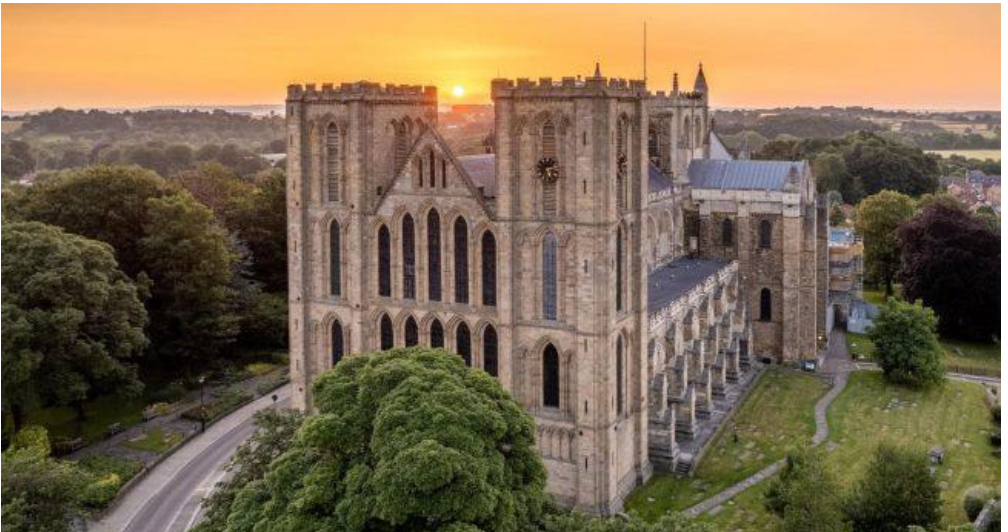


RIPON CATHEDRAL

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN



Thank you to all our stars as we step into November and December

The Ripon Together St. Wilfrid's Stars Awards Ceremony took place in the cathedral in late October. This annual ceremony started as a partnership between Ripon Together and the cathedral in our 1350th anniversary year. The star, featuring in the crest of St. Wilfrid, came to be used as a symbol for those wonderful people and organisations which, in exceptional ways, make a positive difference to the life of this cathedral city.

As chair of Ripon Together, it was my privilege and joy to preside over what has now become an annual fixture in both the city and cathedral's calendars. Almost 300 people gathered for the free event, including a buffet, musical

entertainment 6th Form students of Ripon Grammar School and the All For One Choir, as well as the presentation of awards. This year, the ceremony also included the launch of the Historical Map of Ripon – available in the cathedral shop, The Little Ripon Bookshop, and the library.

Nominations came from, and awards went to, a broad spectrum of the city's community. All those nominated were celebrated by featuring in an exhibition in the cathedral, a good number were mentioned 'in dispatches' during the presentations, and some very deserving people won the awards. Their star-shaped trophies are made by our friends at Jennyruth Workshop.

Among the winners, I am delighted to report, were Dr Krippner - nominated by the chorister parents for his brilliant contribution to the young people of the area by his expert and enthusiastic leadership of the cathedral choir – and the cathedral's guides and welcomers, nominated by a local resident for their contribution to tourism in the city.

As we anticipate a couple of very busy months at the cathedral, this prompts me to celebrate all the stars who are the staff, volunteers and clergy who enable us to serve the city, diocese and region in many, many ways. The daily ministry of worship and prayer continues – always at the heart of the cathedral's life – as do baptisms, weddings and funerals, pastoral care, administration, safeguarding, development, fundraising, and governance, as we also host and lead special services and events for All Soulside memorials, Remembrance, the cathedral's Christmas Fair, the Advent Carol Service, school Christmas services and concerts, the cathedral choir concert with St. Cecilia's Orchestra, all the festal services of Christmas, the Boxing Day Pilgrimage to Fountains Abbey and the Watchnight Service. We couldn't do any of this without God's grace and 'the stars' who make up the community of communities which are this cathedral. Many thanks, then, in anticipation for all that you will be doing over the coming months.

Saying goodbye to Canon Claire

Sadly, Canon Claire, our Canon Pastor, will be leaving the cathedral at the end of November after a relatively short time with us. The needs of family over coming years have led her and Steve, her husband, to conclude it would be wise for her to step back from full-time ministry for a while. We will miss her.

Since arriving in Spring last year, Claire has overseen pastoral care and the creation of the new Growth Committee – an innovation following the implementation of the 2021 Cathedrals Measure and the resultant dissolution of our PCC. She has also been the chapter lead on safeguarding at a time when we have begun preparations for the next audit of our safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. This is a hugely important area of our mission, not least when we see the choir thriving in remarkable ways. Claire has spent much time attending to the detail of our processes.

Claire's last Sunday as Canon Pastor will be Sunday, 24th November, the feast of Christ the King. Following the 10.30am Festal Eucharist, we will have the opportunity to thank her for what she has done and to wish her, Steve and their family every blessing for the future.

