he desires not just for the Church, but also for the world it exists to serve. At Ripon we have discerned that for us this includes growing as a worshipping community, forming excellent choristers and musicians, serving the diocese, engaging with rural communities, partnering with local charities, providing essential 21st century facilities, conserving and sharing our magnificent cathedral building, and caring for the environment by reducing our carbon footprint to at least net-zero.

All this is inspired by following the Christ whose birth we celebrate at Christmas and whose call we seek to heed as we step forward into 2025. The pages of the January – February Newsletter are filled with examples of how this is so, including both implicit and explicit encouragement to focus on Christ, and join in.

Epiphany, Baptism of Christ and Candlemas: ringing in the Christ that is to be

In coming days and weeks, there are at least three significant feasts which help us to ponder the full nature and character of the Christ who comes to save us and help us to become the individuals and communities he longs us to be.

The main celebration of **Epiphany** will be on Sunday, 5th January at 10.30am. The gifts of the magi will remind us, once again, of the nature of the one whose purpose is to reign in heaven and earth (combining in his care things worldly and spiritual) and being prepared to suffer for the sake of his divine love and mission.

The Baptism of Christ is celebrated on Sunday, 12th January at 10.30am, giving us an opportunity to ponder what love Christ showed in being prepared to be baptized by his cousin John. We are invited to renew our own baptismal vows, recommitting ourselves anew in our Christian discipleship early in the new year.

Ripon has become well known for the enthusiasm with which we celebrate **Candlemas**. The Festal Eucharist, with several thousand candles blazing, will be on Saturday 1st February at 5.30pm. Please note both the date and the time (we usually celebrate this on 2nd at 7.30pm; **this year it is on 1st February at 5.30pm!**).

Candlemas is the time when, ceasing to ponder Jesus' nativity, we gaze forward towards the approaching season of Lent and Holy Week. The aged Simeon's prediction that Jesus would be opposed, and Mary would herself suffer ('a sword will pierce your own soul too'), prompts the inevitable change of mood. For now, we are still celebrating Christmas and the turn of the year.

Happy New Year! Ring in the Christ that is to be

On behalf of everyone at Ripon Cathedral, I wish you a very happy New Year. And I encourage you to focus on Christ who faithfully leads us forward.

With every blessing, Dean John

Lent 2025 at Ripon Cathedral

This year Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March with a said service of Holy Communion with the imposition of Ash at 10.00am and a Solemn Eucharist with the choir at 5.30pm. Over the following six weeks there will be a number of different activities offered to help us all adopt a healthy, life-enhancing rhythm of life. There will be opportunities, pray, think about Stewardship as well as some recommended spiritual reading.

In the first three weeks of Lent we will be running a stewardship campaign looking at, "Why we give?", "What we give?" and "How we give?"

Detailed planning is taking place at the moment, so please look out for details of activities when they are confirmed in February. Please, do plan a healthy rhythm for Lent and feel free to join us for as much or as little of what we are offering.

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

It is a well-known fact that music creates memories, and in the last half term of 2024, many memories were created by outstanding music both in worship and in the Christmas concert.

The Advent Carol service with procession has attracted over 10000 views on YouTube with comments.

The Christmas concert will never be forgotten with images printed in The Times and Yorkshire Post newspapers. It is always a joy to perform with the St Cecilia Orchestra and thanks go both Xen Kelsey and Dr Krippner for working together so well.

The new term beckons, with exciting opportunities. Candlemas is possibly one of the cathedral's most loved services, this year taking place on **Saturday 1 Feb 2025 at 5.30pm**. In the summer term there will be the recording of another choir CD with items tracing the choir through the year with some favourites. And the year will end with another choir tour, this time to London. The choir are already booked in to sing Evensong at Westminster Abbey at the end of July, as well as a sung Eucharist on the last Sunday of that month.

Please continue to pray for the music staff and all in the choir that they may remain engaged and resilient as we journey towards Lent and Easter. *Canon Michael*

Confirmation 2025

In the New Year, we will begin to prepare those, who are interested in developing their faith for Confirmation.

