

RIPON CATHEDRAL

MARCH-APRIL NEWSLETTER



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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN



Lent: Journeying Together as the Body of Christ

Journeying Together is the theme we have chosen for Lent this year. I do hope you will choose in some way to journey through Lent together with us. The theme reminds us that we are not members of Christ's Church as isolated individuals, separated one from another. Rather, we are part of the Body of Christ (an image used to great effect by St. Paul), members together of the one community of faith.

This finds tangible expression when we gather together within the cathedral for worship. We know well, of course, that we never get everyone together in the same place at the same time – and that is within the one church community which is Ripon Cathedral. We have now got used to welcoming those who worship with us online, and we know that there are many different congregations through the week, and people who receive communion in fellowship with us at home.

The Church has always known that, as the 'mystical body' of Christ, part of its reality is a mystery, one that by the working of the Holy Spirit holds its members together in a unity which transcends time and space. We are interdependent upon, and interrelated to, each other.

So, as we journey through Lent, we can remind ourselves of this truth and help to strengthen it as a reality in our own lives, by choosing a Lenten discipline which not only feeds and refreshes us as individuals, but which binds us together. Simply by knowing that we are all united in keeping Lent in a meaningful way, we are strengthening the bonds that bind us.

Some of us will come together for certain groups or acts of worship. For others of us, the routine of life will make this impossible beyond a weekly act of worship. But by reading the same book as others, or using the Church of England booklet, 'Living Hope', each day through Lent (there is also a children's edition of this – both are available from the cathedral), or by attempting to be more disciplined in our daily prayers with the help of the Cathedral Prayer Diary, we are all becoming more united one with another and, which gets to the heart and hope of things, we become more united with God.

Please, do ensure you take a Lent 2025 leaflet from the cathedral, or see it on our website, and consider taking advantage of at least one of the things being offered or recommended through Ripon Cathedral this Lent.

Lent: Giving in Thanksgiving

Another theme for us this Lent at Ripon Cathedral is 'Giving in Thanksgiving'. This is the title of our planned giving campaign. In being asked to contribute faithfully and regularly to the cathedral's finances, we are being reminded that all our giving to God through the cathedral is an expression of gratitude and an acknowledgment that all we are and all we need for life come as gifts from God.

Some of our 'giving in thanksgiving' takes the form of being generous with our time and skills – for this I am extremely grateful. Our stewardship campaign, however, is focussing on our financial support. We have produced a campaign booklet which gives information about the cathedral's finances and the ways in which we can give regularly. This is packaged with a leaflet about the Parish Giving Scheme and a response form. There should be a pack for everyone who already gives regularly and everyone on the Electoral Roll. Please, if you have not received a pack and would like one, do ask for one or see the website for information.

It is simply the case that without the generous support of many people – in time, skills and money – the cathedral would not be able to offer its extensive and growing ministry to the city, region and diocese. The stewardship campaign booklet notes a few highlights, a small number of the many ways in which our vision strategy, 'Growing God's Kingdom', is bearing fruit. The Chapter and I are extremely grateful for all the support that people so freely give, often self-sacrificially.

It goes without saying that we do not 'tell' people how much they should be giving financially, that is between each one of us and God. The campaign simply asks each one of us to see that our giving is part of our discipleship, and to consider whether we could pledge to give a certain amount on a regular basis, and to decide how much that should be.

If you would like to chat with someone about this for more information, there are three lay members of the Church Growth Committee who are willing to make themselves available. Details are in the campaign booklet or can be obtained from the Cathedral Office.

We have chosen Lent for this renewal campaign as this is a season for spiritual reflection and renewal. We are asking people, if possible, to respond by Sunday, 6th April.

Withdrawal of Ripon Cathedral's planning application for an annex

You are probably already aware that we have decided to withdraw our planning application. Here is the statement which I issued on 14th February.

The Chapter of Ripon Cathedral has this week taken the decision to withdraw the current planning application for its proposed annex on the north side of the cathedral.

