

RIPON CATHEDRAL

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



The Dean: The Very Revd John Dobson DL
Canon in Residence: Canon

Cathedral Office: 01765 603462
Website: www.riponcathedral.org.uk

A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

Buen Camino!

'Buen Camino!' This was the greeting we 22 Ripon Cathedral pilgrims found ourselves exchanging in late August with countless others along the same pilgrim way. We were doing the last 110 km of the Portuguese pilgrim route to Santiago de Compostela. The word camino means way and has come to refer to a pilgrim route. The greeting is a way of wishing others a good, blessed, fruitful pilgrimage. Well, we Ripon pilgrims certainly experienced that.



Setting off from Vigo on Monday 21st August

Walking in northern Spain, sometimes in temperatures well into the 30's centigrade, we were encouraged by the fact that many cathedral people back home were sharing in a spiritual pilgrimage with us, saying our daily prayers with us and tuning into our brief daily reflections which were broadcast on Facebook and YouTube. That, and the support, conversation, and general good company of each other, helped us to reach our goal – the ancient shrine of St. James the Great, a place of pilgrimage since the 10th century.

Compostela today is a place of constant celebration, as thousands of pilgrims, the largest proportion of them young adults, arrive every day to great cheers. A cheer certainly went up when we arrived.



Arriving at Santiago de Compostela on Friday 25th August

Our journey took us in five stages from Vigo, via overnight stops in small lodges and hotels where, mercifully, our luggage never failed to be waiting for us. For many of us, there was genuine concern that we might not be able to do the whole thing on foot. That was only important, really, if we were determined to gain a Camino certificate at the end. And that in turn required our pilgrim passports to contain at least two pilgrim stamps for each day from churches, cafes, and bars along the way.



The pilgrim passport did give us food for thought, it must be admitted. It informed us that we could qualify for the pilgrim certificate by walking at least 100km. That was fine, yes we were striving to do that. But we could also have qualified by cycling at least 200 km, by taking a boat at least 90 nautical miles, or by riding a horse for 100 km. On the Wednesday afternoon, walking a long up-hill stretch in extreme heat, I vowed I would learn to ride a horse before my next Camino.

So, the Camino was a joy – a time of wonderful encounters, deep conversations, space for reflection and prayer, and friendships deepened through sharing laughter and challenges. Aching feet and limbs were among the challenges.

Ripon pilgrims on the Camino

Our daily prayer book informed us that Richard Rohr wrote,

'The meaning of a pilgrimage is an interior journey. Primarily, it's an interior journey enacted exteriorly. When we return home, if no interior journey has happened, we really haven't made a pilgrimage. We've just been tourists. We've travelled around and said, "I saw this, and I saw that, and I bought this," and so forth. But that's what a tourist does, not a pilgrim. And God has called us on pilgrimage.'

Well, this could be applied to so much in life, couldn't it? Human flourishing is helped by a willingness to develop spiritually and embrace the opportunity of change. Every day of life is filled with the possibilities of spiritual encounters and insight, of discerning God's close presence with us in the good times and the testing seasons. Often, it's a clear vision of what we think God is calling us to be and do, discerned afresh at different stages of life, that gives us a sense of purpose and value. In conversation with other pilgrims from all over the world, I got the clear impression that for many the motivation to walk to Santiago de Compostela is a desire to re-focus on God and to discover a new direction for life.

Some of our group were very keen that we should sing. John Bunyan's famous hymn was an obvious choice. It's first verse:

*He who would valiant be 'gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy follow the Master.
There's no discouragement shall make him once relent,
His first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.*

We couldn't help but remember that while we were blessed with the opportunity to do the Camino for a week, many in the world have been facing real disasters in their lives. There have been appalling fires and storms, asylum seekers losing their lives at sea, the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine, Sudan and across Israel-Palestine. The list could go on...

A feature of the Camino de Santiago is the beautiful stone crucifixes along the way, each one reminding us that we have a God who doesn't distance himself from the pain and suffering of the world – quite the opposite.



