

St Barnabas Church, Swanland (Hull) has about 90 copies of **Hymns of Faith** (including 3 music copies) that are no longer required. Naturally we don't just want to throw them away - is there anyone out there who could make use of them?
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East Riding Archdeaconry day for all those working with children or young people
 Bridlington 7 June 2008

Come and join us on a Saturday morning for pastries and to:

- Pray and reflect on your work with children and young people
- Hear about the diocese's new 'Commitment to Children and Young People' - What does it mean for you?
- Meet others in your area and share issues and ideas

9.00am – 12.30pm

@Emmanuel Church, Cardigan Rd, Bridlington.

Please let us know if you are coming so we can cater for you:

Jon Steel (ER Children's and Youth Work Adviser):
 01482 838805

ercyas@ydbf.karoo.co.uk

Cathy Westby (ER Rural Children's Work Enabler):
cwestby@btinternet.com

DIRTY HANDS!

A day to discover and share good stories about urban mission



If you are in Hull, Middlesbrough, Selby, York, Scarborough, Bridlington or any other urban part of our diocese, then this is a day for you.

It will consist of a Keynote Address from Ann Morisy who is well placed to share what is happening across the nation among urban churches, and there will be ten workshops from which to choose - worship - mission - pastoral care - social action - lay ministry - spirituality - evangelism - community action - Church growth - lay training.

What is happening that is good?

What are the difficulties?

What more could the diocese do to help?

SATURDAY 21st JUNE: 10.00am - 3.30pm

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What a privilege—to be involved with just some of the 602 churches and 128 schools in this diocese over nearly nine years.

Sharing the joys has been great; sometimes sharing the sorrows has been humbling.

It's time for me to go and do something else now—at York Minster—but I hope I might invite you to look at the 'big picture' (left) it has been my privilege to see over that time.

We *are* God's gift to each other—yes, really—and as well as irritating each other mightily sometimes we should remember to give thanks too:

"Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" Matt 6.33

Martin Sheppard, Diocesan Communications Officer and YDN editor 1999—2008

In this month's YDN:

Sentamu skydiving for a good cause—Fairtrade leaps forwards—'One Country; Many Faiths' downloadable report by John Davis—Tasted and Seen; bite-sized spirituality day—'Kaleidoscope'; good news from York Archdeaconry—an Urban Oasis—Diocesan Synod—goodbye to Ann Coleman and Martin Sheppard—Barbican Bookshop at your service—What's On?—People on the Move—and more...

Skydiving Sentamu

On the 27th May I will be set to take a "leap of faith" to raise money for the families of soldiers killed or injured in Afghanistan.

I will jump from a plane at 12,500ft, with the Parachute Regiment Red Devils display team from RAF Langar near Nottingham. This will be my first parachute jump and I'm excited at the prospect. I am jumping, not for the title 'Skydiving Sentamu', but to raise at least £50,000 through this 'leap of faith' for a worthwhile cause.



Airborne Archbishop: preparing for take off at RAF Linton-on-Ouse last year

The Afghanistan Trust was formed on 15 March 2007, to help support those soldiers serving with 3rd Battalion, the Parachute Regiment, and their families who have been wounded or bereaved as a result of serving in Afghanistan.

At the time of the invasion of Iraq I, like many others, expressed my deep reservations about mili-

tary action. Whilst those reservations remain, so does my respect for the professionalism of those service personnel in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places across the world where they

"my prayers are with these brave men and women who do dangerous but vital work in our name"

jfevamy@hotmail.com

Sun 29 Jun 10.00am Ordination of Deacons by Archbishop Sentamu in York Minster.