Our new Chief Operating Officer joins us in December

I was delighted to announce in the last week of October the appointment of Carol Pyrah as our next Chief Operating Officer. The Chief Operating Officer works closely with me to facilitate the good governance of the cathedral and oversee effective operations. The role includes that of Chapter Clerk (think of the Cabinet Secretary perhaps!) and membership of the Senior Management Team (also including the dean as chair, residentiary canons, Chief Finance Officer, and Director of Development).

For the last two years, Carol has been Chief Executive at Urban Green Newcastle, a pioneering charity set up to look after the city's parks and allotments. Prior to that, she was Executive Director of Historic Coventry Trust, finding innovative ways to sustain historic places and to inspire, involve and connect people with the city's history. An archaeologist by training, Carol had a senior career at English Heritage and Historic England, where she was a member of the Executive Team and Regional Director for the North East. Churches and cathedrals have been strong themes throughout her career. She was a member of the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England for 10 years, and is a former Trustee of the Churches Conservation Trust. Carol is currently a Trustee of the National Lottery Heritage Fund and chairs its North Committee.

All those at the heart of the cathedral's governance and operations are delighted that Carol is joining us in early December. She comes with a wealth of relevant knowledge, experience and wisdom that will serve the cathedral well as we continue to progress in line with our strategic vision, *Growing God's Kingdom*.

Chief among those who will be pleased to see Carol arrive is Anne Groves, our brilliant Chief Finance Officer who has also been serving as Acting Chief Operating Officer during the vacancy. She deserves the well-deserved gratitude of the whole cathedral community. The dean is certainly grateful to her!

Advent – an important opportunity to put ourselves right with God and each other as we prepare for the festive season

Advent is a great season within the Church's year. It has some wonderful hymns and speaks clearly about the period in history in which we live – we are already assured of salvation through Jesus Christ, but the world is yet to be transformed into God's kingdom. Like Lent, it is a penitential season before a major festival in which we are encouraged to reflect on how we live, and put ourselves right with God and each other.

The problem for poor Advent, trying to provide us with this heaven-sent opportunity for personal transformation and preparation, is that it gets taken over with Christmas arriving early. This is seen as clearly in the cathedral as anywhere. We have our Christmas Fair in late November and from that point, a majority of days in the run up to 25th December include at least one Christmas carol service, concert or rehearsal. Even so, there is spiritual benefit in trying to 'tune into' Advent.

Advent Sunday gives us the opportunity to start the season well, both in the Eucharist and the glorious Advent Carol Service at 5.30pm. With the choir and music staff giving an inspiring lead, and lighting arrangements providing atmosphere and theological messaging (speaking of the light of Christ coming progressively into the world), and the readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament, we are privileged to share in a rich and profound liturgy.

This Advent age in which we live is clearly far from perfect. The lamentable catalogue of woes in the world, the tragic levels of suffering experienced by humanity and nature, and our own challenges and trials, provide an abundance of evidence that things are not as they should be, and sin is still all too evident. But the message of Advent is that, while being honest about the nature and reality of things, we do believe that God in Christ has already assured us that, in the End, things will be put to right. Christ has already conquered sin and death, and we are promised that one day he will reign over all things in heaven and earth. This is the hope which Advent proclaims and longs for people to heed. It is the hope that gives substance and depth to our Christmas celebrations.

Charles Wesley captured this well in what is now one of the greatest of the Church's Advent hymns:

<i>Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia! God appears on earth to reign.</i>	<i>Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the tree, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.</i>
<i>Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears, cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers. With what rapture, gaze we on those glorious scars!</i>	<i>Yea, Amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne; Savior, take the power and glory: claim the kingdom for thine own. O come quickly! Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!</i>

Perhaps we could try to take advantage of Advent, not only by attending the Advent services in the cathedral, but also meditating on this hymn. Verses 2 and 3 might prompt us to pray for the parts of the world where sin and human failing wound both Christ and God's children today. Perhaps they also help us to consider how we personally need to change to enable Christ to reign in our lives and his world. And verses 1 and 4 might just help us to take confidence in the Christian hope and expectation that Christ will one day claim the kingdom for his own.

Ripon Cathedral Renewed

Living in hope and expectation applies to our development project, Ripon Cathedral Renewed. Perhaps this observation raises a smile, I hope so, but it is also a serious point. How could it be otherwise for a community of faith striving to follow God's call and serve his people and world – to make it a bit more like Christ's kingdom for which we pray, work and long?

The additional period of consultation early this year gave us an opportunity to share the facts about our proposals with those who had either not heard about them or who had been confused by some messages within social media, some of which were picked up by the traditional media. That consultation was extremely encouraged, indicating that 77% of those responding to our invitation to comment were in favour of our original plans for a development in Minster Gardens, to the north of the cathedral.

