

Farewell to Archdeacon Bev, next Bishop of Warrington

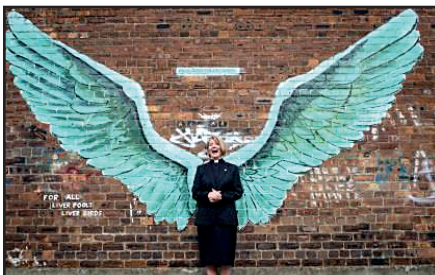
The diocese will say farewell to the Ven. Beverley Mason, the Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven, on Sunday 2 September as she leaves



to become the next Bishop of Warrington in the Diocese of Liverpool. A farewell service will be held at Ripon Cathedral starting at 3.30pm to which all are welcome.

Bev will minister alongside the Rt. Revd Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool, as the suffragan bishop of the diocese. Her service of consecration as a bishop will take place at York Minster on October 18.

Bishop Nick, himself from



Liverpool, said "I am delighted at the appointment of Bev Mason as the next Bishop of Warrington. Although sorry to be losing her from this diocese, she will bring to her new role great experience and a wide range of gifts. Liverpool will find her hungry to learn, an inspiration to Christian discipleship, and with a sense of humour scousers and all in the region will love."

"My time in the Diocese of Leeds has been both joyful and fulfilling," said Bev, "surrounded by wonderful people firstly at All Saints', Bingley and then in the Ripon Episcopal Area. I wish to thank everyone for their generous love and support."

Richmond to Richmond

Two young brothers, James and Andrew Lunn, from North Yorkshire, have spent part of their summer holidays completed a marathon five day cycle ride from Richmond in Surrey back to their home town – Richmond in North Yorkshire.

The two boys aged 11 and 13 accompanied by Dad,



Scott, are all part of St Mary's Church in Richmond and at Richmond School where the boys are pupils and their father teaches.

So far, their roughly 300-mile journey has raised more than £4000 in aid of the local Butterwick Hospice, a cause they decided to support after reading about it in their local newspaper, *The Northern Echo*.

September

Bishop Nick Baines

“September: it was the most beautiful of words, he’d always felt, evoking orange-flowers, swallows, and regret.”
(Alexander Theroux)

Well, lucky Alexander. I think of September in rather different terms. It took so long to get to August and a break, then September breaks on us with a smile that says “Now back to business.”

I am looking forward to the autumn for a number of reasons. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, is leading a study day on ‘Prayer’ for diocesan clergy. A couple of months later and we will welcome Ralf Meister, Bishop of Hannover, to preach at the centenary Armistice Service of Remembrance at Ripon Cathedral. And we will celebrate a new Dean of Wakefield as Simon Cowling is installed. We will lose the Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven, but will pray for her as she is consecrated in October as the Bishop of Warrington in the Diocese of Liverpool.

And Christmas is coming.

But, September is also the month when in schools, parishes, universities and diocese everything starts up again. Preparation for festivals gets our creative juices flowing, but, at the same time, reminds



us that the term is long and the demands great.

This September will see changes in the diocese as we address financial and other challenges. We shall also continue with developments that promise much - not least in lay training and, particularly, the digital learning platform which continues to be developed.

However, all this is set against a backdrop nationally and internationally that looks threatening. Whichever way you voted in the Brexit Referendum in 2016, the reality of what it might look like is dawning. Arguments will continue, but we should be deeply concerned about much that has been revealed about money, influence and propaganda. And I am not going to mention the Russians.

The point is that we head from September into months that will prove challenging at every level of our national - and, therefore, diocesan - life. Yet, Christians are drawn by hope, not driven by fear. October will come, God is faithful, and so, I trust, will we be.

+Nick

Keighley church debt centre

BRADFORD The CAP Debt Centre, based at Keighley Shared Church, has received its 100th referral in its mission to help local people break free from debt. Set up in May 2016, the Centre has surpassed expectations and says so far fifteen families and individuals are now completely debt free with many other working towards the same end.



Duncan Green, Centre Manager (pictured left with Team Rector of Keighley, the Revd Mike Cansdale) says, “For many people debt is only one part of the picture with underlying issues of anxiety, depression, addictions and poverty. Our team of befrienders are there to help in lots of ways and it’s a wonderful thing to see people’s lives touched by the love, friendship and the practical support on offer.”

The Keighley centre is funded by the churches of Keighley Parish with a team of volunteers who work alongside the Centre Manager.

Hospital chaplaincy team boost on NHS 70th anniversary

LEEDS The chaplaincy team at Leeds Teaching Hospitals has been boosted with the appointment of the Revd Darren McClintock as a new chaplain, coinciding with the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service.