In the Church of England, Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. If you were baptized at a christening when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

We are holding a special Confirmation service at Ripon Cathedral on **Sunday 1 June at 3.30pm** at which the Bishop of Leeds will lay his hands on your head and ask God's Holy Spirit to give you the strength and commitment to live God's way for the rest of your life.

If this is something that you might be interested in, and we suggest this is most appropriate for those in school Year 6 and above, (there is no upper age limit!) then please get in touch with the Cathedral office on cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk where you be furnished with a form asking for details. Adults will be prepared by Rev Cliff Bowman and the young people will be prepared by Canon Michael.

EDUCATION AND ALL AGE LEARNING

The Education Team have broken all records this year. They have delivered events – learning packages, holiday club activities or schools services – to more than 2150 children. And that's contributed to record levels of income for the Cathedral from the department as well. As well as having excellent learning packages for primary school age children, we have been expanding into working more with secondary school students as well.

We have also been developing more learning packages for the younger children. In the run up to Christmas we have been offering Christmas workshops – telling the Christmas story and ensuring the children understand the significance of the story for Christians – topped off with a Christingle service using a giant sized visual aid.

Here are some Testimonials from the Children

'It's a magical place. It's amazing how it was built so long ago!'

'It felt good because he was alive (Jesus)...in the statues. We lit the Christingles and it felt nice...for Jesus. It helps remember about Jesus and how God helps the world by making it a special place for us!'

'I liked looking at the statue when we were all sitting down. I liked the sweets on the Christingles.'

'I actually really enjoyed it. My favourite part was when we lit the Christingles....it felt like I was in a special park with a special circle of light.'



NEWS FROM CHILDREN & FAMILIES OFFICER

Children's Church

In November and December we remember lives laid down and the Saints that have gone before us; and we celebrate Christ the King before preparing our hearts during the season of Advent, to invite Jesus to be born again in us on Christmas Day. With all of this to ponder we have had a wonderful time in Children's Church! Hearing stories, playing games, creating beautiful and messy crafts; and as ever the children have loved showing all that they have done to the congregation before leading us beautifully in prayer.



Cathedral Club

In the after-school club we run each week at Cathedral Primary School we have had lots of fun playing games, getting crafty, and getting to know one another better over a piece of fruit and a biscuit. Our theme for this half-term has been The Lord's Prayer – how well do we really know it and what does each line really mean?!



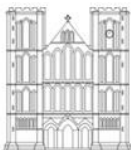
Toy Service

Some of our Children's Church children read beautifully at the Toy Service on 8th December and so many families brought gifts to be distributed to those in need by the Salvation Army, for which we are so grateful.

Journey to Bethlehem

We now look forward to finishing the year in dressing-up and jollity at the much-loved Journey to Bethlehem service on Christmas Eve!

As ever, a really big thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers, who help lead and support Children's Church and Cathedral Club.



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Plough Sunday Service

Sunday 12th January 2025

in Ripon Cathedral

Service led by the Very Rev'd John Dobson,
Dean of Ripon

Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr John Inge
Refreshments, including hot pork rolls, cake,
tea & coffee served from 2.30pm.

Service starts at 3.30pm


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THURSDAY RIPON CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

JANUARY – APRIL 2025

9 th January	William Dore	Organ
16 th January	Alexander Kyle	Tenor
23 rd January	Students from Leeds University	
30 th January	Alastair Stone	Organ
6 th February	Elizabeth Charlesworth <i>acc.</i> Jonathan Bickley	Soprano
13 th February	Vivify Ensemble	Vocal ensemble
27 th February	Salus Trio	Flute, Recorder, Guitar
6 th March	Duo Dolce	Flute & Violin
13 th March	Students from Leeds University	
20 th March	Chanticleer	Choir
27 th March	Prima Musica Students	
3 rd April	David Ratnanayagam	Organ

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

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CANDLEMAS FESTAL EUCHARIST AND PROCESSION

SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY
5.30pm

The Annual Service to celebrate the Presentation
of the infant Jesus in the Temple