One of the many Camino crucifixes



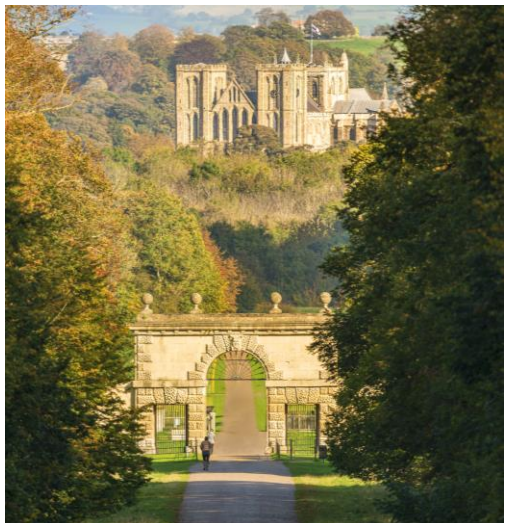
We can only hope for people who are faced with tragedies, challenges, and big decisions in life that they can find a faith in God which gives them strength and guidance. One powerful reflection for me from the Camino is that the pilgrimage of life, with its inevitable ups and downs and perplexities, is certainly helped by a living, active faith in the God who is faithful to us and who calls us individually by name. I was very encouraged by the number of young people doing the Camino who seem to have grasped that truth, and I was left longing for us to be bolder in humbly sharing that insight with people of all ages in this country. Encouraging more people to make a pilgrimage to ancient sacred places, such as Ripon Cathedral, is one way of doing this – especially for young adults, perhaps.

Pilgrims reach the shrine

Pilgrimage is a theme that we are used to pondering here at Ripon Cathedral. This has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries, going back to the mediaeval shrine of St. Wilfrid, and to his 7th century crypt. We still see large numbers of people arrive as pilgrims today, and within the cathedral itself we have several pilgrim trails on different themes, including The Rule of St. Benedict and Treasures Untold. We also have trails for children which could be regarded as pilgrimages.

I was delighted to hear great reports from a group connected with St. Cuthbert's, Pateley Bridge, who in August had done a week's pilgrimage from Bradford Cathedral to Ripon Cathedral. They were delighted by the service they had in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

We are grateful for the support we get from volunteers near and far who help us to offer hospitality to pilgrims and all visitors to Ripon Cathedral. It became ever more obvious to us doing the Camino de Santiago that a warm, generous welcome is crucially important and communicates much.



A pilgrim's view of Ripon Cathedral

It is a credit to our volunteer guides and welcomers that for the second year running we have received a Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award. We are grateful to them all. And perhaps doing a stint of duty sometimes feels like something of a pilgrimage – being on one's feet for a long time, encountering new people and, sometimes, having time to ponder and reflect.

However we apply the theme of pilgrimage to our lives, the last verse of Bunyan's hymn can offer encouragement;

*Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away! I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day to be a pilgrim.*

For each one of us in the whole of life, Buen Camino!

Here is a prayer written by Angela Ashwin that you may find helpful,

*Christ our guide,
Stay with us on our pilgrimage through life;
When we falter, encourage us,
When we stumble, steady us,
And when we have fallen, pick us up.
Help us to become, step by step, more truly ourselves,
And remind us that you have travelled this way before us.
Amen.*



Ripon pilgrims celebrating Holy Communion before walking the final kilometer to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela

Ripon Cathedral Annual Review – Launch event, Saturday, 23rd September from 10am in the cathedral

The growing and flourishing mission of Ripon Cathedral includes, but extends well beyond, welcoming pilgrims and visitors to this ancient church. Our vision strategy, Growing God's Kingdom, has five main strands of mission:

- Growing the Worshipping Community
- Being a Mother Church of the Diocese of Leeds and proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom to the region
- Promoting, Developing and Conserving our Spiritual and Built Heritage
- Responding to Human Need in Loving Partnership
- Carbon Net Zero: Striving to Safeguard the Integrity of Creation

Our Annual Review for 2022-23 will be published in September, celebrating all that has been achieved in each of these areas in the twelve months from summer 2022 to summer 2023.

I invite you to come to the launch event on Saturday 23rd September from 10.00am in the cathedral. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

The event will include an update on where we are with the Ripon Cathedral Renewed Project and also with developing Net Zero plans. Please, do join us.

You might like to pray the Ripon Cathedral Prayer as we reflect on progress with Growing God's Kingdom;

Cathedral Prayer

Creator God, you reveal your love for us in Jesus
and sustain us by your Holy Spirit,
by your grace, open our eyes to your presence and our
ears to your call,
that united with our patrons St. Peter and St. Wilfrid
and in the whole community of Ripon Cathedral
we may serve your will and see your kingdom grow in this
City and Diocese,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

With my very best wishes,
Dean John

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As the Academic year begins, we welcome our Cathedral choir back from their well-earned summer break. We welcome especially those who are joining the choir as Probationers taking their first steps in the world of cathedral music. We look forward to seeing how they grow in the choir.

It is always good to have the 'home team' back on duty, but we have been lucky this year with a number of excellent choirs. We had regular visitors returning with Voces Seraphorum, Rectory Chorale amongst them. We were also delighted to welcome choirs, returning after previous visits. Amongst them The Danensian Choir who returned after visits in 1976, 1980, 1986 and 1991!