While the need for the facilities which the proposed new building would deliver grows ever more urgent, we believe, as we always have, that our development must be part of a wider agreed plan for the city. This includes creating a 'Cathedral Quarter', which would deliver wider benefits to the city and county.

As a result, central to the development of our plans for the annex has been a belief that we were working within the Neighbourhood Plan (adopted after a local referendum) to create that Cathedral Quarter. However, we were saddened that Ripon City Council did not support the proposed annex in its December meeting, despite the many eloquent arguments placed before them and the amendments that had been made to retain the beech tree. In addition, we continue to be asked for ever more proof of viability and justification within the planning system.

The debate within the city has been challenging and difficult for everyone, but especially for cathedral staff and supporters. The intention in withdrawing the current application is to allow the further development and amendment of our plans to be discussed constructively and positively – balancing the many complex constraints and opportunities.

Despite comments to the contrary, the financial sustainability of Ripon Cathedral cannot be taken for granted – and this has been highlighted recently by the current situation of some other cathedrals in England.

With this in mind, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the vision for Ripon Cathedral. With growing numbers of worshippers, visitors, pilgrims, and concertgoers, along with our flourishing choir, the provision of essential facilities (including toilets) for all those who use the cathedral remains an urgent priority. We are also dedicated to protecting the fabric of the cathedral for future generations, some of which has been in continuous use for over 1,350 years and is currently at risk from its inappropriate use for essential storage.

We want to clarify that all costs for developing the proposals, and amending them to respond to the feedback received, have been covered by fundraising. I want to pay tribute to the ongoing generous support of donors and funders, along with the efforts of all who support this ongoing venture.

The whole Chapter joins me in thanking staff, volunteers and all in the wider cathedral community for continuing to achieve so much while battling with the inadequate facilities.

We now look to work constructively with North Yorkshire Council and Ripon City Council on how the essential needs of the cathedral can be met and will be asking them to share their vision for how the Cathedral Quarter will be developed.

Since then, I have received many supportive letters, cards and emails, encouraging the Chapter to press on with determination. Chapter is aware that as the cathedral continues to flourish, progress needs to be made with greater urgency. We have already invited Ripon City Council members to join us for lunch at one of our meetings, and to share with us their vision for Ripon as a cathedral city and for the cathedral quarter which was proposed in their own city plan.

Chapter also realizes that it will be important for us to be in constructive conversation with North Yorkshire Council, the local planning authority. NYC is a new authority and it will be important for us to establish how it understands the significance of the cathedral for both Ripon and the region.

Welcoming a new Canon Pastor

We very much look forward to welcoming our new Canon Pastor, the Revd Wendy Dalrymple. Wendy is currently serving as Precentor, Residuary Canon Designate and Head of Worship and Events at Canterbury Cathedral.

She will be installed on Sunday 6th April at 3.30pm in a service which will also see the installations of the new Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven, Canon James Theodosius, and a new Honorary Canon, the Revd Dr Sue McWhinney. Please, do join us for what will be a great celebration.

And do, please, pray for Wendy and her husband, Chris, as they prepare for their move back to Yorkshire.

With my very best wishes
Dean John

A Prayer for Lent

Lord Christ, who came to call
not the righteous but sinners to repentance:
help us in this season of Lent
to hear and respond to your call;
that by your grace we may turn
from whatever in our lives
is at variance with your will,
and walk in the way of holiness and love,
to the glory of God the Father.



NEWS FROM THE CANON PRECENTOR

The essential work of the church is to pray and to teach people how to pray. Many people tend to use prayer as a last resort, but at Ripon Cathedral it could be said to be our first line of defence. So, we pray 'formally' at least three times with Morning and Evening Prayer and a service of Holy Communion.

Being a Cathedral we rejoice in a choral foundation with an excellent choir who accompany and undergird our praying with glorious music from across the centuries at least six times a week

Recently I have encountered two or three folk who have said they love to come to Evensong for space for themselves. In a sense the chance, at the end of the day to step aside and have space for themselves – almost like another ancient tradition of meditating or reflecting on the day that is past. Perhaps Lent might be a time for you to step aside, towards the end of the working day and take time for yourself in Evensong where you can pray, or be supported by the prayers of others.