Mon 30 Jun Institution of the Revd Ian Birkinshaw as Rector of Huntington, York, by the Bishop of Selby, 7.30pm, All Saints, Huntington. All welcome.

advance warning

Thur 3 Jul – Sun 6 Jul "Characters of Cottingham" - flower festival at St Mary's Parish Church, Cottingham (Hull). Preview 7.00pm Thur, tickets £6.00 inc wine and refreshments. Open Fri & Sat 10.00am – 5.00pm, Sun 1.00pm – 5.00pm. Supporting St Mary's Fabric Fund. Contact Rita Steadman 01482 841194 ritaeileen@snowy.karoo.co.uk

BacktoChurchSunday



- **Back to Church Sunday 2008 is the 28th September**
- It's a national initiative to encourage us to give a **personal invitation** to someone who's stopped coming to church... and might like to come back
- There is national publicity, and printed posters, leaflets and invitations
- In the York Diocese this year, it's being piloted in Hull, York and Middlesbrough...
- ...but if **your** church would like to join in, contact:
The Revd Dave Chislett
Christ Church Vicarage
Eston, Middlesbrough
TS6 9EH
01642 206885
dave.chislett@btinternet.com
- He will talk to you about how it works, what it costs, and what resources are available
- **The printed material must be ordered by the end of May 2008**

www.backtochurch.co.uk

People on the Move

The Revd James Anderson, Curate of the Holme and Seaton Ross Group, is to be Priest-in-Charge of The Beacon (Burton Agnes, Harpham, Lowthorpe and Ruston Parva).

The Revd Bob Batson, Vicar of Ledsham with Fairburn, is retiring on the 30th June.

The Revd Tony Cotson, Curate of Hull St Nicholas, has additionally been appointed Curate of Hull, St John the Baptist Newington with St Mary and St Peter, Dairycoates.

The Revd Alison Gilchrist, Curate of Fulwood, Preston, is to be Team Vicar of Marfleet (Hull), with responsibility for the Parish of St Hilda and the Marfleet Mission Support Team.

The Revd Mike Smith, Vicar of Great and Little Driffild, is additionally to be Rural Dean of Harthill.

The Revd Marie Teare, Rural Dean of Harthill and Vicar of The Waggoners (Cowlam, Fimber, Fridaythorpe, Sledmere, Thixendale and Wetwang), is retiring on the 31st August 2008.

Correction

The Revd Oliver Coss, Curate of Cottingham, will be ordained Priest by the Bishop of Hull at 6.30pm on Trinity Sunday 18th May at St Mary's, Cottingham, and not as stated in May's *YDN*.

Bridlington. See advert on back page.

Sat 7 Jun Open Doors - Church as a Resource.

Training and resourcing day. Think about how your church building and the space around it is a resource for those already using it and for the community it serves. 10.00am - 3.30pm, input and workshops. Contact the Revd Rachel Hirst, York Archdeaconsry Parish Development Adviser, 01904 400811, rhirst@fish.co.uk

Sun 8 Jun Coxwold Village Open Gardens.

18 gardens will be open from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. Plants and home-made teas for sale. Admission: adults £3.00, children free. In aid of St Michael's Church pinnacles.

Sat 14 Jun New Wine Networks: Developing a Healing Ministry - St Martin's Church, Seamer, Scarborough.

Speaker: Francis Wainaina, Vicar of St Andrew's, Starbeck, Harrogate. Tea/Coffee included; please bring packed lunch. £12, includes 'Developing a Healing Ministry' manual by John Coles. Bookings and information: The Revd Laura McWilliams, The Vicarage, 3 Stockhill, Seamer, Scarborough YO12 4QG. 01723 863102 revlaurajane@yahoo.co.uk .

Sun 15 Jun Hovingham

Open Gardens - 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Many pretty and often-hidden village gardens will be open along with plant sales. £3.50 per person - under 14 free. Teas available in the Village Hall. In aid of All Saints' Church, Hovingham for roof repairs to be done this year.

Wed 18 Jun European integration after 50 years - a project in search of a vision.

'Town & Gown' lecture by Simon Sweeney, National Teaching Fellow and Head of Programme for MA International Studies at York St John University. Bookings up to four weeks in advance from Michael White at York St John University: 01904 876503 or m.white@yorksja.ac.uk .

Sat 21 Jun 'Dirty Hands!'

A day to discover and share good stories about urban mission. See advert on back page.

Fri 20 Jun - Mon 23 Jun Alpha to Omega - flower festival at St Lawrence, Sigglesthorpe (near Hornsea).