Many enjoyed the visit of a newly formed choir, visiting for the first time. The Steel City Choristers made the short journey from Sheffield for their first residential over the weekend of the Ripon Wilfrid Procession. The look on the faces of the younger choristers as those from the procession filled the Cathedral were wonderful! We were delighted to receive an email from the Chair of the Trustees saying the following,

Thank you for having us to sing at Ripon Cathedral. We had a wonderful time and were made very welcome. We enjoyed singing with a nave full of dinosaurs and superheroes as well as in the more contemplative space of Evensong in your beautiful quire, and in the full and friendly nave for Sunday Eucharist. Steel City Choristers is an independent choir of children and adults singing in the cathedral tradition for churches and other communities in and around Sheffield. It was lovely to get to sing in the gorgeous surroundings and acoustics of Ripon Cathedral, and very exciting for some of our youngest choristers to experience that for the first time! We stayed for the weekend at Holy Rood House in Thirsk, and would highly recommend that as a place to stay.

We are a charity and we offer children a free first-class musical education and are passionate about preserving the choral tradition. We rely on the financial, practical and moral support of our Friends to make this happen, so if anyone was touched by our music and would like to support us in any way we would love to hear from them! Our email is enquiries@steelcitychoristers.org.uk

For such a new choir, they sang beautifully. I think they have achieved something phenomenal with cathedral standard singing without the resources often associated with a cathedral music department.

Please continue to support our own cathedral choirs and our music staff as they return, with your encouragement.

Canon Michael



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

THURSDAY CONCERTS

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2023

7 th September	Charlotte Harper	Soprano
14 th September	Michael Bonaventure	Organ
21 st September	Kenneth Wilson	Cello & poetry
28 th September	Jack Spencer	Organ
5 th October	Daniel Gordon	Piano
19 th October	Students from Leeds University	
2 nd November	Jonathan Richards	Guitar
9 th November	Ben Morris	Organ
16 th November	The Dales Ensemble	Chamber music
30 th November	Chris Why <i>acc.</i> James Bowstead	Tenor

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

RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK

NEWS FROM THE CANON PASTOR

Are you interested in joining with others to journey together as we consider our Rhythms of life and potentially commit to gathering (initially) three times a year to deepen our sense of community and shared journey?

The idea is to form a dispersed community for the Diocese of Leeds (centred at Ripon Cathedral) that comes together regularly to be refreshed, challenged, eat together and pray together and then sent back out to further God's work in the community's of which we are a part, centred around the Rhythm of Life which began a few years ago.

The dates I am proposing to meet are:

Saturday 16th September 2023

Saturday 13th January 2024

Saturday 18th May 2024

From 10am – 2pm at Thorp Prebend House in Ripon.

The day will involve praying together, some input relating to one of the areas of the Rhythm of Life, some reflection time in the beautiful grounds and building of Ripon Cathedral, a shared lunch (please bring your own but we will eat together) and then closing prayer/worship.

If you know anyone else who might be interested in joining us, please forward this email on to them too.

If you would like to join us, please RSVP CanonClaire@riponcathedral.org.uk.

If you would like to know more about the Rhythm of life see:

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/rhythm-of-life>

Many thanks and I hope to journey with you more deeply over the coming years.



The Bereavement *Journey*

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

A seven-session weekly course will be running here from Wednesday September 13th at 7 pm

Topics include:

- attachment, separation and loss;
- the impact of pain of bereavement;
- adjusting to change;
- anger and guilt;
- coping with others' reactions;
- moving on healthily.



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

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

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

RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK



Children's Church and Little Children's Church



RIPON
Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral has two children's groups that meet on Sunday mornings during the 10.30am Eucharist (school term time only). We hear Bible stories, sing, play games, enjoy craft activities, and it's always a lot of fun!

Little Children's Church is our group for children aged 0-6. Children under school age must be accompanied by an adult.

Children's Church is our group for children aged 6+.

New children are always welcome. To find out more please email

BethWickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk

RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK



Messy Cathedral

Messy Cathedral is a chance for families to come together to explore the Christian faith. We share a story, enjoy some craft activities, take a (sometimes!) quiet moment for a prayer, and we always finish with a sandwich tea. All ages are welcome, but Messy Cathedral is most suitable for children under 11. It is free of charge and booking is not required. See our upcoming dates below:



RIPON
Cathedral

- Sunday 24th September, 4.30pm
- Sunday 15th October, 4.30pm
- Sunday 12th November 4.30pm

Please contact
BethWickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk for more
information.

RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK



CHORAL EVENSONG WITH INSTALLATION OF CANONS

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

15:30 - 17:00

The Dean & Chapter of Ripon Cathedral invite you to
Choral Evensong with the Bishop of Leeds
with Installation of Canons
including the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon
and Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam, Bishop of Huddersfield
followed by refreshments

All welcome



www.riponcathedral.org.uk



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

LAUNCH OF ANNUAL REVIEW

Update on the Cathedral's
Mission and Priorities

Saturday 23rd September
in the Cathedral
10-12 noon

- 10.00 Presentation on the Cathedral's strategy and launch of Annual Review
- 10.40 Questions and Answers
- 11.00 Coffee and cake
Eco Group Exhibition
- 12.00 Eucharist

RIPONCATHEDRAL.ORG.UK

Join us for our annual black tie **St Wilfrid Banquet** on Friday 13th October 2023 to help raise funds for the music, heritage conservation and education programme of Ripon Cathedral.

The evening will commence at 7pm with a sparkling drinks reception and musical entertainment, followed by a scrumptious four course dinner and fine wines served by The Yorkshire Party Company in the spectacular candle lit setting of the cathedral nave. There will be an auction, a raffle and other fundraising activities throughout the evening and guests will be able to dance the night away via the silent disco, with carriages at 12.45am.

Tickets for this year's banquet can be purchased individually for **£125** (or as tables of 8, 10 or 12). Please contact Nicola Bailey nicolabailey@riponcathedral.org.uk to book.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

THE ST WILFRID
Banquet

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2023 FROM 7PM | RIPON CATHEDRAL

A sparkling evening of delicious food, wine and musical entertainment
in the beautiful 12th century nave.

BlackTie | Carriages 12.45am

Sponsored by
 ecclesiastical

Ripon Cathedral Development Trust (Registered Charity 1086760)

 **RIPON**
CATHEDRAL

AUTUMN LECTURES

Thursday 5th October at 7.30pm in the Quire

Canon Professor Joyce Hill, *Travelling with Wilfrid: new research on his journeys to Rome*

An illustrated lecture on Wilfrid's three journeys to Rome, systematically examining, for the first time, the evidence for the different routes that he took and how the journeys were accomplished. This draws upon Professor Hill's own research, which will be published in Germany later this year.

Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm in the Quire

Canon Professor Joyce Hill, *Wilfrid's Lost Dedication Manuscript and the Survival of its Tenth Century Replacement: a re-discovery in recent times*

This lecture is on the replacement for Wilfrid's great dedication Gospel Book, specially commissioned by Archbishop Oswald when he rebuilt the basilica in Ripon after its destruction in 948. This sumptuous tenth-century replacement has recently been identified as a manuscript now owned by the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York.

Both lectures will be illustrated, and both are free.

Volunteer required for cleaning the Cathedral brass

If you have a spare hour or two once a week or once a fortnight to assist with cleaning the brass, please contact the Cathedral Office. We look forward to hearing from you.

'Close Encounters of the Life Changing Kind' by Alison Askew

Have you ever wondered how some of the people who met Jesus and had their lives transformed by him might have told their own story?

A new book of imaginative meditations, some of which are followed by questions, looks at some of the events described in the gospels through the eyes of those involved.

'Close Encounters of the Life Changing Kind' by Alison Askew a member of the congregation at St Mary Magdalen's Chapel, Ripon, will be available at some point over the summer and on sale in The Cathedral shop or directly from Alison priced £7.99.

All royalties and any donations received from the sale of the book will be given to The Jeel Scholarship Fund which is headed by Canon Michael Glanville-Smith. The fund provides opportunities for higher education for Palestinian youngsters who have been brought up in a boys' home in Bethany and have no financial resources. Currently the fund is sponsoring two youngsters on four year nursing degree courses and one who is training as a doctor.

Purchase of the book will help this amazing work which enables these young people to achieve their dreams and contribute to their community on qualification.



PATRONAL EUCHARIST

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER

10:30am - 12:00pm

The Dean and Chapter of Ripon Cathedral invite you to the
Patronal Eucharist with the Bishop of Leeds.

All are welcome

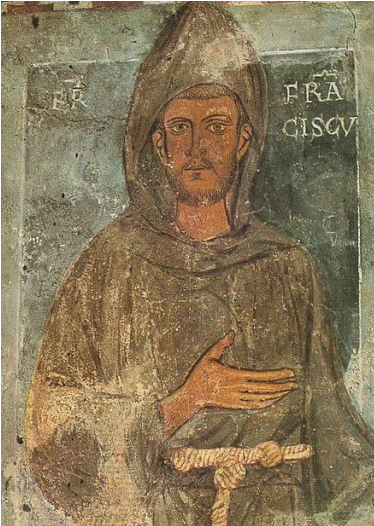


www.riponcathedral.org.uk

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI – FEAST DAY – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 2023

St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of ecology.