Over 7000 candles set out in glorious designs will
illuminate the Cathedral



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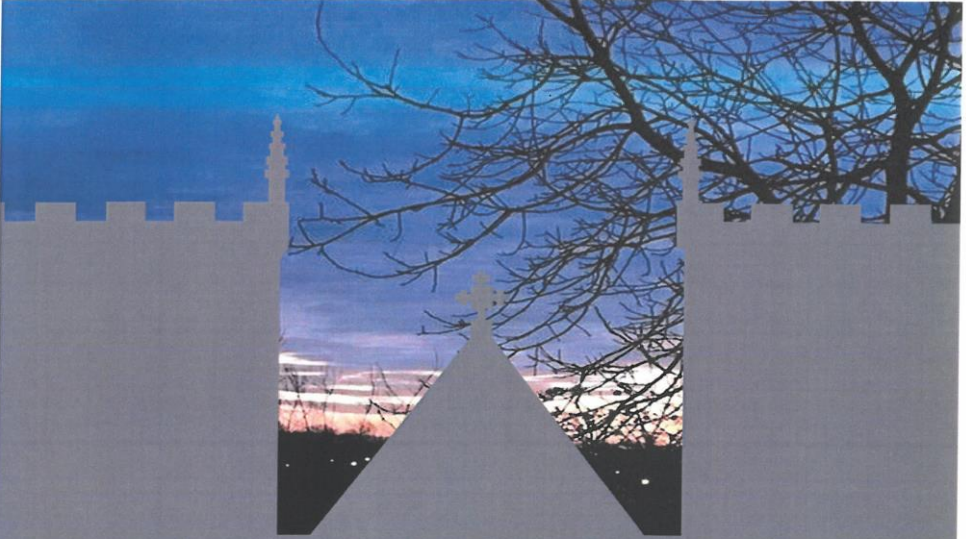


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Choral Evensong with Farewell for
The Venerable Jonathan Gough
Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven
with the Bishop of Leeds
Sunday 19th January
3.30pm
followed by refreshments

All Welcome



The Bereavement Journey

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

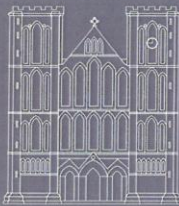
A seven-session weekly course

Location: Thorpe Prebend House, High St.Agnesgate, Ripon

Date: 11th February 2025 Time: 9.30am

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:

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

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Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025

Solemn Eucharist with the
imposition of Ash
said at 10.00am
sung and 7.30pm



All Welcome

Find all services at www.riponcathedral.org.uk

Ripon Cathedral Renewed – a brief update



Where are we?

We are now progressing through the planning process with the amended plans for the much-needed cathedral annex. Following the additional period of consultation early in 2024, much of the rest of the year was spent responding to the concerns and suggestions of the many people who engaged. It was encouraging to find that 77% of the almost 1,000 people who accepted our invitation to give feedback indicated support for our proposals. Even so, chapter was keen to respond to the concerns for the veteran beech tree. So, plans were amended and support secured from the Fabric Advisory Committee, Historic England, and the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England. This triggered the period of public notice and opportunity for comment which runs out on 27th December.

Ripon City Council

As a consultee within the planning process, Ripon City Council determined its position at a very large meeting, held at Holy Trinity Church, on Monday, 9th December. Many people spoke in support of the cathedral's plans. Others, of course, spoke passionately in opposition. One of the few councillors to speak argued in favour of the cathedral, making some important points, but to no avail. The council chose to support the latter by voting 7 to 1 in favour of a pre-prepared motion.

North Yorkshire Council Planning Officers and Planning Committee

The situation now, at the time of writing and as the cathedral focuses on preparing to celebrate Christmas, is that the green public planning notices are posted around Minster Gardens, inviting comments by 27th December. There is no guarantee that comments will be received after that date.