To raise funds for the Restoration of the Church. Flowers by Bishop Burton Flower Club. Preview Evening Thursday 7.00pm. Opened by local author Valerie Wood. Tickets £6. Church open for viewing Fri - Mon 10.30am - 5.30pm: refreshments served. Family Activity

Day Sat. Evening Events; Fri Line Dancing, Seaton Village Hall, Tickets £3; Sat Hot Gospel Choir, 7.30pm, Church, Tickets £6; Sun Songs of Praise, 6.00pm, Church. Details: 01964 533148,

nicola.salvidge@virgin.net OR 01964 533033, mhill28@toucansurf.com .

Tue 24 Jun York Archdeaconsry Readers' AGM, 7.30 pm, York St John University Chapel.

Details (or to confirm your attendance and book a meal): Lynn Comer l.comer@yorksja.ac.uk OR 01904 656295 .

Thur 26 Jun Quiet day with the Revd Toddy Hoare - Sheriff Hutton

(north of York), 10.00am to 4.00pm. Toddy has several large sculptures displayed in the Quiet Garden together with smaller pieces set out indoors. We will reflect on what inspired him to create them and how they can help us in our prayers.

suenightingale@barbicannet.demon.co.uk, or 01347 878423 to book - £5. Drinks provided but please bring a packed lunch. The Quiet Garden, Westfield Farm, Sheriff Hutton YO60 6QQ.

Sat 28 Jun Organ Recital at Bridlington Priory

6.00pm. Michael Smith (Bridlington Priory). £7 (£6 concessions) from Churchwarden Frank Evamy, 01262 670153,

continue to make an enormous contribution in helping to rebuild those countries.

There are regiments in Yorkshire, such as the 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment – the Green Howards

“the least we can offer these men and women is to deliver on the covenantal promise of a welcome return”

and across the country who are making a huge contribution in helping to rebuild Afghanistan and to defeat the Taliban. Unfortunately many of the families who have lost loved ones in the conflict are not being given enough financial support, and for those who return home as wounded heroes, the support can be a long time coming and then not nearly enough.

My prayers are with these brave men and women who do dangerous but vital work in our name. Our Armed Forces have my deep admiration and respect for everything they strive to achieve in the name of this country and behalf of others. In terms of courage and duty they are second to none.

We ask a lot of our armed services and their families and as such we owe a debt of honour to all of our armed services. I believe that our Government needs to do more to look after these brave men and women. That means paying them more when on active service, housing them better and providing for the best medical and respite care if injured. These men and women risk their lives. The least we can offer them in return is to deliver on the covenantal promise of a welcome return.

So I invite you to sponsor me to complete the daring parachute jump which will generate funds for the Afghanistan Trust.

Thank you!

Individuals, businesses or groups can sponsor the Archbishop by making cheques payable to The Afghanistan Trust, and sending them to The Office of the Archbishop of York, Bishopthorpe Palace, Bishopthorpe, York, YO23 2GE. Alternatively, please make an online donation at www.afghaniantrust.org

Tasted and Seen

The Revd Ann Coleman reports on York's Bite-Sized Spirituality Day

"So take off your shoes and go spiritually barefoot through this day, for the places on which you will stand are holy ground".

Bishop Martin's words to the 170 'Taste and See' pilgrims in York Minster on the 26th April sent us out with high expectations. We were not disappointed!

Making our way through the throngs of shoppers to our first workshop we began to see that 'those who go barefoot are able to experience fully all that they encounter'. The quiet interiors of the city churches hosting our workshops were another form of 'Holy Ground' - and then came the exploring of ways of praying from the whole breadth of Christian tradition.

With 18 workshops ranging from Fresh Expressions and Charismatic prayer to Praying with Icons, Ignatian, Carmelite, Julian and Franciscan prayer, Lectio Divina, Praying with

Mary, Celtic Prayer, Taizé, Peace and Justice and Prayer in the Desert, with Creative Writing, Music, Prayer with all the Senses and the Labyrinth, how could we choose just two? Canon Glyn Webster was right to wish us "bon appetit" for the fare was rich and very filling!

We were delighted that amongst the workshop leaders were religious brothers and sisters from six different Roman Catholic and Anglican orders as well as lay people and clergy from various denominations.

We arrived at Central Methodist Church at lunchtime deep in discussion with fellow travellers. A chance to sit and rest on yet more Holy Ground, and talk and think - not forgetting the sharing of the wonderful 'Taste and See buns' - a symbol of this ecumenical day.