As we approach Lent and especially Holy Week and easter, there are many opportunities to journey with us through those momentous events of the first Holy Week. You will find details of the services and activities we are running elsewhere in this newsletter.

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 writes,

A former Area Dean of mine has asked if the Cathedral community is able to help find accommodation for a couple of years for his son, A Christian young professional (graduate scheme surveyor) who is seeking to rent a room with a Christian individual/family from this summer.

Please contact Canon Michael if you are able to help.

Confirmation 2025

We will soon be starting 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.

Significantly, more and more adults are approaching the Church as adults to explore issues of faith, having never been baptised. Baptism and Confirmation is not just for younger people – it is for all. If you as an adult would like to explore faith and Confirmation, or know someone who might, please get in touch.

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.

The YMCA Sleep Easy takes place in the Dean's Garden at the Cathedral on **Friday 25th April** to raise money for the Ripon YMCA. Canon Matthew is sleeping out with the fundraisers and asks everyone in the Cathedral community to sponsor him. Ripon YMCA is one of the Cathedral C3 Partners. We them because youth homelessness is often hidden, and although some people do sleep rough on the streets, many with no fixed home will find themselves on a friend's floor, sofa or in a car. In the past few years Ripon YMCA have worked with many young adults who have slept in tents, sheds, on kitchen floors, on sofas, airbeds or outdoors. The main reason young people become homeless is due to relationships with family or a partner breaking down. Many have mental health issues and suffer low mood and lack of motivation. Please support Canon Matthew's fundraising by sponsoring him at a Cathedral service or by visiting his Just Giving page, searching "YMCA Ripon Sleep Easy 2025".



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Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025

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



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Diocese of Leeds

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Mothering Sunday Sung Eucharist

Sunday 30 March 2025
10.30am

An accessible service for all ages to help us all
give thanks to God for mothers and all mother
figures in our lives.

All Welcome

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Spring Food, Home and Garden Fair

Get ready to indulge in a delightful celebration of all things spring in the stunning surrounds of Ripon Cathedral

Saturday 29th March 2025
10am – 4pm



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Scan here to book



More information:

www.riponcathedral.org.uk/events/spring-fair-2025/



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Exciting Additions for 2025

Live Music, Talks & Demonstrations
and Storytime for the Children

**10.15 -
11am**

Ripon Trinity Singers



**11.10 -
11.40am**

Seasonal Garden Tips on '*What to Do in Your Garden*' with

Cathy Kitchingman & Georgina Bordewich

Discover what to sow, prune and
how to create plants for free



**11.50am -
12.20pm**

Skelldale Singers



**12.30 -
1.10pm**

Rock Choir



**1.15-
1.45pm**

Local Poet & Author Olivia Mulligan

Children's storytime reading and signing
of '*Reggie From The Hedge*'



**1.50 -
2.20pm**

Ripon Cathedral Flower Guild

The Flower Guild will demonstrate flower
arranging in the cathedral with seasonal flowers
and foliage, while highlighting the contributions
of their volunteers



**2.30-
3.15pm**

All For One Choir





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Evensong

with the Collation & Installation of
The Revd Wendy Dalrymple
as Residentiary Canon;
The Revd Canon Dr James Theodosius
as Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven
and
The Revd Dr Sue McWhinney
as Honorary Canon

Sunday 6th April 2025
3.30pm

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Palm Sunday 13th April 2025
Devotional Performance: 17:30h

Come and Sing
Maunder:
Olivet to Calvary

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

If you would like to sing,
please book a place via
the Cathedral's website.
www.riponcathedral.org.uk



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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SPECIAL SERVICES

The Right Reverend Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon
will be leading us through Holy Week
giving an address each day, beginning with Compline on
Monday