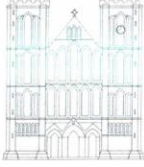
The planning officers will then consider the views of consultees (such as Historic England and Ripon City Council) and the letters submitted to them by the public. They will then determine their recommendation to the planning committee. The date when the cathedral's plans will go before the committee is not yet known.

How can I help?

Many people are asking what they can do to show support for Ripon Cathedral Renewed plans. The most effective way of showing support at this juncture is to write to the planning officers, either using their portal or by a letter in the post, expressing support for the amended plans (you may already have written in support of the first version – thank you) and stressing the need for the proposed facilities to be as near as possible to the cathedral.

Details of the plans and the link to the North Yorkshire Council Planning Portal can be found on the website <https://riponcathedral.org.uk/ripon-cathedral-renewed/>





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GOLDEN WEDDING SERVICE

Sunday 8th June 2025 3.30pm

Were you married in 1975 or earlier?

If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding or even a longer time together, Ripon Cathedral warmly invites you to share in this 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 email

cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk or tel: **01765 603462**

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

GOING GREEN IN 2025 – 6 YEARS TO THE NZC 2030 GOAL POSTS

This is a very ambitious goal but it can be achieved in small steps.



ENVIRONMENT & NZC 2030 and the BUILDINGS COMMITTEE - STEPS TAKEN SOLAR PANELS

- An application has been made to North Yorkshire County Council, by the Cathedral architects, Oliver Caroe, for the installation of up to 90 solar panels on the south transept and library roof.
- Friends of Ripon Cathedral have kindly supported the cost of this application.
- Money will have to be raised for the installation of the solar panels.

ESTATE WIDE STRATEGY

- An estate-wide strategy report has been commissioned from Max Fordham Associates, funded by the Church Commissioners.
- This report will aid grant applications and inform the planning work of the Buildings Committee and the Environment and NZC 2030 Committee.

NEW GAS CONTRACT

- The new 3-year gas contract is made up of 90% offset gas and 10% biogas, which is a laudable improvement on brown gas. Thanks to the Senior Management Team for that decision.


EXTERNAL LIGHTING CONVERTED TO LED LIGHTS

- This project has been approved and will go ahead as soon as possible. Thanks to the Friends of Ripon Cathedral for their generous support of this energy saving project.

MEASUREMENT and DATA COLLECTION

- The Environment and NZC 2030 Committee aim to measure temperature change and air movement in the Cathedral during the winter months.
- There is a vacancy on the Environment and NZC 2030 Committee since Rev Ruth Newton moved to Carlisle. Please speak to Canon Matthew Pollard or Ros Swaney if you have expertise to offer.

RIPON CATHEDRAL ECO ACTION GROUP – SMALL STEPS TOWARDS NZC 2030

 **SILVER SAVING CREATION COURSE** – a new 8-week course runs from March 11 – May 20, with a break for Easter. The sessions are two hours on Tuesday evenings on Zoom led by Rev Jan Godair.

Loretta Williams thought the course was worthwhile although Zoom had its challenges!

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/saving-creation-silver/>

COP 29 EXHIBITION - IN SOLIDARITY FOR A GREEN WORLD

COP 29 was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from 11 to 22 November 2024. Over 83000 scientists attended the conference - politicians and world leaders, media journalists, lobbyists and non-governmental organisations in person and online.

The aim of the conference was to encourage “cities and communities to adopt low-emission climate resistant strategies supporting the objective of making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



A modest exhibition, in the Cathedral around the time of COP, encouraged prayer for attendees at COP 29 to be inspired to put climate justice first.

Finance, both private and public capital, is seen as key to the world standing in solidarity with those most affected by climate change. Agreement was reached in Baku that donations of at least \$300 billion would be given by the developed world by 2035.

Much work remains to be done to realise God's kingdom. Your prayers and actions however small are still needed to save our neighbours, habitat and all of God's creatures, overseas and locally from the ravages of climate change.

Thank you.

Dorothy Gray December 2024.

