

BULLETIN 4

JUNE 2022

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#### INTRODUCTION – STOKESLEY DEANERY UPDATE

*Brother, sister, let me serve you; let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey, and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load. (Richard Gillard)*

This bulletin provides an update on the key activities that are taking place. We have good news, some sad news and also some progress to report on the Living Christ's Story project. This bulletin was held back until after the Deanery Synod and we do need you to respond please. Please see below. It also includes the latest edition of the Stokesley Deanery Environment Network News.

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#### KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Deanery Synod will take place at the Church of St. Francis, Ingleby Barwick, at 7.00 for 7.30 on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> July.

An open-air eco-service will take place in All Saints Church, Great Ayton, at 11 am on the 17<sup>th</sup> July.

The Annual General Meeting of Climate Action Stokesley & Villages, Stokesley Town Hall where Jos Holmes Climate Change Policy Officer for North Yorkshire County Council will speak about the Council's climate action plans. Beginning at 7:30 pm.

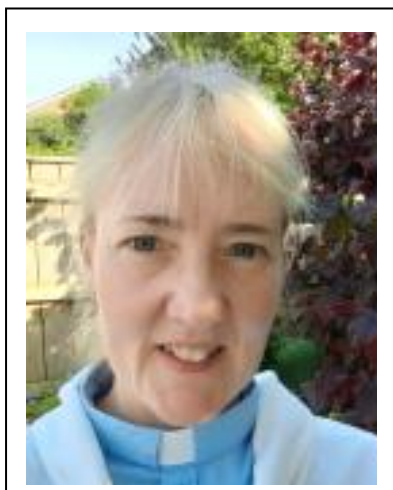
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## PEOPLE WE KNOW

With sadness we record the death of Canon David Smith, former Rector of Yarm, after a long illness. Known to many in this Deanery, his funeral was held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The Reverend Kate Brown, currently Assistant Curate in The Hillside Parishes, and previously our Lay Dean, has been appointed as Assistant Curate (SSM) of the Benefice of Yarm with Kirklevington, Picton and Worsall. Kate is well known to all and it is good news that she is staying in our deanery.

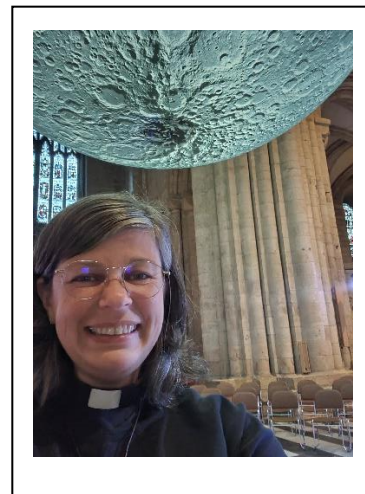
Kate will be Ordained Priest by the Bishop of Whitby at 3pm on Saturday, 11th June 2022 in the Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene, Yarm.



Also being ordained priest on 11<sup>th</sup> June is Lisa Opala. Lisa is currently curate at St Mary's Nunthorpe and Hospital Chaplain at James Cook University hospital in Middlesbrough.

Finally, we offer a warm welcome to the Reverend Brenda Forrester, who has been appointed as Vicar of the Benefice of Ingleby Barwick.

Brenda's collation, by the Bishop of Whitby was held in the Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi, Ingleby Barwick on Friday, 29 April 2022.



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## DEANERY ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

Quite a lot is happening around the deanery. A newsletter has been produced and has been included with this bulletin.

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## LIVING CHRIST'S STORY

The first draft of the deanery plan was circulated prior to the Deanery Synod which was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Church, Nunthorpe. It was good to see representation from all of the ministry units. The essence of the plan is collaboration across the deanery on the activities (worship communities) that allow us to reach out, grow and nurture disciples. The next stage of the process is to receive feedback to amend and refine the plan as necessary for agreement at Synod on 12 July.

If you have any comments, feedback, questions, recommendations or anything to say on the plan, please email the John Dickinson [jgdickinson@outlook.com](mailto:jgdickinson@outlook.com).

There also is an open meeting opportunity at 10:00 am, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at St Mary's Church Hall. If you would like to drop in, **please email John to let us know you are coming.**

We would like to learn from you:

- which parts of the plan your community feels especially able to contribute to,
- where you like the ideas but would need support in order to take part

This is about coming together and taking collective responsibility for our mission. The team would really appreciate your insights and contributions to the final version.

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## A MESSAGE FROM LIZ TAYLORSON, DEANERY SECRETARY

*Please could I ask all parishes to send a copy of their Church Electoral Roll Certificate to me as well as to the Diocesan office. You can post your certificate to me:*

*Liz Taylorson, Deanery Secretary, St. Mary's Church Hall, Morton Carr Lane, Nunthorpe, Middlesbrough, TS7 0JU,*

*or you can e-mail me a copy at [stokesleydeanery@outlook.com](mailto:stokesleydeanery@outlook.com). I don't have e-mail addresses for all parish Electoral Roll Officers, so any help in sharing this message with the correct person would be appreciated. Thank you to those who have already returned their forms.*

*Many thanks, Liz.*

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## WHAT NEXT?

These Deanery Bulletins will increase in frequency and content as we have material and information to publish. So please remember, if you have news, announcements or other things to say to the Deanery, please let us know.