Palm Sunday 13th April

10.10am Procession to the Cathedral from the market place

10.30am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm Olivet to Calvary

Monday – Wednesday 7.30pm

Said/Sung Compline

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm

Sung Eucharist and Watch until Midnight

Good Friday

10.30am Journey to Jerusalem

12 noon Preaching of the Cross

1.30pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve

7.30pm Easter Eve Vigil

Easter Day

10.30am Festal Eucharist

3.30pm Festal Evensong

All Welcome

Find all services at www.riponcathedral.org.uk

Fundraising Event Support

Baking for Ripon Cathedral Events

To make sure we can continue to offer your lovely home-baked goods (especially in the absence of a functioning kitchen) we need to ensure specific food hygiene measures to support baking for events and services. If you would like to bake for our fundraising events, please contact Sarah in the Development Office and she will provide all the necessary information. Email sarahlynch@riponcathedral.org.uk

Tombola and Raffle prize donations for the Spring Fair on Saturday 29th March 2025.

To ensure the success of this event, we would greatly appreciate donations of tombola and raffle prizes. If you are able to contribute, please deliver your donations to the Ripon Cathedral Offices or the Chapter House. Alternatively, please feel free to contact the Development Team to arrange for collection on 01765 603583 or email development@riponcathedral.org.uk

Volunteering

If you are not currently a volunteer for our events and concerts but wish to join the Events Volunteer Team, please email Charlie Stewart at governanceofficer@riponcathedral.org.uk to request an application form.

Should you wish to discuss the role further prior to applying, do not hesitate to contact Sarah Lynch in the Development Office at 01765 603583 or via email at sarahlynch@riponcathedral.org.uk

For those who are already recruited volunteers at the cathedral, please email Sarah so we can include you on our Volunteer Call-Out list.

Thank you for your support.

News from Christian Aid

Quiz Night Holy Trinity 14 February - A tidy £560 was raised to help the disadvantaged

Spring Fayre 29 March 10 am - 4 pm Stall of preloved handbags and scarves and jewellery. Anyone who can help man the stall for a couple of hours, please let Dorothy Gray know at dorothygray1.152@gmail.com

Big Breakfast Holy Trinity from 7 am on 4 April. Please note in your diaries

Christian Aid week 11 - 17 May with a focus on Guatemala which has suffered extreme heatwaves leaving poor farmers with devastated crops. Funds received will go towards tools and training to help alleviate extreme hunger in rural communities. Envelopes for delivery to the parish will be delivery-only. Previous volunteers will be contacted directly nearer the time. Anyone new please speak to Dorothy Gray or Elaine Gisbourne

NEWS FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICER

Children's Church

The start of 2025 has seen us celebrating Jesus' baptism, hearing about his first miracle, his presentation at the temple at Candlemas, and calling his first disciples! Lots of new beginnings for a new year! We've played, prayed, listened and crafted and had lots of fun together.



Christingle

With some of our super volunteers we went into Ripon Cathedral Primary School and helped all 210(ish) children make Christingles. We then celebrated together Christ's light in the world at a special service led by Canon Matthew.

Cathedral Club

We've had lots of fun this half-term at our Cathedral Primary after-school club. We've thought about how God started with a blank page at the beginning of creation; how we can have moments of silence to hear God's voice (and then made our favourite quiet places out of plasticine!); we've talked about the armour of God and made weebles; we heard how God knows all about us (and still loves us!); and we finished with making holding crosses, to remind us that every bit of us and creation is held together by God.



Half-term activity morning

The children made wonderful maps and beautiful lanterns.

We had 41 children and over 20 parents/carers for our Labyrinth Activity morning. Children thought about God's Word being a lamp to our feet and a light to our path Psalm 119:105. Children created their own labyrinth with pathways on coloured card they arranged leading to a Cross or Heart shape. Children also thought about the meaning of our names and how God knows our name. Children could then add to a chalk labyrinth in the Crossing showing how they walk with others and then we finished our morning making jam jar lanterns decorated with tissue paper as a light for our way. Canon Matthew was incredibly helpful serving refreshments keeping everyone happy.