LENT ECO TALKS – advance notice

The Eco Action Group and Canon Matthew are planning a series of four talks based on the theme – **‘Love your Neighbour, Love Creation and act towards NZC 2030.’**


The speakers are still being confirmed. The format will be a talk with Q&A, followed by informal small group discussion and a time for reflection and prayer. It is hoped there will be interest from the Cathedral congregation, Ripon Churches Together, churches in Ripon area and Ripon Together.

Proposed dates are March 12, 19, 26 and April 2

Time – 6.30pm refreshments 7 – 9pm Talks and discussion

Place – Thorpe Prebend

More information available in due course and from Canon Matthew, Ros Swaney and Dorothy Gray

 PLEASE JOIN THE CATHEDRAL ON YOUR PERSONAL JOURNEY TO NZC 2030
Measuring your Carbon Footprint




<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>


The WWF carbon calculator is basic but it gives a figure for the carbon you create in four areas – HOME – TRAVEL – FOOD – STUFF


THIS WILL HELP YOU MAKE GREEN NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS – *and make you feel hopeful and determined!*


1. draw a pattern of two feet
2. on one foot write actions you took to reduce your carbon footprint in 2024
3. on the other foot write actions you want to take to reduce your carbon footprint in 2025
4. put your footprints in an obvious place to remind you to start taking steps





 Sign up for a Green Electricity Contract – this is an action which demonstrates consumer power and will encourage more renewable electricity production


 Explore the local bus routes and especially use the No 36 bus for trips to Harrogate and Leeds – this will encourage better public transport

 Think about an electric car


 Have a wardrobe clear out and re-cycle unloved items

 Grow your own herbs and salads in a large planter

 Investigate solar panels

 Think about a compost bin <https://nyrotters.co.uk>

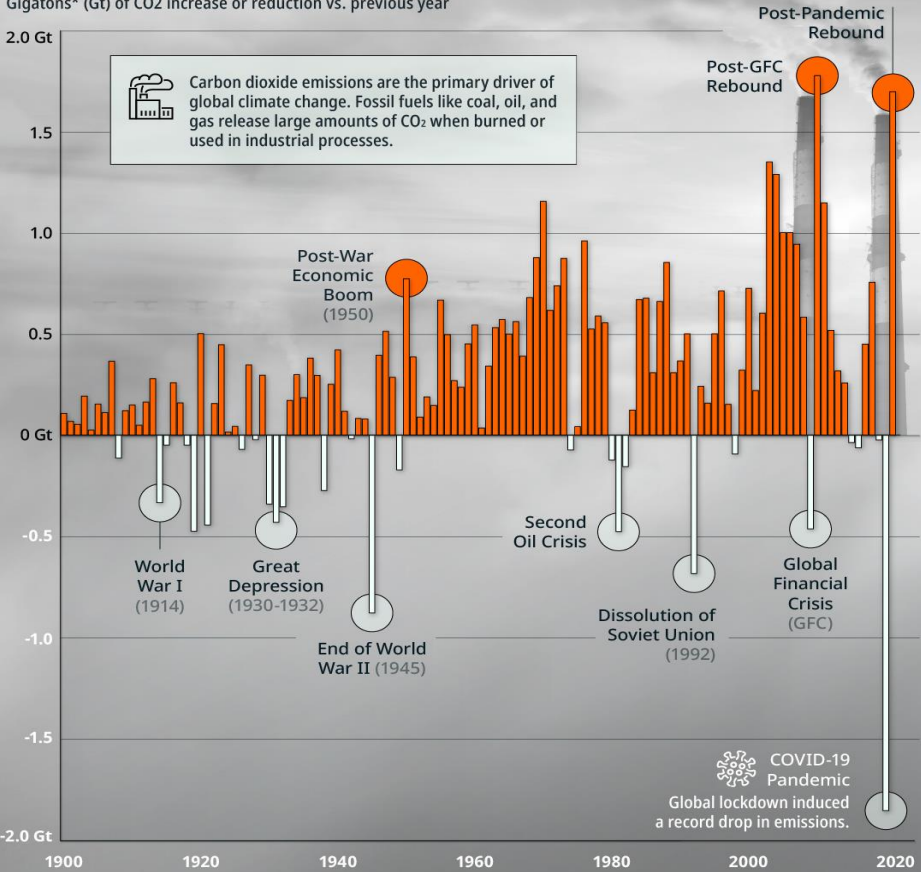
 Cut out Food Waste <https://www.wrap.ngo>