Our thanks to the Friends of the Minster, Christopher Humble and the

people of Central Methodist church who gave us first-class service in providing much-needed tea and coffee.

Then it was off to our second workshop and a discovery of another sacred still place in this bustling city.

"Those who go barefoot are able to leave their imprint on their journey". There were new friendships, shared experience, deep conversations, laughter and prayer all woven together and carried home.

We left All Saints Pavement with the sounds of the Peruvian Gloria still ringing in our ears! The question heard most frequently at the door

was, "When is the next one?"



What's on in May and June?

What's On? at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk

Mon 19 May - Fri 23 May
Retreat at Wydale Hall, Diocese of York Retreat & Conference Centre: "Come Let us sing unto the Lord," conducted by Sister Rachel OHP. Further details and bookings: Wydale Hall, Brompton by Sawdon, Scarborough YO13 9DG. 01723 859270
admin@wydale.org
www.wydale.org

Wed 21 May 'Peoples of the Book - Christian-Muslim Relations': Hull & District Theological Society AGM, 7.30pm for 8.00pm Graduate School, University of Hull Cottingham Road Campus. Rt Revd John Brown (Hon. Asst Bishop of Lincoln; sometime Bishop of Cyprus & the Gulf) will offer a resumé of developments in dialogue between Christians and Muslim in recent years before addressing the question of relations during the current, fraught political climate and outlining prospects for future co-existence and dialogue, not least in the UK. All welcome. Further details: Dr David Bagchi, Dept of Humanities & Theology, 01482 466548,
d.v.bagchi@hull.ac.uk

Wed 21 May Ebor Lecture - York. 'Apocalypse Now - Global Equity and

Sustainable Living, the Preconditions for Human Survival' The Rt Hon Clare Short MP. 7.00pm, York Minster. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance: eborlectures@yorksdiocese.org, 01904 876474 or Ebor Lectures, Faculty of Education & Theology, York St John University, Lord Mayor's Walk, YORK YO31 7EX.

Mon 26 May - Fri 30 May
Tai Chi Week - Thirsk. With Linda Hill and Lesley Craise. Further details: Holy Rood House, 01845 522580.
enquiries@holyroodhouse.org.uk
www.holyroodhouse.org.uk

Fri 30 May Licensing of the Revd Anthony Pritchett as Priest-in-Charge of Pickering with Lockton and Levisham by the Bishop of Whitby, 7.30pm, Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering. All welcome.

Sat 31 May Organ Recital, 6.00pm in the Priory Church of St Mary, Bridlington. Featuring Malcolm Riley (Cranbrook School, Kent). £7 (£6 concessions) from Churchwarden Frank Evamy, 01262 670153, jfevamy@hotmail.com

Sun 1 Jun William Temple Association. "The Rebuilding of Churches in Germany after World War

II:" Kingsley Boulton. 8.00pm, Langwith College Senior Common Room, University of York. All welcome.

Mon 2 Jun - Wed 4 Jun
Retreat at Wydale Hall, Diocese of York Retreat & Conference Centre: "Gifts of Nature, Gifts of God," conducted by Jenny Sheldon and Ann Coleman. Further details and bookings: Wydale Hall, Brompton by Sawdon, Scarborough YO13 9DG. 01723 859270
admin@wydale.org
www.wydale.org

Tue 3 Jun Licensing of the Revd James Anderson as Priest-in-Charge of The Beacon benefice by the Bishop of Hull, 7.30pm, St Martin's Church, Burton Agnes.

Thur 5 Jun Drop-In Day at Wydale Hall, Diocese of York Retreat & Conference Centre, led by the Ven Christopher Lewis and based on his wood carvings. Further details and bookings: Wydale Hall, Brompton by Sawdon, Scarborough YO13 9DG. 01723 859270
admin@wydale.org
www.wydale.org

Sat 7 Jun East Riding Archdeaconry day for all those working with children or young people:

incommunicado?

Diocesan Secretary **Peter Warry** reports on a service interruption

Martin Sheppard, the Diocesan Communications Officer for the last 9 years, will step down from his role in June in readiness for a move across York to become Marketing & Events Manager at York Minster.