Even so, Chapter and I were keen to listen to all the concerns shared with us, especially about the beech tree which, around the time we submitted our plans, was redesignated as having veteran status. Keen to compromise where possible, while still providing the facilities which will enhance both cathedral and city, we instructed our executive committee to draft amended plans. This they did with remarkable goodwill and effectiveness. Their amended proposals, worked up over several months after the consultation period, have subsequently won the support of key regulators – the Fabric Advisory Committee, Historic England and the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England. In the light of this significant achievement, Chapter agreed to the revised plans and supporting papers being submitted to the planning officers.

An exhibition, showing the details of the revised plans, will be available for viewing in the Cathedral from early November. Our hope is that these will attract even more support than our original proposal. Please, do take time to have a look at them, or see the details on the North Yorkshire Council planners' portal.

With my very best wishes
Dean John

Confirmation 2025

Every year we offer the Children and Young People (in Year 6 or above) and adults who worship regularly at the Cathedral, the opportunity to be 'Confirmed'.

Confirmation takes place in a service in which you re-affirm before a bishop and in front of the congregation the promises that were made, on your behalf by your parents and Godparents at your baptism if you were baptized as a child. If you have not yet been baptized then we can baptize and confirm in the same service. In the service you are asked, by a Bishop, if you would like to commit yourself to be a follower of Jesus and seek to grow in the Christian faith.

This is most appropriate, if you are in Year 6 or above at school and want to be a member of the Church of England. Once 'Confirmed', you will be like a full member of the church and are able to share in the bread and wine of Communion. If you would like to be considered for Confirmation in 2025 then please let Canon Michael know as soon as possible by contacting the office on 01765 603462 or Email: cathedralAdmin@riponcathedral.org.uk.

The Cathedral clergy will be offering sessions to help you understand more of the Christian faith and help you to grow in the faith at different times. We look forward to hearing from you soon if you or someone you now might be interested in this step of growth in faith.

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Our celebrations of Christmas once again include the traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 5.30pm on Mon 23rd Dec and Tues 24th Dec. These two services have become increasingly popular in recent years, so much so that we are now having to ensure that the number of those attending does not exceed the limit which is safe for the cathedral. We are therefore introducing a ticket system, to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible. The tickets, of course, are free for these acts of worship.

Early in November, Chapter's invited guests will receive their invitations. They are asked to respond as early as possible, and no later than Monday 9th Dec. All other tickets will be available online from 10am on Monday, 2nd December.

On each evening, there will be a restricted number of places in the quire and neighbouring chapels for those who turn up before the services. These do not require a ticket, but once the maximum capacity is reached, sadly, we will be unable to allow others to enter the cathedral.

The doors will open at 4.00pm.

Ripon Community Poppy Project presents



A Concert of Remembrance

Ripon Cathedral

7th November 2024 at 7.15pm

Artists include

*Ripon City Band, Brackenfield School,
NYFR Pipe Band & Charlotte Potter*

Tickets £15

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

All profits going to the

Ripon Community Poppy Project
www.riponcommunitypp.co.uk

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NOTE FROM CANON CLAIRE

I would like to take this opportunity, being my last newsletter to contribute towards, to say a big thank you to all of you, for your support and friendship whilst I have been at the Cathedral. There are so many people who do so much wonderful work, I know I will not be able to get around you all personally to say how much you have been appreciated.

My time here, whilst short, has been a period of blessing, growth and encouragement that I wouldn't have wanted to miss. It has helped me to clarify who and what God is calling me to be and do. Thank you!

I am looking forward to having some time off over Christmas, before I start to think about what and where next. Please keep my family and I in your prayers as we discern our next steps, trusting in God's guidance and provision.

I wish you all well and hope you have a wonderful Christmas. I'm sure I will see many of you around in the future and will be praying for the Cathedral and it's community as it continues to live out it's mission to the people it serves.

May God bless you in all you continue to do and be, Claire.

NEWS FROM THE CANON PRECENTOR

We are now heading into one of the most exciting if exhausting times of the year. The music for Advent and the Christmas season has been chosen and the choir will begin to learn pieces both old and new once they return from their well-earned half-term break.

But even before then, the choir will be singing in the season of remembrance with All Saints Day and All Souls Day when the choir will sing at the service known as Fallen Leaves where we celebrate the lives who have died in the last 18 months or so. Then comes Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance day before the cathedral observance of Safeguarding Sunday on 17 Nov and then the Feast of Christ the King. Every Sunday in November this year is special for one reason or another.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find details of services for Advent and Christmas not forgetting the Annual Toy Service (*formerly known as the Child Bishop service*). Again, details will be found elsewhere in the magazine of how we will be supporting the Salvation Army in their giving of gifts to those under 18 who may find very little under the tree on Christmas morning.