 **CARBON LITERACY** – challenge yourself to understand more about global warming and climate change in 2025

Visualizing CO₂ EMISSIONS SINCE 1900

The COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns led to the biggest drop in CO₂ emissions. The level of CO₂ emissions has, however, risen since the pandemic.

GLOBAL FOSSIL CO₂ EMISSIONS Annual Changes
Gigatons* (Gt) of CO₂ increase or reduction vs. previous year



*Equivalent to one billion metric tons

THE CARBON LITERACY PROJECT

The Carbon Literacy Project is a trust which runs courses for individuals and organisations to increase understanding of the challenge of climate change and how we can act to make a difference.



We all want to look after nature and be good stewards to God's creation.

But living in the 21st century, in a world economy driven by fossil fuels, it is difficult to imagine how we can make the necessary changes to limit global warming to 1.5°.

Please use this link <https://carbonliteracy.com> and watch the short video of BBC staff speaking about the course.

✚ It could be an aim of the Eco Action Group to fund a session for staff and volunteers of the Cathedral to spend a day becoming 'carbon literate'.

✚ ST. MARY'S CHURCH EMB SAY EXPECTS TO BE CARBON NEUTRAL IN 2025 – small steps to success

1. St Mary's started their carbon neutral journey in 2020 when they needed to plan to replace an aged gas boiler.
2. In consultation with the community and the congregation, they decided they wanted to use alternatives to fossil fuel energy and applied to the Rural Communities Energy Fund. Simultaneously they engaged with the Eco Church Award scheme and understanding grew about 'treading lightly on the planet' and 'living simply so that others could simply live'.
3. Peter Edwards and Diana Linford have led the project. They believe 'You have to take people with you. It is all about small steps and making people feel included.'
4. **Now in 2025, St Mary's has a warm church, heated by a combination of electric under pew heaters and wall mounted radiant heaters. They have an electricity supply through 'Green Journey' and have reached their carbon neutral target. What an inspiring example of practical action.**

To explore their journey, look at the website <https://stmaryembsay.org.uk/>

PRAYER FOR REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Heavenly Father,

You have taught us, through your servant St Francis,

That all creation is your handiwork.

Grant us your grace that we may

Exercise wise stewardship of this Earth;

Tread lightly upon it;

And cherish its resources;

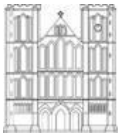
That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations,

And your name be glorified through all that you have made.

Amen.

Rt Revd David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

C3: CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



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

Contact C3@riponcathedral.org.uk or 01765 603462

C3 and its partners have had a busy year. Here are a few of the most recent highlights



Jennyruth Workshops

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

info@jennyruth.co.uk

C3 covered the costs of The Jennyruth Workshops' wonderful stall at the *Cathedral Christmas Fair* in November. Later in December, C3 ran a Jennyruth Stall after the morning Eucharist to give the congregation a chance to buy from a selection of Christmas items. Many thanks to all of you who supported The Workshops by buying their goods!



RIPON WALLED GARDEN

01765 609229

<https://www.facebook.com/RiponWalledGarden/>

Once again, The Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild and The Ripon Flower Club joined forces to make Xmas Wreaths for The Walled Garden to sell. **Our thanks to all of you for sharing your considerable skills to help the members of The Walled Garden.**



HARROGATE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION hadca@hadca.org.uk or phone [01423 504074](tel:01423504074) The HADCA Volunteering Directory provides information for people wishing to volunteer, by using the fully searchable directory you can find an opportunity that suits you! <https://hadca.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities>

Or join us at our Friendship and Exercise Club on Thursday's at St Wilfrids Community Centre from 12.30 – 2pm for an hours seated exercise and refreshments. New volunteers and members welcome. Please call Jen on 01423 813090 for more information.