It was tremendously busy and lots of fun. Huge thanks to our Education volunteers Sue Lay, Helen Churchill and Kathy Cork



First school visit this term with KS1 pupils from Queen Mary's School





Join us this Spring

Upcoming family activities & services

Sights and Sounds of Ripon

Saturday 8th March – free crafts & activities

Mothering Sunday

30th March – 10:30am Eucharist service

Holy Week Activity Mornings

Tuesday 15th April & Wednesday 16th April

Journey to Jerusalem

Friday 18th April – 10:30 family service



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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

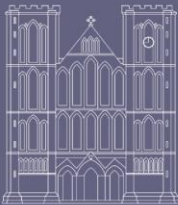
Location: Thorpe Prebend House, High St.Agnesgate, Ripon

Date: May 7th 2025

Time: 7.00 – 9.00pm

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.

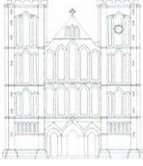


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For more information or to register an interest in
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fionapearman@riponcathedral.org.uk or ring the
cathedral office: 01765 603462

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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 by 23rd May 2025

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Connect with Nature in Lent around the Beautiful Setting of our Cathedral

As the days lengthen, we all want to be outside.

We are lucky in Ripon to be able to walk beside three rivers – the Skell, the Laver and the Ure, even at dusk in February.



- Don't forget to enjoy a walk through the Cathedral churchyard with its swathe of pink cyclamen on the south side which leads down to the River Skell. They are spreading every year.
- Make your way to the Skell and enjoy a walk along the river.
- Don't miss the waves of snowdrops in the Conservation Area, which are spectacular this year.
- They have benefitted from the scarifying done by Open Country, a Harrogate charity in August 2024.
- Do keep your eyes open for the cowslips and violets, which will follow in March.



FIRST REPORT ON CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S PROGRESS TO NZC 2030 PUBLISHED LATE 2024.

Commenting on the Report, **the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher**, who leads on the environment, said that the ultimate goal was “*to respond to the climate crisis to help safeguard God’s creation and achieve a just world. Every environmental action we take, from installing solar panels to encouraging wildlife in our churchyards, is a step towards caring for God’s planet, nature and people. It also means cheaper bills and makes our buildings more sustainable.*”

Julian Atkins, net-zero programme director, said: “*Churches, cathedrals, and schools are already making great progress in reducing their carbon emissions, and many have found that making small changes can make a big difference. We hope the report will encourage and inspire readers to see that achieving net-zero carbon is possible.*”

SMALL STEPS IN OUR OWN LIVES

How to reduce our consumption - Refuse – Reduce – Repair – Re-use - Recycle

The temptation and pressure from advertising to buy more clothes is enormous – even when we know our wardrobes and chests of drawers are full or over-flowing.

Yvonne Jeffries, from the Education Department and speaker at the Lent Talk on March 13th, found this book a very interesting read and has written a review –

Book Review by Yvonne Jefferies

Less by Patrick Grant

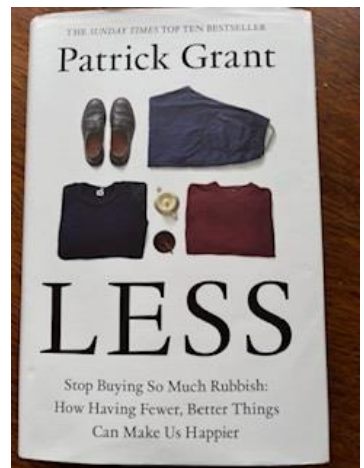
Pub William Collins 2024 Hardback £22

I agree with Claudia Winkleman’s review of this book: ‘Utterly brilliant. We all need to read this book.’

Patrick Grant writes from experience, with his career in the clothing industry spanning 20 years. Whilst he is well known as a judge on the BBC’s Great British Sewing Bee, few people know he has a degree in Materials Science and Engineering. He is also an ambassador for HRH King Charles III’s charity ‘Future Textiles’, an organisation working to educate people and sustain craft skills in the UK’s textile industry.

This book really is a must if you care about the survival of our clothing industry, the cohesion of our communities, and the protection of our environment. But don’t let this get you down – it is an uplifting and inspirational read about how we can make a difference.