Fresco from 1229 Abbey of Subiaco

Francis of Assisi was born Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardonne, about 1181 and died on 3rd October 1226. His father was a wealthy silk merchant and his mother was a French noblewoman.

Francis led a privileged and riotous life until joining a military expedition against Perugia in 1202. He was captured and spent a year in prison. He became ill and began to re-evaluate his life. When he returned to Assisi in 1203, he resumed his former life but with less enjoyment. In 1205, he decided to become a knight but a strange vision made him return to Assisi.

Then he rejected worldly values and dedicated himself to God, to the poor and the suffering, and to all creatures in God's creation. He created the Franciscan Orders – The Friars Minor, The Poor Clares and the Third Order of Men and Women. He was canonised in 1228 and is one of the most venerated figures in Christianity.



The film *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* is a 1972 film directed by Franco Zeffirelli. It is an examination of the life of St Francis of Assisi.

The film reflects something of the anti-capitalist counter culture of the 1970's, as well as documenting the main influences and events in the life of St. Francis.

Critics at the time were not enthusiastic but it is worth watching as an Italian interpretation of St Francis. The film is available from Amazon on DVD and from Amazon Prime to rent or to buy.

The Canticle of the Creatures
Famous prayer of St Francis of Assisi

*Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour, and all blessing.*

*To You, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your name.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through all Your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and You give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour!
Of You, Most High, he bears the likeness.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in the heavens You have made them bright, precious and beautiful.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which You give Your creatures sustenance.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong.*

*Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth,
who feeds us and rules us,
and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs. (Completed in 1226
the year of St Francis' death)*

**THE INFLUENCE OF ST FRANCIS ON THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND
SUSTAINABILITY CRISIS**

Pope Francis, in his 2015 encyclical 'Laudato Si' ('Praise be to you'), called on people to reject consumerism and return to the values of St Francis. It coincided with the Paris Climate Agreement.

This prayer by Pope Francis appeared at the end of the encyclical.

A prayer for our earth

*All powerful God,
you are present in the universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.*

IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, THE FIFTH MARK OF MISSION IS 'TO STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH.'

We are living in a climate emergency. Global warming is causing wildfires on all continents, affecting humans and all other species. Droughts and floods have become more extreme, disrupting food supplies and creating homelessness. Unfortunately, the impact of climate change is felt most by poorer countries. The people living in these countries have much lower carbon footprints yet suffer much more.

Living in the UK, we are sheltered from most of these events but we are aware and saddened by the suffering of others. The personal realisation of the need to live a more sustainable lifestyle can be almost like a religious conversion. Accepting the reality that climate change has been caused by human use of stored carbon over a relatively short time span is a shock.

Then the challenge arises: How to cope with the new understanding? What to do about it?

THE LETTER – POPE FRANCIS' FILM TO EVERYONE – why not watch it on 4th October 2023?

On the feast day of St Francis in October 2022, Pope Francis released a film, THE LETTER.

It is free to watch on YouTube. It is sent by Pope Francis to every one of us. It is his message asking us to care for mother earth. It is a moving film with a simple message and gives a voice to those affected by climate change – the poor, the indigenous, the young, the scientists and the anxious. It is a film that you cannot easily forget.



LEEDS DIOCESAN ECO BOOK AND FILM GROUP MEETS MONTHLY ONLINE.

Autumn Programme

Tuesday 19th September 7.30pm

Places of Enchantment: meeting God in Landscapes. Graham B. Usher. SPCK
Bishop Graham is the lead Bishop for the Environment in the Church of England.

Tuesday 17th October. 7.30pm

Stephen Cottrell. Striking Out: Poems and Stories from the Camino. Canterbury Press

Stephen Cottrell is the Archbishop of York.

Tuesday 21st November 7.30pm – Film Discussion

Greenfingers: a 'blooming comedy' With Clive Owen, Helen Mirren and David Kelly

'A prison inmate with a green thumb goes on to compete in a national gardening competition. Based on a true story'.

This film is available to buy/rent on YouTube and can be purchased as a DVD

If you would like to learn more about the Eco challenges facing us all in this time of climate change, this is a friendly group and the discussion is interesting and informed.

To get the Zoom link contact Christine Jack B.Ed. MA Theology, an experienced small group leader working with the Diocesan Eco Book and Film Group.
cajack1@gmail.com

C3: CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



RIPON
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



Ripon City of
Sanctuary



Ripon Branch

RIPON
Community
House



Ripon
Branch

It is an exciting Autumn for a number of our partners who are holding fund raising events. They are listed below but see posters with more details in this newsletter.