Please pray for our choristers, choral scholars and lay clerks as well as those who lead and support them over the Advent and Christmas period, so that all may remain healthy and able to give of their best when we finally are able to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Canon Michael

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

We would like to share that we are celebrating **tripling our school visitors this Autumn Term with 480 pupils** visiting the cathedral for workshops. Now about 2000 pupils attend workshops throughout the year. Canon Matthew and I are very grateful to our wonderful team of 16 Education Volunteers that we can accommodate such numbers and offer so many varied workshops to engage and inspire.

The workshops range from Wilfrid Bear workshops and tours to children understanding faith through Art and Architecture, Signs and Symbols. Our workshops include children dressing up as monks and learn about how St Wilfrid was inspired to build the stone church here in Ripon like the ones he saw in Rome. Children are very excited to visit our Anglo-Saxon Crypt, learn about the symbolism of the Mother and Child statues and creating their own in clay, looking at Baptism and Communion with Canon Matthew and how faith is lived out today. Children enjoy dressing as medieval pilgrims and creating their own reliquary boxes. We also mark Remembrance-tide with secondary schools pupils looking at the ethics of war and learning about the soldiers, sailors and nurses commemorated on our war memorial plaques as well as having a safari lecture about the war poet Wilfrid Owen. We then round off the term with lots of Fantastic Festivals workshops looking at Advent, Christmas and sharing Christingle services together.



NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES OFFICER

Children's Church

Children's Church began the new school year with enthusiasm. We have had some really joyous sessions, especially when both age groups joined together in the light-filled Library to re-create some autumnal beauty, and to re-enact the story of St. Wilfrid. We have also learnt about the topsy-turvy Kingdom of God, where the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the last will be first. We love our time together on Sunday mornings!



Half-term Children's Activities

On 29th October we held our half-term children's activity. After a summer of Olympics, we thought about our lives as a race, and St. Paul's encouragement to "run with perseverance the race set before you", as we focus on Jesus, not competing with others for one coveted first place but keeping on going to the end of our own unique journey. We created self-portrait eggs, which we then had to balance on spoons around the cathedral; we made beautiful golden medals; and finished with a fun-filled obstacle course. 21 children attended with their parents/carers. Many had not visited Ripon Cathedral before.





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Christmas

Food & Gift Fair

Friday 22nd & Saturday 23rd
November 2024

9.30-16.30

Book your tickets online:

www.riponcathedral.org.uk/events/christmas-food-gift-fair/



Advent Carol Service & Procession

Sunday 1st December
5.30pm

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

See all of our services online at
[RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK/WHATS-ON](https://www.riponcathedral.org.uk/whats-on)



SUNG EUCHARIST & TOY SERVICE

SUNDAY 8th December 10.30am

On the Sunday nearest St Nicholas Day, we invite people to bring unwrapped gifts suitable for those under 18. They will be passed to the Salvation Army to give to those families who may have little under the tree on Christmas morning.

Please see the poster in the Cathedral for more information.



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Join us this Christmas

TOY SERVICE

Sunday 8th December, 10:30am

Join us for a special child-centred service. At this service we collect Christmas presents for children in need in the local area.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

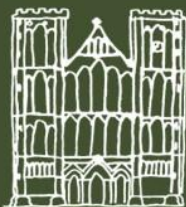
Tuesday 24th December, 11:00am

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

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Thursday 19th December – Tuesday 7th January

A Christmas trail for all the senses!



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Journey to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve
11am

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

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

All children and their families are welcome.

Christmas refreshments served afterwards.



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Christmas & New Year Special Services

Festival of Lessons and Carols

23rd & 24th December

5.30pm

Christmas Eve

11.00am Journey to

Bethlehem

11pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Festal Eucharist

Boxing Day

9.30am St Stephen's Day

Eucharist

10.15am Pilgrimage to

Fountains Abbey

New Year's Eve

Watchnight 11.15pm

Sunday 5th January 10.30am

Festal Eucharist for Epiphany

Saturday 1st February 5.30pm

Festal Eucharist for Candlemas
with candlelit procession

All Welcome

Find all services & events at: www.riponcathedral.org.uk

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

CELEBRATING ECO ACTIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL ECO CHURCH AWARDS EXHIBITION



The recent exhibition 'Eco Church Awards in the Diocese of Leeds' sent a hopeful message about churches responding to the challenges of the climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis. 12 churches and 3 cathedrals were exhibited at various stages in their Eco Church journey and every journey was different.

The Eco Church Award scheme is wonderful because it encourages churches to focus on many aspects of

'living gently on the earth' and to celebrate every action along the way, as progress is made to the next award.

Peter Edwards, the project manager at St Mary's, Embsay, where they are changing from gas to electric heating to become Net Zero Carbon by 2025 says **'Start with small steps and celebrate each one. This helps to break down resistance to change.'**

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION OF ECO ACTIONS 2023 -24

A 'Balance Sheet of Eco Actions' using the five Eco Church categories to celebrate hopeful Eco actions was created by Ros Swaney, PEO.