Patrick advises us how we can take informed decisions about what we buy; how we can safeguard the wellbeing of those creating garments and goods. Ultimately, we can play our part as wise stewards of the natural resources of our land and also keep for posterity skills in our local communities to enrich the lives of all.



The last words go to Patrick himself, quoting from the last paragraph of this book: 'Having less but better would be a path to a healthier, more equal society, a source of hope for a better future for the many people of all ages living in what we call our post-industrial communities. Living with fewer, better things is an act of goodness and kindness to people and the planet, and it would make us all happier.'

The book 'Less' not only calls us to face up to the challenges of the fashion industry, but also presents us with solutions for a better future.

BUY NOW! The Shopping Conspiracy – a film on Netflix
As consumers we have the power to help restore our planet by reducing our consumption. This British film exposes the methods used by companies and advertising agencies to convince us to buy things we don't need for our basic happiness in life. It is challenging to watch because it is a subversive documentary. It reveals the tricks that big brands use to keep us, their customers, consumingand the real impact that this over-consumption has on our lives and on our world.



Cut consumption – remember the 5R's - Refuse – Reduce – Repair – Re-use – Recycle REALITY CHECK ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

As most of you know, 2024 was the hottest year on record. The target of 1.5° above pre-industrial levels, was broken for the first time. In addition, the President of the USA has withdrawn from the 2016 Paris Agreement and is discouraging a Green Transition to a more sustainable and just world.

But many people have experienced an eco-conversion over recent decades and these people will continue to alter their lifestyles in accordance with their understanding and speak up for nature and people.

However, it is easy to feel discouraged. It can help to read and understand what other people are doing.

The Green Christian website is particularly helpful -
'Green Christian Ordinary Christians, extraordinary times''

<https://greenchristian.org.uk>

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/gc-campaigns/joy-in-enough/>

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/about/newsletters/>

Perhaps the Serenity Prayer is a helpful reminder to keep going and to take small steps:

*🙏 God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
and Wisdom to know the difference. Amen*

DATES TO LOOK OUT FOR –

Saturday 8th March - 'Sights and Sounds of Ripon' - Eco Church and Christian Aid Stall – Hopeful actions we can and are taking to help care for our world in this time of climate and biodiversity crisis

Saturday 22nd March at 8.30pm EARTH HOUR <https://www.earthhour.org>



Since 2007, Earth Hour has been a symbolic gesture to remind people of the need to look after our planet. In 2023, the campaign asked people to switch off the lights and also spend 60 minutes doing something positive for our planet. So, turn off the lights, light the candles and think of an action you can take. And give thanks for our wonderful world.

Tuesday 22nd April EARTH DAY – <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2025/>



EARTHDAY.ORG started in 1970 in the USA and was the start of the modern environmental protest movement. The theme for 2025 is 'Our Power, Our Planet', with many resources about renewable energy on the website.

NEW PARISH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year the Cathedral has to prepare an entirely new Electoral Roll. There is no automatic transfer of names for those who are on the existing roll. You will need to fill out a new application form if you wish your name to be included on the new roll.

Blank copies of the application form (green for the new roll) are available in the Cathedral, near the notice board in the South Transept. Unfortunately we are unable to complete the new Electoral Roll entirely electronically. If you have supplied us with an email address you may request a form to be sent to you by email. The form must, however, be printed, signed and scanned to return to us electronically.

Please return all forms by **Thursday 24 April**. You may return completed forms to the box provided next to the notice board in the Cathedral, or to

Ripon Cathedral Offices, Liberty Courthouse, Minster Road, Ripon. HG4 1QS.

If you require any help, please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Heather Powling, heatherp0580@gmail.com



Love your Neighbour, Love Creation and Act towards Net Zero Carbon 2030

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Join the cathedral's Eco-Action group for two Lent talks

Thursday 13 March

Seeking Sanctuary in Ripon: Supporting Refugee Families

A talk given by Yvonne Jefferies and Emma Wright with representatives of Syrian families now settling in Ripon.