Darren was licensed at a service in the Chapel of Leeds General Infirmary led by the Bishop of Kirkstall, Bishop Paul Slater (pictured left, with Darren, cente, and lead chaplain the Revd Ben Rhodes).

Darren comes to Leeds from being Team Vicar at Bilton,

Harrogate followed by three years as Hospice Chaplain at Wakefield Hospice. "After three years at Wakefield, I felt it was right to continue in chaplaincy,"



said Darren. "Being part of the Chaplaincy team at the Trust here is wonderful, learning from others, and just the breadth and variety of being part of such a large trust is wonderful."

Songs of Praise at Yorkshire Show

RIPON Making her first visit to the Great Yorkshire Show, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, the Area Bishop of Ripon, took part in a recording for BBC Songs of Praise, set to be broadcast in August.

The programme was presented by the Revd Kate Bottley, who was filmed enjoying a cream tea with Bishop Helen-Ann as they talked about the importance of the church for rural areas (as well as serious matters such as 'jam first or cream first').



Bishop Helen-Ann said it was a great experience. "It was a lot of fun, and excellent that Songs of Praise came to the Great

Yorkshire Show in its 160th year.

"There are many challenges facing our rural communities and to be able to celebrate the faithful

commitment of so many to working the land and caring for its produce is a great thing indeed."

Cancer support move

HUDDERSFIELD A national Christian cancer support organisation which offers prayer and spiritual support to people affected by cancer and their family and friends is to open a regional base at Kirkheaton Parish Church, Huddersfield.

The first Firm Roots Cancer Prayer Support Group in the diocese will be held on Thursday 6 September and will then run every month.

The church will also be the venue for the charity's first national conference. It takes place on Saturday 13 October.

More at www.firmroots.org.uk

Swedish bishop

WAKEFIELD Wakefield Cathedral has welcomed Swedish Bishop, Ake Bonnier, as an ecumenical honorary canon. Bishop Bonnier is the Bishop of Skara, the oldest diocese in the Church of Sweden and one which is linked to the Diocese of Leeds. He and Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley were installed at the same service.

In his address, Bishop Nick spoke of his first meeting with Bishop Bonnier in Skara at a celebration of that diocese's 1,000 year history. They met again last year at a residential conference held for all seven link bishops at Parcevall Hall.

Ripon Cathedral hosts regional celebration of 70 years of NHS care

Doctors, nurses and medical staff from across the region joined mayors and civic dignitaries at a special diocesan service at Ripon Cathedral last month to mark the 70th anniversary of the NHS.

Dean John Dobson led the service which featured poignant recollections, readings and the voice of Aneurin Bevan reflecting on the NHS in 1959.

Bishop Nick was to have preached, but was unable to attend due to ill health. "Sadly, he's in bed with a temperature - I told him he should have called a doctor," quipped the Dean.

Pictured is Nurse Monica Sharpe, the longest serving member of staff at Harrogate District Hospital who had just celebrated her own 70th birthday and gave the New Testament reading. Born in Trinidad, the day after the National Health Service was launched, she moved to Yorkshire at the age of 21 and has worked at the hospital for almost 50 years.

Ninety year old Cathedral congregation member Geoff Johnson read the stark testimony of a ninety-one year old Bradford man, who recalled how grinding poverty and lack



of medical care before the NHS led to his sister's early death from TB in a public workhouse.

Other contributors included Ripon GP, Dr Charles McEvoy, who spoke of the increasing pressures due to an ageing population and greater demand for preventative medical treatment. He said it was a privilege to serve the local community as a GP, especially as the fourth generation of his family to do so.

Rev'd Yvonne Callaghan, Vicar of Brompton on Swale, spoke movingly of how NHS renal treatments and kidney transplants had saved her life and let her fulfil many goals, including becoming the mother of two sons, one of whom has also needed a kidney transplant.

Washington to Walmart

Young people from across the diocese have been experiencing the USA as part of an exchange programme with one of our link dioceses.

Led by Children, Youth and Families team member, Katherine Grasham (pictured in front of the group) the party of six 15 to 17 year olds and two leaders are spending three weeks in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia staying



with local church families and meeting with young people from across the region.

Kathryn wrote, midway through the visit: "We flew into Washington DC almost two weeks ago, and we're having an amazing time. We have been fed amazingly well, both at our host families and at various American diners."

The group have visited local historical sites, taking part in outdoor activities, meeting Christians from the area and shopping in stores like Walmart.