Martin Sheppard

There have been many significant events, both happy and sad, during his tenure – from the spectacle of the Archbishop's Enthronement, to the horrific train crash at Great Heck.

He has built up a reputation with the regional media that has enabled us to share good news effectively whilst managing the bad news appropriately, and has been a great source of professional advice and encouragement to many parishes across the diocese.

Those of us who have worked closely with Martin will particularly miss his sage advice, his uncanny way with

words, and the well-timed injections of humour.

The portfolio of Diocesan publications has grown considerably since he joined us, and almost all of them have had Martin's input.

We have benefited greatly from his ministry of communication and he will be sorely missed.

- We are hoping to appoint a successor soon after the summer holidays, but in the meantime we plan to produce a (probably slimmer) version of *YDN* and keep the website up to date – to do that we will be relying on parishes and individuals continuing to send news to comms@yorkdiocese.org.
- If you find yourself needing urgent support with a communications issue, please contact the Diocesan Office (**01904 699500**) or your Archdeacon for assistance. †

One Country - Many Faiths... Christian engagement with people of other faiths

In 2007, the Revd John Davis of SCADIM - Selby Communities and District Industrial Mission - took sabbatical leave to compile resources for Christian congregations in North Yorkshire to understanding better the core values, beliefs and practises of other major world faiths, and how to engage with them.

The resource material and discussion sheets towards the end of the report should provide material for a study course for churches and other groups wishing to better acquaint themselves with these issues.

[Download John's report as a PDF from www.scadim.org.uk](http://www.scadim.org.uk)

Fairtrade *leaps* forward

Fairtrade Fortnight 2008 finished on Passion Sunday, 9th March.

There was encouraging news about this important ingredient in the global trade justice campaigns to eliminate poverty in the developing world. Latest figures show that 7 million people in Africa, Asia and Latin America benefit from ever growing trade in certified Fairtrade products.

"More surprising is the level of UK sales, now at almost £500 million a year" says **Nick Nightingale**, coordinator for the ecumenical Fair and Just Trade Project of the North and East Yorkshire Churches. "3,000 products are now available, from peanut butter to cotton, from communion wine to Tate & Lyle sugar."

"127 churches and schools in our patch organised a Big Brew during the Fortnight. These included a drumming display, breakfasts, brunches, lunches and teas, Mothering Sunday hospitality and many coffee mornings like the Quench Café in Bishopthorpe Methodist Church."



220 churches in the area are recognised as Fairtrade Churches, compared with 18 in 2006.

"This is good progress but we would like to see these numbers rise three fold so that the Methodist District and the Anglican Diocese can also be recognised for Fairtrade activity."

There are 320 Fairtrade Towns across the UK, alongside 4,000 Fairtrade Churches, 37 Synagogues, 60 Fairtrade Universities and a recently launched network of Fairtrade Schools.

Application forms to become a Fairtrade Church from:

www.tradejustice-yorkshirechurches.org.uk

and

tradejustice@barbicannet.demon.co.uk



So often the church seems to get a bad press or all we hear are the depressing stories. That is no longer the case in York Archdeaconry!

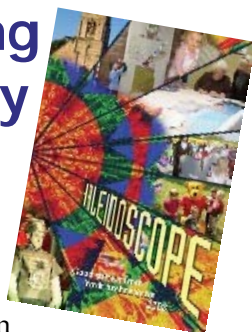
Rachel Hirst, Parish Development Adviser, has collected over 150 good local stories, now published as 'Kaleidoscope'. This book has gone out to all parishes and chaplaincies in the archdeaconry.

The book affirms and inspires churches, chaplaincies and individuals in what is already happening but also encourages a spirit of 'we could do that'. It should encourage more churches to share ideas and resources with each other.

There are stories about developing the things churches are known for such as weddings, communion and family services, and there are the more creative - the Lounge, Ice Cream Sunday, Café church and Shopper services.

There are many stories of Children and Youth, such as 'Girl Talk' where a church in York

Kaleidoscope - celebrating creativity



hosted an event for teenage girls promoting a positive self-image. It included workshops on make up, hair styling, and how digital retouching changes models seen in glossy magazines.

