

New Deacons and Priests strengthen Diocese

Seventeen ordinands and twenty one curates ordained this month

What do a former professional wrestler, a Leeds nightclub doorman, a drummer in a band, a record producer, a Scottish dancer who plays in a ceilidh band and a long distance lorry driver all have in common? The answer is that all have been called by God to ordained ministry in the diocese and will be ordained at services across the diocese at the end of June and early July.

Seventeen new deacons and twenty one new priests will strengthen the leadership of churches across all five Episcopal Areas, including a head teacher and a tenor in the Leeds Philharmonic Chorus.

The ordination of priests - who have normally served a year as curates - is taking place in their respective Areas on Saturday June 27 at 3pm – at Bradford Cathedral, Huddersfield Parish Church, Leeds Minster, and Ripon Cathedral. Wakefield will ordain its priests at three services in Elland, Horbury (June 27) and South Ossett (June 28).

Please pray for those being ordained as priests:

WAKEFIELD **Andreas Wenzel** serves Horbury with Horbury

Bridge.
Deborah Horsfall serves South Ossett

BRADFORD
John Butler is honorary assistant curate in Heaton.
Steve Proudlove serves All Saints Church, Ilkley.

Julie Bacon serves Shipley St Peter's.
Jenny Ramsden serves Morton and Riddlesden.
Cat Thatcher serves Bradford Cathedral.

LEEDS **Ben Randall** serves as assistant curate at Pudsey Parish Church.
Sharon Brown serves Abbeylands Team Ministry.
Mark Harlow serves Leeds St George's Team Ministry.
Vivien Masters serves Kippax and Allerton Bywater.

HUDDERSFIELD **Kate Currie**, serves the parishes of High Hoyland, Scissett and Clayton West
Stephen Rochell – serves the United Benefice of Hartshead,



Mark Harlow leading an adult baptism at St George's, Leeds

Hightown, Roberttown and Scholes.

Simon Crook serves Huddersfield St Peter's.

Miguel Sanchez Rodriguez serves Elland.

Val Keating serves with Batley All Saints and St Thomas.

Sarah Farrimond serves with Birchencliffe and Birkby.

Charlene Smith serves Melt-ham Christ the King.

RIPON **Richard Nolan** serves with St Peter's, Harrogate.

Linda Robinson serves Bedale, Leeming and Thornton Watlass.

Chris Lawton serves Leyburn with Bellerby.

Meet the new deacons on p4.

Good conversation

Bishop James Bell

Thirty seven people took part in the Yorkshire Region 'Shared Conversation' recently, seeking to reflect on the Scriptures, to be aware of the contemporary context and to listen to one another around the issues of human sexuality. The aim was not to achieve consensus but to seek the emotional intelligence to talk about these matters so that radically different convictions could be heard. Simply to practice mutual attention and regard was a potentially transformative experience.

We plan to continue the conversations in the diocese, hoping to be enriched by the participation of those not able to be present at the regional event. Nicholas Lash, in *Holiness, Speech and Silence*, talks of serious speech as the defining duty of human beings - who have come into being through the Word. Embracing the challenge and coming together for serious speech may be a process that can release energy for the whole church.

Sharing God's Blessing. Transforming Church Conversations is the latest book by Robin Greenwood, soon to be published by SPCK. It will offer both stories and models of conversations



that have been the means of bringing renewal to local churches. The Vicar and Wardens of Newbiggin Hall in Newcastle offer a striking commendation of the process: "Taking part in conversations on blessing has helped our church to develop confidence to say what we think; to trust each other to listen; and to value what others say, even if we disagree. ...it has challenged us to think about what our mission is and what each can do to enable the vision of the church to be realised. It has empowered each of us to believe that our contribution matters."

Perhaps as a church we have too much discussion in which some are inevitably silent and not enough conversation in which all find a voice. As the people from Newbiggin Hall experienced, the conversation becomes truly empowering when it focuses on affirming the ways in which we are blessed by God and in which we become a blessing to one another.

+James, Bishop of Ripon

New Richmond MP backs village church project

RIPON It was excellent news for the church in the tiny hamlet of Birkby near



Northallerton last month. The Heritage Lottery Fund confirmed an award of £42,000 to re-slate the church roof and renew rainwater goods in cast iron. It follows an HLF grant of £4,700 last year to undertake detailed inspection of the roof.

New MP for Richmond, Rishi Sunak (pictured above second left) visited St Peter's Church to learn about the project. The church is a focal point for the tiny rural community and is the only public building in the hamlet where people can gather together. The present church is a single-brick structure built in 1776, but the history of Birkby goes back much further, and there is evidence to suggest that today's church stands on the site of a 12th century building. Vicar, the Revd David Lewis, said "Worship was taking place here even before the Norman Conquest, and we would like that tradition to continue for centuries to come."

Magna Carta visits Pontefract

WAKEFIELD Pontefract has been one of the centres of celebration to mark the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. The town owes its involvement to the Lord of Pontefract Castle, John De Lacy, Baron of Pontefract, one of the twenty-five Barons



who forced King John to agree the charter in June 1215. Barnsley also joined in the celebrations with a special art exhibition by pupils from Barnsley College at St Mary's Barnsley, where a special Magna Carta service was led

by Bishop Nick with Wakefield Cathedral choir.