Wednesday 2 April

**Practical Steps for Churches and Congregations as they journey
towards Carbon Net Zero**

A talk given by Rose Gosling, who is an Eco Church Gold assessor and has inspired Summerbridge Methodist church to gain a Gold Eco Church award, and Peter Edwards, who has helped St Mary's Embsay church on their transition to Net Zero Carbon.

The talks take place at Thorpe Prebend House from 7.00pm until 9.00pm with refreshments being served from 6.30pm.

To book, please contact the Cathedral Office Tel: 01765 603462
or email: cathedraladmin@riponcathedral.org.uk



Why not come to Choral Evensong at 5.30pm first?

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Ripon Cathedral is committed to supporting our

community through partnerships with local charities.

Contact C3@riponcathedral.org.uk or 01765
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If you want to know more about the Charities that
Ripon Cathedral partners through the work of C3
come to **Sights and Sounds of Ripon Saturday,**
8th March 10am-1:30pm

Meet our partners in person! Visit their stalls
Find out first-hand what they do and how C3 is working
with them.



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MEET OUR NEWEST PARTNER: Ripon Disability Action Forum



Wendy Richardson will attend her first meeting with the trustees as a non-voting representative on the 11th of February. The group works with North Yorkshire Disability Forum, other local authorities, health services, businesses, charities and community groups to improve the lives of people with disabilities, their families and carers to ensure they have the support and services they need, including social events. Successful projects have been the campaign for the new ‘Changing Places’ toilet near the library, a new website, an ongoing project mapping accessible routes in Ripon, Masham, Pateley Bridge and Boroughbridge, the ‘Take a seat’ initiative in shops and the new wheelchair accessible path to Hell Wath sports pavilion and playing fields. Their main aim is to make Ripon a disabled friendly city.

News from Christian Aid Quiz Night Holy Trinity 14 February - A tidy £560 was raised to help the disadvantaged. Spring Fayre 29 March 10 am - 4 pm Stall of preloved handbags and scarves and jewelry. Anyone who can help man the stall for a couple of hours, please let Dorothy Gray know at dorothygray1152@gmail.com

Big Breakfast Holy Trinity from 7 am on 4 April. Please note in your diaries.

Christian Aid week 11 - 17 May with a focus on Guatemala which has suffered extreme heatwaves leaving poor farmers with devastated crops. Funds received will go towards tools and training to help alleviate extreme hunger in rural communities. Envelopes for delivery to the parish will be delivery-only. Previous volunteers will be contacted directly nearer the time. Anyone new please speak to Dorothy Gray or Elaine Gisbourne



The Power of Ten works to encourage and support young people into volunteering in the community. If you want to find out more about volunteering opportunities for young people go to: powerof10@hadca.org.uk

The Power of 10 is an opportunity to celebrate the positive difference young people make in our community and to recognise their contributions. Do you know a young person who gives time to help with a local charity, group or club in the Ripon area? **Power of 10** would love to award and reward them whether they're helping in a charity shop, a sports club, museum, library, outdoors or anywhere!



Jennyruth had a wonderful Christmas, selling its products at many varied venues. We were particularly grateful to C3 at Ripon Cathedral, which raised £320 through the sale of Christmas items after service on three Sunday mornings prior to Christmas. Now we look

forward to the Spring Fair at the Cathedral which will kick off events for 2025. If you would like to visit Jennyruth to see how we work and find out about all our wonderful products, just contact us on 01765 606620 or info@jennyruth.co.uk. We are always delighted to show people around the workshop and to introduce them to the workers.



Your donations make a difference...2 notes of thanks!

Dear Friends at Ripon Cathedral

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful Christmas gift donations. The gift bags have all been sent out and will have brought such joy to many families this Christmas.

We really appreciate your kindness with our Christmas Present Appeal and for your support for our food bank throughout the year. We are especially grateful to David Riley for delivering the donations to us here at The Salvation Army, Ripon.