Charlie Brown transferred this into a PowerPoint presentation, which was shown in the Cathedral for three weeks, following the launch of the Annual Review. It is encouraging to read this summary.

And thanks go to everyone who supports the Cathedral on the journey to Net Zero Carbon 2030 and a Silver Eco Church Award.

ECO ACTIONS at RIPON CATHEDRAL 2023-24 – going for a SILVER ECO CHURCH AWARD

Worship & Teaching – regular prayers for the Environment and special services on Plough Sunday, Earth Day and Harvest

- 300 children created a huge Tree of Life in the nave showing the connectedness of all life
- Regular half term activities to bring children closer to nature and creation

Buildings

- Internal spotlights changed to LED in 2022 reduce energy use by 80%
- Green Electricity contract removes 173.1CoT from the energy footprint

- Commissioned feasibility study on Ground Source Heat Pumps
- Double glazing on some estate buildings
- Submitted planning application for a sustainable, energy efficient Annex for future generations

Land and Biodiversity

- ‘No Mow May’ mowing policy and spread of wildflowers in churchyard, helped by Tim and Emily
- Conservation Area will be managed as a spring wildflower garden
- Used Harrogate charity ‘Open Country’ to scarify the Conservation Area and create a log pile on 28/8/24

Community and Global

- Eco Action Group participates in Sights and Sounds and helps organise the Ripon Together Green Fair
- Christian Aid held an exhibition for Climate Justice during COP 28
- Christian Aid raised £5000 for charities in UK and abroad

Lifestyle

- Eco Film Festival with four films about the climate crisis in March/April
- Earth Day Recycled Art – ‘Planet vs Plastics’ posters to raise awareness of the UN Global Plastics Treaty
- Creationtide Exhibition – ‘Eco Church Awards in Diocese of Leeds’ showcased 10 churches and 3 Cathedrals
- Film ‘Six Inches of Soil’ about regenerative farming on 4/10/2024 was attended by 40 people
- Regular ‘Growing Greener’ column in bi-monthly newsletter

13 Eco Mission Enablers, from across the Diocese, pledged to promote environmental projects at a special service on Sunday September 8th in Ripon Cathedral.

The Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon, said: “*It was so incredibly hopeful and encouraging to commission our first 13 Eco Mission Enablers during Creationtide at a beautiful service of Evensong at Ripon Cathedral, on the day we remembered the King’s Accession.*”

“He too, like them, has been a leader on Climate Change and environmental care for many years. The 13 Eco Mission Enablers - a first for the diocese and we believe the Church of England - have all completed the Gold Saving Creation course and pledged to take a lead on environmental mission in the diocese.”

“Between them they have a wealth of expertise and passion and in response to God’s call on their lives they are ready and willing to share this in a variety of ways, including preaching and teaching, to inspire and help others. It is truly a joy to bless them on the next phase of their journey and I look forward to travelling with them in their newly formed learning community,” said Bishop Anna.



13 Eco Mission Enablers make public pledges to serve Diocese of Leeds

Back – Canon Matthew Pollard, Sarah Hinton (Inner Bradford), Deborah Booth (Harrogate), Paul Magnell (Leeds), Denise Brodagan (Leeds), Dave Cherry (Skipton), Debby Plummer (Huddersfield) Bishop Anna,

Centre – Sarah Hurhangee (Richmond), Helen Pedley (Halifax), Cordelia Patterson (Halifax), Ericcson Mapfumo (Huddersfield)

Front – Diana Chambers (Outer Bradford), Ros Swaney (Ripon), Rev'd Helen Collings (Lay Training Team Leader) Jemima Parker (Diocesan Environment Officer), Rev'd Jan Godair (Eco Course Designer and Tutor), Dorothy Gray (Ripon)

The Diocese of Leeds offers an interesting Lay Ministry Course called Saving Creation. <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/saving-creation-bronze/> It progresses from Bronze, which is two hours online, to Silver, which is two hours a week for a term, to Gold, which is two hours a week for an academic year. If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Environment Officer - roslynswaney@gmail.com

TOILET TWINNING IN THORPE PREBEND – Toilets, Sanitation and Training – A life-saving trio

You can now see a Toilet Twinning certificate in the four toilets in Thorpe Prebend. **Ripon Cathedral has twinned four toilets overseas.** It costs £60 to twin a toilet and you receive a certificate to display in your toilet which has a picture, and GPS coordinates, of its sister toilet overseas. The money is used to give hygiene education and to provide materials, so that families and communities can build their own latrines. This gives users dignity and self-respect as well as safe sanitation.

The World Health Organisation/UNICEF estimate that 1.7 billion people do not have somewhere safe to go to the toilet. A welcome outcome of toilet twinning has been a reduction in sexual assaults, as people are no longer required to seek out isolated spots or to go to the toilet under cover of darkness.