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# STOKESLEY DEANERY ENVIRONMENT NETWORK NEWS

## JUNE 2022

### **Bird Box Bonanza continues!**

Stokesley Parish Church have a range of family activities laid on during their Coffee and Cake mornings and local dad, Tim, designed a bird box kit. Children were delighted to be able to build their own wooden bird box which they could then take home and put up in the garden. Tim works with Alan Titchmarsh MBE designing and building gardens for TV programmes and his bird boxes were so popular he almost ran out of materials. Fortunately, he kept one last remaining kit so he could return for the family service the next day and demonstrate how to build the box in just a few minutes. The children loved it!



### **Food, Farming and the Environment**

It was great to see more than 60 people turn out for our evening organised jointly by the Deanery Environment Network and Climate Action Stokesley and Villages in Stokesley Town Hall in April.

We heard an excellent overview from our main speaker Howard Petch CBE, former Principal of Bishop Burton College. He was ably supported by local farmers Robert Campbell MBE former Chairman of the national organisation LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) and David Hugill. They were joined on the Panel by Margaret Price who chairs the Diocese Rural Faith and Life group.



It was encouraging to hear their answers to a wide range of questions and particularly encouraging that the different groups (consumers, farmers, churches and wildlifers) were all 'on the same page' seeking a balanced way forward.

If you weren't able to make it, then click on the link and listen to the podcast created by Richard Bradshaw for Leven Online.

<https://levenonlinecouk.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/casav-podcast-april-26-v.2.mp3>

## Buildings & Energy

### Lighting our Darkness

The installation of the new LED lighting in Christ Church has now been done, and now there's no hiding place for cobwebs, dead flies or sleeping parishioners!



The lights are easily controlled and the options of Up, Down, Sides and Spots give ample variations for events and services. We decided against dimmers to keep things simple.

Many thanks to Ian Robinson and team from Knaresborough who did a most efficient job at a very reasonable price. There are a few tweaks to angles now that we have had chance to get used to them, and an additional light for the main altar as the two spots originally for it had been trained on the cross and the effect was too good to lose. Thank you to all who supported the project.

David Yates (Yarm) attended the Church of England Environment Programme Webinar entitled "**Finding the balance: assessing embodied carbon in retrofit projects on church buildings**" which he found 'very informative and quite technical'. David also reminded us about The Energy Footprint Tool which allows all churches around the country to enter their utility bills and find out their "carbon footprint". The EFT is now open for you to

enter your 2021 utility bills. It remains open until July 31st 2022. Please encourage your Treasurer / Church Warden to enter your churches data soon.

We will be looking more closely at energy at our September Environment Network meeting on zoom.

### Land Management

The new Environment Group at Yarm have visited Hutton Rudby to find out how they manage their churchyard to create a balance between wilderness & croquet lawn. They are also looking to visit All Saints, Great Ayton and St Oswald's, Newton.

### Churches Count on Nature

If you haven't surveyed your churchyard yet, now is a great time to start. It's a great way to get people involved – if you have a botanist in your community so much the better. Don't worry if you haven't, check out the links and App below.

<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/about-us/projects/our-beautiful-burial-grounds-project/starterguide/>

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IDENTIFY AND RECORD YOUR  
PLANTS.**

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[HTTPS://WWW.INATURALIST.ORG/PROJECTS/BEAUTIFUL-BURIAL-GROUNDS](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/beautiful-burial-grounds)

### Trees

Several churches have planted trees to mark the Jubilee, including Ingleby Greenhow



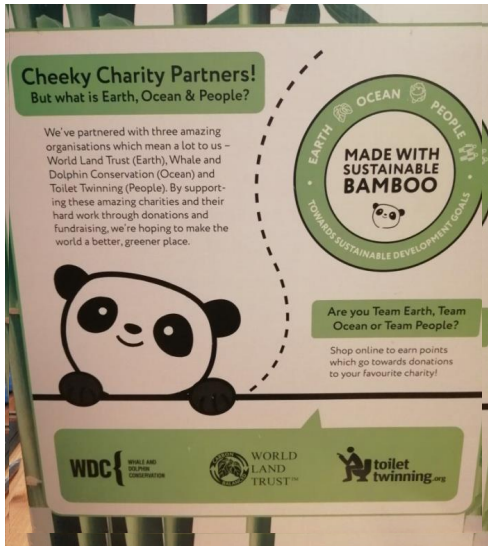
Newton and Nunthorpe.



## Promoting Eco Church



We had a display at the Jubilee Fete promoting Eco Church which created some interest including a request to visit 2 churches in Mowbray Deanery. We were encouraged that Great Ayton Methodist Church have also registered as an Eco Church. If you haven't registered your church yet please do so here <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>



## Everyone can switch to sustainable Bamboo

If you'd like to try Bamboo Toilet Rolls or Kitchen Towels, please contact Geoff

## Dates for your diary



**July 17<sup>th</sup>** Open Air 'Eco Church'  
Worship, All Saints Churchyard, Great Ayton

Coffee & Cake from 10:30, worship begins at 11 o'clock.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** AGM of Climate Action Stokesley & Villages, Stokesley Town Hall where Jos Holmes Climate Change Policy Officer for North Yorkshire County Council will speak about the Council's climate action plans. Beginning at 7:30 pm.

**September** on a date to be arranged we will have our next Deanery Environment Network Meeting on Zoom. If you would like to be involved, or know somebody who would, please let me know

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** "Feeding Britain" – Diocesan conference on zoom with keynote speaker Tim Lang Emeritus professor of food policy at City University London's Centre for Food Policy

**If you have any environment news or questions please get in touch**

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