Meanwhile, bell ringers from All Saints Church Pontefract rang a new peal called "John De Lacy" and an outdoor ecumenical service with Pontefract Churches Together and the Pontefract

Magna Carta group was held at St Giles Church and on the Buttercross in the town centre. Bishop Tony, the Bishop of Wakefield led the service. Pictured is former local MP, Sir Bill O'Brien receiving a facsimile of the Magna Carta.

Bishop in full immersion baptism

HUDDERSFIELD Bishops don't often get wet at a baptism but Bishop Jonathan Gibbs was happy to respond to a request from two adult members of Kirkheaton Parish Church for full immersion. It was a



first for him, and for the church too, which had to borrow a pool from a church in Wakefield. Sharon Jones and Gareth Sayles wanted to express their faith

in a way that reflected their commitment. They were baptised and then confirmed along with six other people from Kirkheaton, St Bartholomew's, Grange Moor and All Hallows, Almond-bury. Rector of

Kirkheaton, the Revd Richard Steel, 'Not only is it very dramatic but it goes right back to the kind of Baptism Jesus himself had.'

Leeds Citizens invitation

LEEDS Clergy and parishes in Leeds Episcopal Area are encouraged to get involved in the



Founding Assembly for Leeds Citizens, which takes place on 7 July. Archdeacon Paul Hooper said, "A number of Leeds parishes have recently affiliated to Leeds Citizens and they've found it to be a good way to engage with their communities for the common good." The official launch of the alliance takes place at Leeds United Football Club.

Town chaplain

BRADFORD A new chapter in Keighley began last month as the Revd Dr. Jonathan Pritchard was licensed to an innovative new role – as Keighley Town Chaplain. Jonathan combines his role as Assistant Priest at Keighley Shared Church and Priest in Charge of All Saints Keighley with being Town Chaplain, a pioneering new ministry that can cross parish boundaries, as part of an ecumenical team based at the Shared Church.

Jonathan said, "If the gospel is good news for Keighley then I believe we must engage our faith on a town-wide basis."

Welcoming new deacons across the diocese

On Saturday July 4th, 17 new deacons will be ordained by Bishop Nick at services at Ripon Cathedral.

WAKEFIELD Phil Maries - All Saints Normanton. Married to Belinda, with two grown up children, Phil has spent most of his working life as an HGV driver, and is a keen motorcyclist.

Caroline Harrison – Royston and Felkirk. Prior to training Caroline was a district nurse. She is married to Richard with two children.

Craig Tomlinson - St. Mary the Virgin with St. Paul the Apostle in Barnsley. A former professional wrestler Craig was also a tele-communications engineer, and is married to Claire with four children.



BRADFORD

Sue Jennings - St Paul's Manningham. Sue was a paediatric physiotherapist and is married to Ian, incumbent of Holy Trinity, Low Moor and St Andrew's, Oakenshaw. They have two children.



Andrew Howorth - St Peter's Addingham. Andrew works for the NHS as head of patient experience in mental health and learning disabilities.

Tracey Raistrick - St. Mark's, Utley and Keighley Shared Church. Tracey has three grown-up daughters and three grandsons. She loves walking

with her two spaniels.

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Olasupo Ogunyinka - St Mary's and St David's, Beeston. Supo was an NHS Stroke Service Manager and a qualified Chartered Management Accountant. He is married to Barbara with two grown up sons.

Nick Lattimer - St James' Woodside, Leeds. Nick is married to Emily. Before working for his church, for Yorkshire Water, and a social enterprise, Nick studied modern languages at Leeds University.



HUDDERSFIELD

Linda Maslem - Christ Church Pellon and St Augustine's Halifax and as pioneer curate to the Saturday Gathering. Linda is married to Dave and they have three grown up children. She is a trustee of Christians Together Calderdale and New Wine.

John Dracup - St John the Baptist, Coley. John spent most of his working life in farming, He is married to Fiona with two children.

Marcus Bull - Erringden Benefice, Calder Valley, and continuing his educational chaplaincy role at Trinity Academy Halifax. He is married to Claire and with one child.

Jack Parkes – Cleckheaton



Benefice. Jack was a teacher in Cleckheaton and now works for Bradford College. He is married to Rachel with two grown up daughters.

Evelyne Barrow - Upper Home Valley Team. Evelyne is married to Ian and has two children. She is a Headteacher at St Aidan's Church Aided First School in Skelmanthorpe.

RIPON Claire Renshaw

- Knaresborough Team. Claire was a self-employed accountant and parish administrator. She is married to Steve and they have two children.

Alison Stewart Smith -

Swaledale with Arkengarthdale. Alison has been a teacher of modern languages, and also worked at Scargill House where she met her husband Richard.

Jonathan Cain - St Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey. Jonathan, a civil engineer is married to Rebecca. They have four sons.

Nick Morgan - Masham and Healey-Well with Snape and West Tanfield & North Stanley. Nick is married to Kate with two girls. Formerly a record producer, then early years teacher, his recent ministry has been developing Ripon Cathedral's online ministries.