Toilet Twin as a Christmas Gift

Twinning a toilet makes an appreciated and unusual gift for family and friends. It ticks all the sustainability boxes! You can find out more about twinning opportunities at <https://toilettwinning.org>

PLEDGES TO SAVE CREATION – Food for Thought

The Eco Church Awards exhibition included an invitation to make a pledge of one small action to save Creation. From the Pledge Tree, here is the list of a wide range of actions for you to consider –

Waste less food (3)	Monitor Wirral Council on green belt plans (1)
Shop locally at Ripon market (1)	Wear a jumper and keep central heating low (2)
Walk more/Use car less/Use public transport (8)	Help the environment more (2)
Refurbish my home to be energy efficient (1)	Eat only sustainable chocolate (1)
Reduce toilet flushing (1)	Change to a Green electricity supplier (1)
Think of children and the future (2)	Minimise my carbon footprint (1)
Grow flowers to attract bees and butterflies (2)	Plant more trees (1)
Use less plastic especially plastic cups (6)	Buy only natural fabrics (1)
Grow more of my fruit and vegetables (3)	Donate monthly to local wildlife causes (1)
Litter pick (6) Love peace or blessings (4)	Recycle or reuse more (8)

Are there any there you thought of? Any you could do too? Any surprises in the list? I was surprised and inspired by the number of litter pickers and pleased by the number of responses.

Dorothy Gray

COP 29 – 11 – 22nd November - 'IN SOLIDARITY FOR A GREEN WORLD'

The next UN climate change COP is in Baku, Azerbaijan, attended by scientists, politicians and world leaders. The aim is 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.” There will be an exhibition in the Cathedral for COP, to encourage our congregation and visitors to pray for those attending to put climate justice first.

RIPON TOGETHER 'GREEN FAIR' a GREAT SUCCESS!

Over 250 people visited the Green Fair in Allhallowgate Methodist Church on Saturday 5th October. There was a buzz in the main hall with 26 stalls and a steady stream of visitors. In the Chapel, which is a tiered auditorium, there were 20-minute talks by 11 speakers on a wide range of green transition topics. Feedback from visitors was excellent and Ripon Together plan to hold the third Green Fair in autumn 2025. Eco Church was represented by Ros Swaney and Christian Aid by Dorothy Gray and Margaret Shepherd.



'WHAT ECO ACTIONS DO YOU TAKE IN YOUR LIFE?'

On the Eco Church stall, Ros had many interesting conversations by asking visitors 'What hopeful Eco actions do you do in your life?'

Children prompted their parents with – 'We walk to school' and 'We re-cycle' and 'You've got bees. Dad.'

There were many positive responses of people doing what they could to go greener and many said they use charity shops for clothes, books and gifts, grow their own veg and walk instead of using the car.

One tip from Cllr Barbara Brodigan, Ripon and North Yorkshire Councillor, was to cut food waste. She said because one third of food produced globally is wasted, she started using the food App 'Too Good to Go' <https://www.toogoodtogo.com/en-gb>

When I downloaded the App, on Saturday 19th October at 11.00am, I discovered that I could get a Surprise Bag of chilled food £5 from Booths, groceries £3.30 from Morrisons, hot food £2.50 from Morrisons café and fresh food £4 from Nisa Local. I was too late for a Surprise Bag from Appletons £3.50, a Sweet and Pastry Bag £2.59 from Café Nero, Meat and Fish from Booths £5, and Groceries from Aldi £3.30.

This app seems to be well known and has been going for 4 years. I've just joined. Have you tried it yet?

Ros Swaney

DOWNLOAD THE 10.30AM EUCHARIST SERVICE SHEET WITH THE QR CODE

This seems to be a daunting challenge for most of the congregation at the 10.30am Eucharist service. Although the QR code has been available for use since February 2024, very few people seem to use it. 'Oh. I don't like using my phone in church' seems to be many people's reaction. Yet we use our phones to get so much information these days.



The Cathedral is on a journey to be Net Zero Carbon by 2030 and even small actions will help make this happen. By using the QR code you are helping the Cathedral use less energy in paper, printing and re-cycling. It is very easy – hold your phone over the QR code. Remember to turn your phone to 'silent'.

Please think about taking this small step and give it a go.



BEST WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL, THANKFUL AND JOYFUL CHIRSTMAS from the ECO ACTION GROUP.

‘C3: CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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

This is a busy season for our charities in terms of fund-raising. Please try to buy some of your Christmas goodies and gifts from our partners.



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

Jennyruth Workshops will be running a stall of Christmas gifts at the Cathedral Christmas Fair on the 22nd & 23rd

November. Come and support our partner by shopping for Christmas gifts from them. **See a poster in this newsletter** about another opportunity to buy Christmas gifts from Jennyruth on the 3rd December at the Workshops.