Other stories come as news, such as an away-day to Whitby for the residents of Askham Grange prison, and how a chaplaincy was set up when Ascot came to York Racecourse.

There are stories on toilets (entitled 'A dream come true!'), an exhibition on monastic life and running a film club in a newly re-ordered church.

"I've found this project really exciting as we don't often get the chance to see what is happening in other churches and places," says Rachel. "What it's

shown me is that God is at work in many ways through his people and that we have many things to celebrate. This book is a rich pattern of creativity and hope. It's created an atmosphere of enthusiasm amongst many people and I am already hearing of more stories and ideas. It's interesting to see how a collection of good stories can become a good story in itself."

We now have a small number of books available to buy at the bargain price of £5. To get a copy (while stocks last) please send your name and address to Mrs Jeniffer Williams, Bishop's House, Barton-le-Street, Malton YO17 6PL along with a cheque for £5 payable to 'York DBF'. ✦

At your service: York's Barbican Bookshop

The Barbican Bookshop in York recently celebrated 40 years of serving the Christian Community and has always supplied a wide range of Christian books and resources as well as having a very large second-hand Christian department.

Since becoming part of the Wesley Owen group 2 years ago the Barbican's team has been working to expand the range of Church Resources available in stock, to provide for the wider needs of the Anglican Church community in York.

In order to coincide with the recent launch of Wesley Owen's new 'Anglican-Store' website - **www.theanglicanstore.com** - the Barbican now stocks a wide range of Church Candles, Altar Breads, Clerical Shirts & Collars, and other Church Stationery, alongside the newly-expanded range of Theology, Liturgy and other Service Resource books.

The Barbican welcomes enquiries and will endeavour to obtain anything not in stock. There's also a Church Partnership scheme which gives discounts of up to 12.5% on most purchases for Church use and 15% discount to clergy for personal purchases.

Mail order facilities are available (maximum charge £2.95) and orders over £25 are sent post free.

Contact the Barbican at :

Barbican Bookshop, 24 Fossgate, York YO1 9TA.

Phone/Fax 01904 653643;

york@wesley-owen.com

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Diocesan Synod

19th April 2008

In a busy morning's work on Saturday 19th April (at Askham Bryan College, York), our Diocesan Synod gave its blessing to what will be far-reaching changes in the way our diocesan affairs are managed.

finance & policy

At present, we as members of individual churches elect representatives to Deanery Synods; Deanery Synods elect some of their own members to Diocesan Synod; and Diocesan Synod elects the Diocesan Board of Finance (the DBF).

The DBF works hard to manage our Common Fund (the money contributed by parishes) and investments in order to pay mainly for the clergy who lead so much of the church's ministry and mission across the diocese.

But in recent years many

parts of the Church of England have decided to amalgamate much of the work of their DBF with their Synod, so that the financial opportunities and restrictions can form an integral part of the debate and decision-making processes in the diocese.

On the 19th April the York Diocesan Synod approved the first steps in following this path. After a transitional period into 2010, the Synod's Standing Committee members will become Directors of the DBF and the other Synod Members will also be Members of the DBF. A specialist Finance Committee will be a focus for financial expertise, but the strands of policy and finance in the diocese will have been brought together.

mission & ministry

The Synod also approved the appointment of a new

Diocesan Director of Mission, Ministry and Training, whose remit is to include facilitating co-operation across the diocese in many aspects of mission and ministry development, and linking this directly with the in-service training offered to our clergy and growing numbers of lay people in positions of responsibility.

Other business included receiving a report from the Bishop of Hull on developments in the terms of service for clergy, and an update on the diocesan Fair-trade project from co-ordinator Nick Nightingale (see page 5).

Frank Harris

The Synod ended with a tribute by the Archbishop to member Frank Harris who has represented Derwent Deanery for 27 years and is now leaving the diocese. He has contributed much, but Archbishop Sentamu rightly commented that he will probably best be remembered for his smile, ever-present even in times of adversity or ill health. ✠

What's up at Wydale?

The Revd Ann Coleman has been a great encouragement to many as Priest Director of Wydale Hall during her four years here, and we shall miss her when she and her husband David, also a priest in the Diocese of York, leave in the summer in order to return to the Diocese of London.