CHRISTIAN AID

The Christian Aid Harvest Supper will be on the 23rd September, 7:30
See poster in this newsletter for more information.

RIPON YMCA

Wellness Fund Raising Event – 21 September, 7-9, Ripon Cathedral
Also the YMCA is **looking for volunteers**.
See poster in this newsletter for more information about both the
Wellness Event AND the opportunities for volunteering!

RIPON WALLED GARDEN

Apple Day Event , 7th October.
Fun for all ages

See poster in this newsletter for more information.

DEMENTIA FORWARD

Winter Ball, Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate
10th November, 7pm

See poster in this newsletter for more information.
C3 is hoping to fill a table or two so if you would be interested
in joining us, contact C3@riponcathedral.org.uk

JENNYRUTH WORKSHOPS

Jennyruth Workshops will be at the **Autumn Flower Show, Newby Hall**
15-17 September
Dean John will be holding a **special blessing** for The Workshops' newest
building, as well as a new disability planter which was **donated** by C3
in memory of **Barrie Evason** on the 14th September

FOOD SUPPORT UPDATE

Supplies most needed are:

Long Life Milk, tinned carrots, instant mash, rice pudding, tinned
green beans, mayonnaise, tomato ketchup, washing-up liquid, toilet
rolls, shampoo and conditioner, children's shampoo, women's
deodorant, and laundry capsules.

Please leave donations in the basket by the West door of the Cathedral.



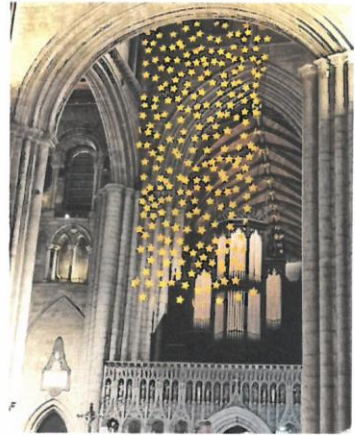
Jennyruth
Workshops



The St Wilfrid's Stars scheme is back

Last year, 250 people turned out in the cathedral for a reception to honour those organisations and individuals who give of themselves to support the city and its people.

We all know people who run societies, lead activities for others, provide direct services to others (befriending, shopping etc) or volunteer to keep local clubs and institutions vibrant and successful. We want to recognise and thank ALL of these people (not just those you think might win an award), but can only do so if you nominate them.



Visit <https://www.ripontgether.com/st-wilfrids-stars/> and fill in the simple on-line form.

The cathedral will be decked out again with the stars knitted by the Community Poppy Project and the names of all those nominated will be displayed in the cathedral for some weeks.



Apple Day- 7th October 2023

Ripon Community Link
at Ripon Walled Garden 10-4



Owl Adventures Bird Display
Live Music
Sing and Sign
Bring your own apples to press
Dog Friendly woodland walk
Stalls
Refreshments
Face Painting
Orchard Games



Registered Charity : 1049030

Supporting people with Learning and Physical Disabilities



Dementia Forward's

Winter Ball

Friday 10th November
7pm until late
Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate

✿ Tickets = £50 ✿

To book your place,
email amy.senior@dementiaforward.org.uk or call 01765 601224

3-course Dinner | Drinks Reception | Entertainment
Auction | Raffle



Registered charity number: 1148225

Volunteering opportunity:

Are you interested in people and good at listening? Do you enjoy a chat and sharing gentle activities? Do you have an hour or two to spare each week or month to offer companionship to an older person?

Abbeyfield House, Ripon is a not-for-profit charity where people over 60 years can live independently in a small residential home with meals provided in a family atmosphere.

Volunteering may involve chatting with an individual resident over a cuppa, doing a jigsaw puzzle, playing a board game or joining occasional group outings.

If you are kind, willing to share your time and sensitive to the needs of older people you will find this a rewarding opportunity.

Abbeyfield house is accessible. You will be introduced to Abbeyfield residents by the volunteer link trustee. Volunteer hours can be arranged flexibly in consultation with residents. A DBS check will be arranged and reasonable expenses can be paid.

If you are interested in finding out more email: abbeyfieldripon@btconnect.com or ring Sharon 01765 605446.



AUTUMN SUPPER

a fundraising event for Christian Aid

In the Cathedral

Saturday 23rd September 2023

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm (admission from 7.00 pm)

Quiz – Prize Draw– Cash Bar

christian
aid

Ticket price: £10.00,
to include supper and a drink
Tickets available (cash only) from Ripon
Cathedral Shop
Tel 01765 601347



RIPON
CATHEDRAL



Community News



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



As with many charitable organisations, the dedication of it's volunteers is pivotal in the success and delivery of support given.