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MANY THANKS to all of you who donated so generously both at The Annual Toy Service in December, and by leaving items in the Food Collection Boxes in the Cathedral during December.

Please remember that the need for food and basic supplies such as food, toiletries, baby supplies etc. continues all year long. Please make a weekly donation of supplies to help the Salvation Army in its support of the most vulnerable in our community



The HIGHLIGHTS OF A WONDERFUL YEAR OF WORK FOR CHRISTIAN AID BY MEMBERS OF C3

C3 member Dorothy Gray started the year with a **sponsored walk** from York Minster to Ripon Cathedral completed and **raised over £3000**. What an amazing lady she is! But that was only the beginning...

C3 member Janet Slater suggested that asking for donations of preloved costume jewellery; scarves and handbags could raise funds. Elaine Gisbourne and Dorothy thought this idea potential, so **a stall was booked at Ripon Market for St. Wilfrid's Day**. There were so many goods donated that it was daunting to know where to start. Wendy Richardson joined the others in an evening sorting and pricing to prepare for the stall. Goods were also washed and ironed – Janet did the major share of this. The day of the stall others, including Margaret Shepherd and Anna Gisbourne ,did a shift on the stall. The Cathedral congregation also visited the stall to cheer the sellers on and buy goods.



The success of the stall led to further stalls – at **Ripon Together Green Fair**, at the **Cathedral Christmas Fair** and at a **Rotary Coffee morning at St Johns Bondgate**. In between the stalls there was activity. Some branded handbags were put up for sale on the website Vinted (it is a sort of online jumble sale where you ask for a price and buyers offer bids) Sale prices for handbags on the site achieved the same prices as on the stalls. Janet took some “quality” jewellery to Rows of Ripon who bought some and checked others, free of charge. This meant we did charge a sensible price for jewellery and not give away real “gems”.

Donations came from Ripon Cathedral congregation’s relatives in the far flung south of Cambridge and westerly Cheshire.

Anne-Marie on behalf of C3 commissioned some wooden frames from **Ripon Mens Shed** to display necklaces to their best advantage.

Janet put together a seasonal Christmas Tree ‘tombola’ of small jewellery items. This was a huge success at the **Cathedral Christmas Fair** especially with children. Our donations included brand new handbags with their tags on and scarves still in their packaging. There was real quality in the generous donations. Buyers have “ bagged a bargain” and goods have been given a second life. Our retail skills and knowledge have so improved there is enough for a Vocational Qualification in retailing!

Altogether **this year the team at the Cathedral has raised around £ 4400.00 for Christian Aid**.

This will largely go to people we will never meet or know. In Gaza or Syria or Burundi. We hope you can see that this inspiring sum has been achieved by virtual teamwork of many kind-hearted people in our congregation; in Ripon and beyond. All of the contributions from so many people – whether donating goods or buying goods, or serving on our stalls, or asking for unused items from people in exercise classes or of relatives – is a good news story. **Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you all.** This has taken many hands both seen and unseen.

We are grateful to you and so too are those who will benefit from generosity.

It is hard to really know why we give our time and energy – it could be loving Christian duty compassion or empathy. The older son in the parable of the Prodigal Son did not have his motivation revealed until his younger brother returned.

We have future plans – the Cathedral Spring Fair; St Wilfrid’s August 2025 and another box to Vintage Cash Cow. If you think of another opportunity to sell, then please let Dorothy Gray know!





What we do at YMCA Ripon...

YMCA Ripon provides **Supported Housing** for 22 young people who are 16+ and are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness or are vulnerable. We provide a Personalised Support Programme to help Tenants develop independent living skills, engage in education, employment or training. Our goal is to move young people into independence, having the skills, outlook and resilience to build a successful life for themselves.