It will be business as usual at the Hall, so that its work continues as a centre for promoting the Christian faith,

education and welfare.

A priest based locally will maintain close contact with Wydale. There will be regular acts of worship and times of prayer in the chapel, irrespective of whatever else is happening in the house.

There are changes afoot in the way the Diocese organises its support for mission and ministry, and in view of those Mrs Coleman will not be replaced immediately as stipendiary Priest Director, but the situation will be kept under constant review.

The Diocese of York remains committed to the work and development of Wydale Hall,



Ann Coleman

and the day-to-day running of Wydale will be led by the General Manager, Mrs Ruth O'Farrell.

The Venerable Paul Ferguson

Chair of the Wydale Management Committee

The Parish Churches of Aldbrough, Mappleton, Goxhill and Witherwick

During the summer we plan to Beat the Bounds of our Parishes and we invite you to join in with us. Each of our four churches will be open on four Saturdays between 2.00pm and 4.00 pm to welcome you:

Saturday 10 May; Saturday 7 June; Saturday 5 July; Saturday 9 August.

There will be some led walks. Beating the Bounds 2008 packs will be available including maps to discover the beauty of the area, a short history of the churches, a wooden cross and book mark. Refreshments and a warm welcome await you. More details from **Sylvia Rice-Oxley** Tel 01964 529032

Launching Service Thursday 1 May, Ascension Day Songs of Praise 7.30pm All Saints Church, Mappleton

Closing Service Sunday 31 August, on Mappleton Beach 4pm (or in Mappleton Church) followed by refreshments. ✠



Just Being Honest: Reflections On Trying To Be Christian

An honest search for an authentic faith, this book is Dave Magill's reflection on his spiritual journey and an encouragement for young people to be real about their struggles and questions. Writing for 16-25 year olds, Magill is Community Youth Co-ordinator at St Michael le Belfrey Church, York.

£4.95 120pp Pub Gilead Books 16 May ISBN 978-0-9558099-1-0
www.gileadbooks.com

an urban OASIS



Holy Trinity, North Ormesby stands on the market place at the heart of its community, and with a stately red-brick clock tower is a Middlesbrough landmark.

Unfortunately the church was burnt down in 1977 by an arson attack, to be replaced by a new worship space in

1980. The tower of the old church stands, leaving the nave as an open courtyard, which was paved to form a cloister. It is here in the old nave, at one time packed with hundreds of worshippers, but laid waste by fire, that 30 years later a new place of prayer and spirituality has been formed.

A Cloister Garden has been created with beau-

tiful natural sandstone paving, sensory planting, a water feature and new seating. In the centre of the garden there is a Labyrinth for people to use as an aid to reflection and prayer.

'the journey'

A quiet room overlooking the garden is glass fronted to allow full views of the garden. It contains a stunning stained glass window by

York based artist Ann Sotheran. The design is called "The Journey" and compliments the Labyrinth in aiding people to stop and take time to reflect on their spiritual journey.

The garden is an Urban Oasis in the middle of a harsh urban environment where there is little green space. Local people call it the "secret garden", a beautiful place to find peace and quiet where you would least expect to find it.

The Cloister Garden and quiet room were dedicated by the Rt Revd Robert Ladds,

many received healing as they prayed

Bishop of Whitby on Sunday 20th April. The highlight of the service was when children from North Ormesby Community Primary School walked the Labyrinth as prayers of blessing were said. Many people commented how meaningful this was, some have shared how they were

able to let go of grief and pain and receive healing as they prayed along with the children.

Children are often



Children and Labyrinth sprinkled with holy water by the Bishop of Whitby

seen in and around the garden as a dedicated Godly Play room also overlooks the garden. As well as Godly Play sessions on Sundays a class from the school take part in Godly Play every week. Children often say "I love coming here". It is also an oasis for them as they often face difficult lives in this community, and a place where they are finding their own spiritual journey through Godly Play.

The garden and quiet room are available to anyone seeking quiet and reflection, whether for an hour or a whole day. Groups are also

welcome to use the space for away days, with additional rooms and catering facilities available in the adjoining Trinity Centre. If you are looking for a place of sanctuary for yourself or a group please do get in touch.

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