Please pass on our grateful thanks to everyone who kindly donated

*Every Blessing
Alison*

Alison Hewitt
Corps Assistant
Ripon Salvation Army
Tel: 01765 692657

Here is a list of items that they need right now:

Tinned vegetables – potatoes, carrots and peas; Packets of instant mashed potato
Tinned meat – pies, corned beef, beef in gravy, mince; Hot Dogs and Frankfurters
Tinned rice pudding and custard; Sponge puddings (microwaveable)
Washing powder and/or liquid – bio and non-bio

Please watch the sell-by dates as The Army are unable to distribute out of date food.

The Magdalen Fellowship

Monday mornings at 10:30 am at St. John's Sharow there is a meeting of The Magdalen Fellowship, an ecumenical group of people who join for meditation and contemplative prayer.

Together we say The Litany of Healing and hold in prayer the prayer requests left in the Cathedral that week. Once a month we share the Eucharist and a service of healing. All our meetings end with a time of shared fellowship over coffee.



We welcome new members and for more information, please contact the Cathedral Office, or speak with Anne-Marie Tarter or John Whelan.



The Ripon Rotary Charity Bike Ride
will take place on
Saturday 10th May 2025
with the route passing through
the delightful countryside of
the Vale of York

For more details, to enter the ride, get involved
or to support us visit our new website at

www.riptonrotarybikeride.org

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Dates for your diary

Quiz Evening Holy Trinity Church 14 February 2025

Tickets quiz & supper available Cathedral shop
& Holy Trinity Church office.

Sights and Sounds 8 March 2025

The Christian Aid stall will feature information in the form of an interactive
quiz on the countries suffering the worst effects of climate change.

Cathedral Spring Fayre 29 March 2025

Christian Aid will have a stall of preloved goods for sale. Great Bargains!





Sleep Easy April 25th 2025



5 Water Skellgate
Ripon, HG4 1BQ
info@riponymca.org
www.riponymca.org
01765 607609
Charity No: 250986

would like to join us in fund-raising - why not encourage them to 'sleep out' at home - maybe with a team of friends. Remember the important thing is for them to encourage friends and family to sponsor their efforts. They can download an activity pack from our website so that they can share their experience and let us know how their night went. Goodie bags available for completed packs and sponsor form.

Follow this link to our webpage where you will find a participant pack with more information about our event, a sponsorship form, a sign-up sheet- or if you fancy coming along for the evening, for a small donation you can join us for supper and a talk about Ripon YMCA from our staff members.

<https://www.riponymca.org/sleep-easy.html>

On April the 25th 2025 Ripon YMCA will be holding a sponsored **SLEEP-OUT** in support of the **Sleep Easy Campaign**. We will be sleeping outdoors in the Cathedral Grounds to raise funds and awareness of how homelessness affects young people in our local area.

Ripon YMCA has worked with many young adults by providing with a safe place to stay and give them support to help develop independence. Our Housing Support Workers develop action plans and provide practical support to help young people learn, grow and engage in appropriate opportunities and develop life skills and independence.

We invite you to support YMCA Ripon by taking part in the event. **If you are over 18**, you can sleep outside with us, **OR** you can come and join us for supper on the evening and hear about YMCA Ripon and meet the team.

Suggested minimum donation of £10 please email info@riponymca.org to register.

You can download a sponsor form on our website or set up your own Just Giving page.

If you know **someone under 18 who**



LET THE MUSIC SPEAK

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 2025
coming together through song

Live performances from:

Harrogate Male Voice Choir
RCL Sing and Sign group
The Music Men
Leeds Ukulele Group
Singer/song writer -Emma James

TICKETS: £10
SAUSAGE LUNCH - WITH THANKS TO HECK SAUSAGES

DOORS OPEN FOR TEA & COFFEE AT 10.45AM
11.15AM START
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, KIRKBY ROAD, RIPON HG4 2EY

TO PURCHASE:
www.riponcommunitylink.org / Ripon Walled Garden shop

All proceeds from the event will go to
Ripon Community Link at Ripon Walled Garden
Supporting adults with learning and physical disabilities



www.riponcommunitylink.org

Registered Charity No: 1049030

CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

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

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	Eucharist 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

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

Further Information

For further information on any of the events and services listed or for general information, please contact us on:

Email: postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk

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

Or visit our website: www.riponcathedral.org.uk.

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