Young people come to live with us from a variety of situations, but generally because of family breakdown or unsustainable accommodation. Many of our Tenants have mental health issues that need understanding and support, and we often work to develop self-esteem on a one-to-one basis or in groups, supporting our young people to learn and grow.



YMCA Ripon host the **Ripon Youth Work Partnership** providing an opportunity for agencies and services to discuss local issues, trends, current provision and to collaborate. A Youth Volunteering Network also provides space to champion Youth Volunteering and ensure support is available for organisations who want to engage with young people. Awareness training is provided for local organisations in Mental Health, Safeguarding and Working with Young People. We host 'Teen Talk', which is a regular Youth Voice session which feeds into Ripon City Council and the Youth Work Partnership.



We are a leading provider of Youth Work in Ripon, currently offering a holistic portfolio of projects for 11- 25 year olds, as well as diversional holiday activities. Our goal is to ensure that all local young people have **Somewhere to go, Someone to talk to, and Something to do.**

We are working hard to develop partnerships to enable a breadth of work that meets the needs we see and hear about from young people. We offer regular youth sessions for 11 to 16 year olds and more targeted sessions to respond to those who are older. We have the opportunity to work with schools to deliver targeted interventions and are able to offer short accredited employability courses and supported volunteering.



YMCA Ripon is an **Independent Youth Charity** created in 1914. We became a Registered Housing Association in 1986. We are a member of YMCA England and Wales and are part of the Federation of YMCAs. Ripon also has a YMCA Charity Shop that is run by YMCA England and Wales.

You can **support us** in the following ways:
Visit and donate to the YMCA Charity Shop. We receive a profit share Follow, like and share our social media and sign up to our mailing list Donate or fundraise for us at www.justgiving.com/ripon-ymca
Donate tinned or dried food and household goods at our collection points.

Our work is funded by:



In addition to a range of local community grants, trusts and individual donors. Supported Housing is also funded through Housing Benefit and Children's Social Care. We are a registered Charity (No: 250986) and a Registered Housing Association (No: LH3651). We are a registered Supported Housing provider with Ofsted (No: 2765747)

The **Ripon YMCA** is one of our C3 partners. There are several easy ways you could help them:

1. **Sponsor** a tenant for £12 a month
2. Visit and donate at the **YMCA charity shop** (next to Booths)
3. **Donate dried or tin foods, or household goods** (put in the food bank boxes at the West Front...label them for YMCA)
4. Sign up to join or sponsor someone else to join their up-coming **All Night Sleepover** (more details in the March newsletter)

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Waste Not Wednesday

Donated surplus food from local supermarkets, allotments & gardeners.

A selection of meals freshly made each week. We also have dried and tinned goods, fresh fruit & veg, bread and other items.



Every
Wednesday
12 - 1.30pm

Everyone Welcome

- 8 Items
- £3.00 per basket
(payment taken at door)
- All donations welcome



Follow us for updates

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CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

**Cathedral Shop Opening hours
Christmas and New Year**

Christmas Eve – 10am to 12.30

Christmas Day - Closed

Boxing Day – 10am – 4.00pm

Friday 27th – 10am – 4.00pm

Saturday 28th – 10am – 4.00pm

Sunday 29th – 12 – 3.30pm

Monday 30th – 10am – 4.00pm

Tuesday 31st – 10am – 4.00pm

Shop closed for stocktake Wednesday 1st January until Sunday 5th

Shop re-opens Monday 6th January 2025 10am – 4.00pm

Normal opening hours in January

Monday – Saturday 10 – 4.00pm

Closed Sundays

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)

Choral Evensong is one of the glories of the Church of England's daily offering of worship. Here at Ripon Cathedral, we are fortunate to have an excellent choir which, in term time, sings Choral Evensong five times per week - at 5.30pm Tuesday to Friday, and at 3.30pm on Sunday. Details, including those of the music, can be found on the weekly Worship and Music List, published on the website and available from the cathedral.

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

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 Eucharist with prayers and the laying on of hands for healing. For more information contact John Whelan 01765 647744 or Anne-Marie Tarter 01765-602129

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