YMCA Ripon is no exception! Our small team of volunteers are invaluable to us, giving up their time to support us many different ways and through various roles.

We always welcome new volunteers, so please get in touch if you can offer your time to support us.

RECRUITMENT

We are currently recruiting for seasonal workers to help support our youth projects.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS
WWW.RIPONYMCA.ORG/JOBS



FREE TRAINING WORKSHOPS COMING SOON...

From September we will be offering a selection of short training workshops based around working with young people, mental health awareness and safeguarding.

These workshops are aimed at organisations in Ripon that work or want to work with young people.

Keep an eye on our website and facebook page for more information.

SLEEP EASY SUCCESS



On Friday 21st April 2023 Ripon YMCA and volunteer participants slept outdoors at Ripon Museum to raise awareness of homelessness. Despite the horrendous rain we still had a fun filled evening and were treated to food from Realitea tea rooms and a hearty breakfast from the Rapid Relief Team Charity.

We would like to thank all who attended on the evening to support us and everyone who slept out or donated. A special thanks to Ripon Workhouse museum staff for hosting us. We are thrilled to say we raised a whopping **£ 8075**

Watch this space for next year's event!!!



kindly supported by
RIPON MUSEUM CATHEDRAL



YMCA RIPON presents

an evening of WELL-BEING

RIPON CATHEDRAL

21ST SEPTEMBER 7-9 PM

Experience a number of well-being taster workshops throughout the evening

Enjoy the benefits of stress reducing activities, whilst raising money for a local charity

Relax in the stunning surroundings of Ripon Cathedral



YMCA RIPON

Funds raised help us to continue our vital work supporting vulnerable young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

£25 per person Non-refundable 18 years+ only

Ticket Sales:

Cash Purchases - Ripon YMCA Charity Shop
Market Way, HG4 2JZ (near Bostons)

Bank Transfer - email: community@riponymca.org

YMCA RIPON MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS TRAINING

Coming Soon

What does it cover?

This free course aims to raise awareness of mental health. It will explore how to understand and recognise the causes & symptoms of poor mental health and possible support options.

Who is it for?

This course is for anyone who would like a better understanding of mental health. You could be a volunteer, support worker, parent, carer, professional or community member.

Where?

Ripon YMCA
5 Water Skilgate, Ripon
HG4 1BQ
Charity No: 25010



To Book your place
Email: info@riponymca.org
or Tel: 01763 606005



WELLBEING EVENT

21ST SEPTEMBER 2023

Our next fundraising event is set to be a relaxing and unique experience. A night or wellbeing taster sessions to include pilates, dance, breathing and finishing with a sound bath all in the stunning and ambient surrounding of ripon Cathedral.

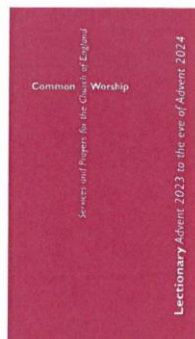
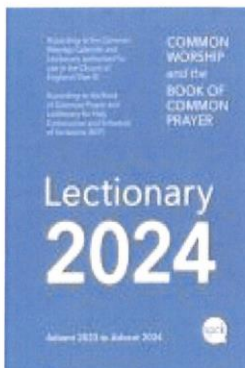
Don't miss out...tickets available shortly from the YMCA Charity Shop



CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE GIFT SHOP

LECTIONARIES AND DIARIES Advent 2023 to eve of Advent 2024



SPCK Pocket diary/lectionary £14.99

SPCK Common worship lectionary £5.99

Church House Publishing lectionaries, Large £7.99, regular £5.50

The Church Pocket Book and Diary 2024 is the perfect church diary for anyone looking for a compact sized diary that follows the Common Worship calendar and includes lectionary readings.

This 14 month diary has a clear, spacious week to view layout, beginning with Sunday, that offers plenty of room for keeping track of appointments while still being a convenient pocket size that's easy to carry around. It also features two ribbon markers to keep your place throughout the year.