On **Sunday the 1st, 8th and 15th December** there will be a stall after the 10:30 Eucharist in the Cathedral selling a range of Christmas items made by the workers at Jennyruth Workshops. They will bring a range of Xmas wrapping, ribbons, cards and small gifts. Please help us in supporting the work of this wonderful charity!



RIPON WALLED GARDEN [01765 609229](tel:01765609229)

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

Every year the Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild and members of the Ripon Flower Club join forces to make Xmas Wreaths for the Walled Garden to include in their amazing Christmas extravaganza of Christmas trees, gifts and decorations. Their Xmas sales start on **23rd November at the Gardens (just past Ripon Golf Club on the left hand side)**. **See a poster**

in this newsletter for more information.



RIPON YMCA [01765 607609](tel:01765607609) info@riponymca.org

- Give a young person a gift of a new life by sponsoring a young person's housing at the YMCA for only £12 a month.
- Please add Xmas gifts of toiletries, edibles, cosmetics to our Food Bank Box and mark them "For the YMCA" – you will help to bring Christmas cheer to a vulnerable young person



Care and Support for Life

DEMENTIA FORWARD [03300 578592](tel:03300578592).

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

Many thanks everyone who worked so hard to support a fabulous concert of music at Sharow Church in September organised by C3 on behalf of Dementia

Forward. Just under £2000 was raised to support the work of the charity.

Other opportunities to support the charity include:

- 26th November - Wreath Making Workshop, George Armitage House, Burton Leonard, HG3 3SD

- 2nd December - Merry Melodies with pianist Duncan and Lunch West Park, Harrogate
- 10th December- Carol Singing at Morrisons, Ripon



CHRISTMAS CAN BE A VERY HARD TIME FOR PEOPLE WITH LITTLE SPARE INCOME

Please help the Salvation Army to ensure that everyone can share in the joy of Christmas.

Gifts of festive food, gifts of toiletries, toys and books for children would all be greatly appreciated. Please leave donations in the box next to the Welcomers' Desk



CHRISTIAN AID

Harvest Supper - A huge thank you to all who came along or helped out with our Harvest Supper – very enjoyable evening that raised **£521.72**. A special mention to C3 for funding our pork pies and David and Jenny Riley for donating and serving quality wine. Lastly to Elaine on the mike who brought the fun together.

Preloved Goods - In addition to the stall at the Green Fair Ripon we have sold some jewellery to Rows of Ripon for **£225**. We are advertising branded handbags (for example, Coach) on the Vinted website. Anyone who knows of an outlet for the remaining goods -contact dorothygray1152@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your support and generous donations. Eighty years of Christian Aid in 2025 – the charity was founded in 1945 in response to the plight of displaced refugees and prisoners of war. More on the **celebrations in 2025**.

See the poster in this newsletter about a fund-raising concert for Christian Aid to be held at Holy Trinity, Ripon on 24th November, 7pm.

Help a homeless young person in Ripon

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YMCA

Donations Drop-off Points

New Christmas treats and unwanted gifts gratefully received for young people at the YMCA. Please donate at:

Ripon Cathedral Entrance
Ripon YMCA Charity Shop

Goods and gifts can also be purchased at Sainsburys and dropped in the donation point at both entrances.

We also need:

Toiletries

Cleaning products

Pasta and Sauces

Chocolate and sweet treats



www.riponymca.org

Charity No: 250986



Fundraising for Christian Aid

Friday 15th November 2024
7pm Holy Trinity Church

CHRISTIAN AID CONCERT

Featuring Young Performers from
Holy Trinity Primary, Queen Mary's and Ripon Grammar

Also Ripon City Training band.

Tickets £10 Children under 12 free

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Cathedral Bookshop or Holy Trinity Office

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Christmas

at Ripon Walled Garden



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CHRISTMAS GIFTS
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DECORATIONS
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WARM SPICED DRINKS
MINCE PIES

When choosing to shop with us at Christmas, you are supporting local people with learning and physical disabilities. Registered Charity No:1049030

JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE FAMILY EXPERIENCE!

Raffle

Refreshments



Tombola

Gifts

Christmas Fair

New
Timings for
2024!!
WOW!

Tuesday 3rd December

2-7pm at Jennyruth Workshops, Unit 5, Red House
Farm, Bridge Hewick, Ripon, HG4 5AY



*Be a Star
and donate
a gift*

*Be a
Star!*



Ripon Salvation Army Christmas Appeal 2024

Could you help us make Christmas special for those who may have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning?