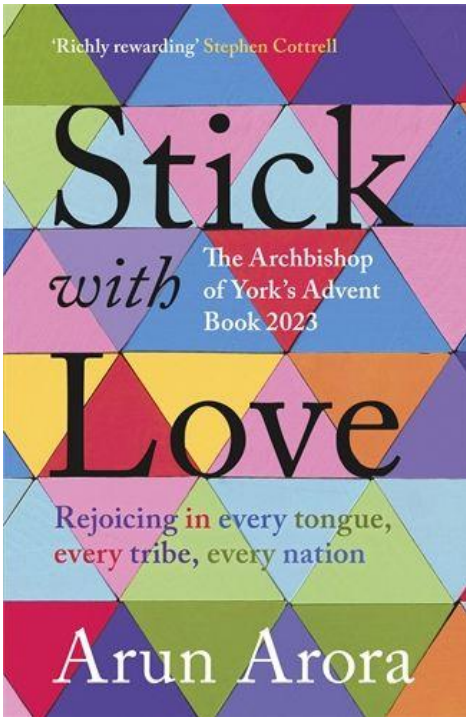
Beginning in December 2023 and running to January 2025, it covers the entirety of the approaching Advent season. It also has all of the titles for the Sundays throughout the church calendar and the dates of festivals to correspond with the Common Worship calendar and lectionary and the Book of Common Prayer, making it an essential purchase for clergy and churchgoers wanting a Christian diary.

Your important contact details and to-do lists will be at your fingertips as well with this little pocket diary – it includes pages at the back for personal memos, addresses and telephone numbers alongside the complete Common Worship Calendar and Lectionary readings for Advent 2023 - Advent 2024 and includes the BCP scheme.

With information on every UK Anglican Diocese and those in the Republic of Ireland plus the names and addresses of all major Christian societies, charities and organisations covering all mainstream denominations, the Church Pocket Book and Diary 2024 is ideal for ministers and congregations needing to stay organised on to go.

This edition of the Church Pocket Book and Diary 2024 features a durable hardcover that will last you all year, and a matching ribbon marker.

Opening hours Mon – Sat 10am to 5pm, Sundays 12noon to 3.30pm



Available from the end of September – The Archbishop of York's Advent book for 2023 - £10.99

SUMMARY OF STICK WITH LOVE

'What a delight... a fascinating mix of characters whose stories bring to life the Way of Love to which Jesus calls us all.'

BISHOP MICHAEL B. CURRY

'A wonderful series of short reflections... easy to read but packed with depth and insight.'

PAULA GOODER

Martin Luther King famously declared that 'I have decided to stick with love... Hate is too great a burden to bear'. In these luminous daily readings, Arun Arora helps us consider the biblical picture of the Church as the people of God, drawn from every tribe, every tongue and every nation.

Themes of racial justice, hospitality and welcome are explored alongside the stories of saints from across the globe. Beginning with reflections from Isaiah and Revelation, the meditations lead us on to consider the missionaries, martyrs and mystics who light our Advent way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR OF STICK WITH LOVE

Arun Arora is the Bishop of Kirkstall in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, and was formerly a minister in the church in the North East, West Midlands and North Yorkshire. He has served as Director of Communications for the Archbishop of York and subsequently for the National Church Institutions of the Church of England. Arun has written widely for national and regional papers including The Guardian, The Times, The Independent, the Yorkshire Post, the Birmingham Post and the Northern Echo where he was a columnist. In 2021 he co-chaired the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce which produced the report From Lament to Action.

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

8.00am	Eucharist	9.30am Morning Prayer (said)
10.30am	Sung Eucharist	12.30pm Eucharist (BCP)
3.30pm	Evensong	

Weekdays

8.30am	Morning Prayer
9.00am	Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10.00am	Wednesday followed by coffee and mingle
12 noon	Eucharist Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
5.30pm	Evensong (or said Evening Prayer)

The Magdalen Fellowship is an ecumenical group that holds a weekly service of short reflection, silence and prayer at St. John's Sharow every Monday morning at 10:30 am. On the first Monday of the month, there is a Healing Eucharist with a Laying on of Hands. For more information contact John Whelan 01765 647744 or Anne-Marie Tarter 01765-602129.

Cathedral Meditation Group 7.30pm meet on the first Tuesday of the month in the Cathedral.

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

Further Information

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

Email: postmaster@riponcathedral.org.uk

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

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

Cathedral E newsletter

If you wish to subscribe to the weekly electronic newsletter, please email Michele Gee (michellegee@riponcathedral.org.uk).

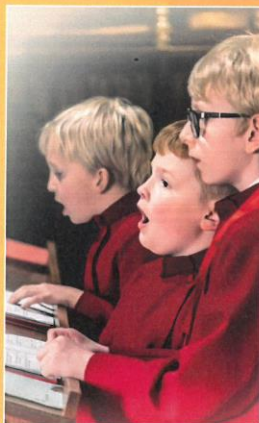


What does
music
mean to you?



*Music enriches,
music engages,
music inspires*

*Music is love,
music is joy,
music is
sanctuary*



Ripon Cathedral has a vibrant choral tradition that has spanned 14 centuries and it remains at the heart of worship here. If music enriches and inspires you, then please support our music appeal.



Please scan the QR code
or visit the website to donate
www.riponcathedral.org.uk/music 