If you would like to help, we ask for new and unwrapped presents for the Christmas Present Appeal. These could be:

- **Ages 0-3** stacking or shape sorting gifts, books, jigsaws, dolls, bath toys, tactile toys, baby clothes (no handknitted)
- **Ages 3-10 (Boys)** Trivia cards & Quiz games, Lego, Puzzle Books, Jigsaws, footballs, water bottles, lunch bags, fidget toys, cars, stationary, action figures, playdoh, selection boxes
- **Ages 3-10 (Girls)** Hot Water Bottles, pretty stationary, jigsaws, craft sets, sensory gifts, puzzle books, dolls, bath sets, selection boxes
- **Ages 11-18** Gift sets, jewellery, socks, hats, scarf, gloves (no handknitted) journals, manicure sets / nail varnish, perfume/aftershave, family games, hand creams, gift vouchers, selection boxes

Gifts can be left in the box at the door of the Cathedral

However, if you want to make a financial donation instead, please use our QR code



The Salvation Army Trustee Company acting as Trustee of The Salvation Army Trust (Central Funds). A Christian Church and Registered Charity No. 214779 and in Scotland SC009359. The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, 1 Champion Park, London SE5 8FJ.

or visit our website
<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/ripon>

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Opening Hours: Mon-Sat 10-4; Sun 12-3.30. Tel: 01765 601347

Seasonal News from the Giftshop

As the year progresses from summer into autumn, our thoughts move towards Advent and Christmas. So I thought I would just offer a brief reminder that we have a nice selection of 2025 Calendars and Diaries in the Gift shop. Also Lectionaries.

Advent candles are selling well, also Christmas cards, including our lovely Ripon Cathedral card for this year, **a bargain at £6.50 for 10.**

The opening hours for the Giftshop are 10.00am til 4.00pm Monday to Saturday, and 12.00 til 3.30 on Sunday. The shop will be closed on Sundays from the New Year until February Half Term.

And if your thoughts are running to Christmas shopping, can I recommend the new CD of Christmas Carols from the wonderful Ripon Cathedral Choir (available in our shop of course) or something entertaining, inspirational or thought provoking from our selection of Childrens and Adults books.

Wild Bright Hope

Reflections on Faith - The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent

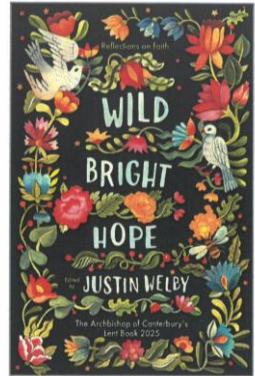
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Justin Welby

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2025

This hugely heartening book on hope will galvanise readers into looking at the world and the challenges we're facing in a new way.

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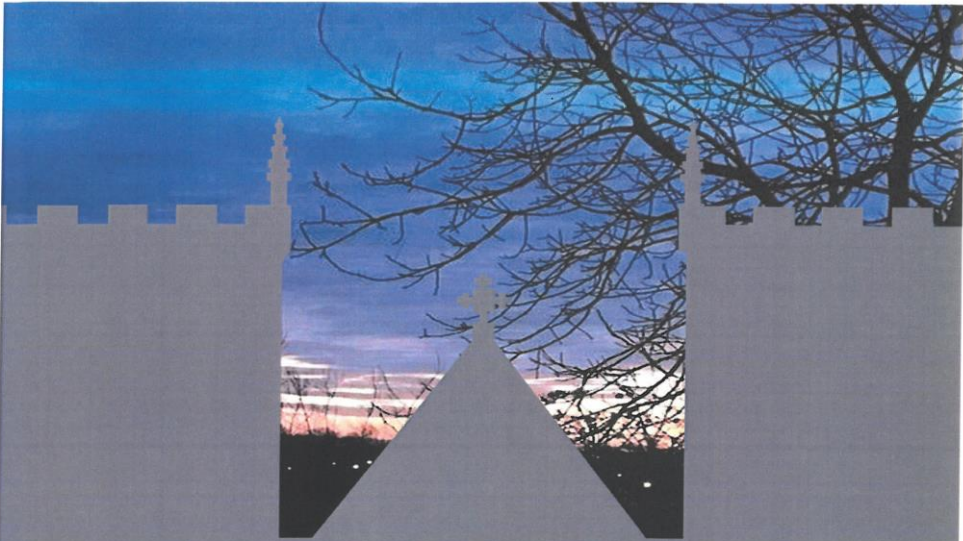
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- A luminously engaging volume on the ever-appealing subject of hope
- Introduction and final chapter by ++Justin
- Offers insights from fresh voices who are wholly committed to the topic and passionate about being involved
- The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book has flourished since SPCK took over publication in 2019
- Follows the highly popular Selina Stone, Emma Ineson, Isabelle Hamley, Hannah Steele and Ruth Valerio, whose books – Tarry Awhile, Failure, Embracing Justice, Living His Story, and Saying Yes to Life – are all bestsellers



The Bereavement Journey

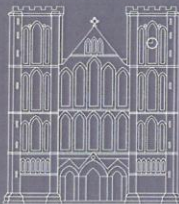
Are you grieving the death of a loved one or
Struggling with the long-term effects of loss ?
A seven-session weekly course

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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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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