

update

update is produced four times a year as a way of keeping retired clergy better-informed about what is happening in Wakefield Diocese.

Annual Meeting for Retired Clergy:

**'Spirituality:
some fresh
perspectives' with
Father Nicholas
Stebbing**

**23 September
2009, 9.30am to
3.00pm,
Community of the
Resurrection
Mirfield**

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straight away if
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they can book
suitable
accommodation.**

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details.**

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Reflections on the Clergy Conference at Swanwick, 2009

1 I thought I'd finished with this stuff
A Conference – oh dear!
Discussions, speakers, noisy meals
- At least there'll be some beer.

2 A retired rep from each Deanery
Is what finance allows
So that's why I'm here at Swanwick
To listen, chat and browse.

3 Been asked to do an article,
I'm writing it in verse
By picking out a few high spots
I hope the style's not terse.

4 We heard Prof. Grace for openers
And well received was she
A firm foundation she laid down
On Sociology.

5 On Wednesday morn a prayerful start
And then Sir Burwell Nugent
He spoke on leadership and change
– Different, useful, pungent.

6 So what of Prof. J. Rogerson
He really was a star!
For lighting up Leviticus,
To him, a corporate "Ta".

7 And what of Ian McMillan, then
So clever and so daft,
His use of words quite brilliant
A master of his craft.

8 He made us laugh, he made us cry
With quite hilarious stuff
An hour and one quarter...eh!
And we couldn't get enough.

9 At our Thursday morning sessions
Two Stephens took the floor
As Canon Cherry and our Bishop
Theologised, and more.

10 Now later was a mish-mash time
With workshops and some sport
Of Pensions and of Taxes too,
Interests of varied sort.

11 Last night we had a Celidh, yes!
'Twas a Tom Havoc Gig
It was a right old knees up, that,
With do-si-do and jig.

12 The Bishop did a solo spot
Wild Rover was his song
We belted out the chorus lines
– He couldn't go far wrong!

13 The final highlight – Eucharist
For each and everyone
In sharing word and sacraments
So that His Will be done.

14 I met with folk I didn't know –
Some I've known forever!
It's half the value of this 'do'
– meeting up together.

15 So with thanks to our Keith Griffin
And Stephen Kelly too
For some first-class organising
For me, and you and you.

16 And now it's back to meetings
And burying the dead
And sorting pastoral problems out
And keeping the flock fed.

17 'Cos that's the stuff of parish life
At the sharp end, that is,
So clerics to your patches now
With spiritual fizz.

18 And rejoice in all good changes
That happen everyday,
Of Kingdom values realised
By followers of "The Way".

John D. Wilkinson

What's on: news and events around the Diocese

Recognising Risk: Creating a Safer Church

Tuesday 22 September 2009, 9.30 to 4.30pm at Manningham Mills. A day conference for clergy from Bradford and Wakefield Diocese. An opportunity to find out more about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and domestic abuse. For more information contact Jenny Price on 01924 371802.

Back to Church Sunday 2009

Sunday 27 September 2009, at a Church Near You. Back to Church Sunday offers quality resources to local churches so people can give an especially warm welcome on this special Sunday of the year.

Annual Paulinus Lecture: Evangelism inside and outside the Church. Why and How

Monday 12 October 2009, 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Dewsbury Minster, WF12 8DD by Ven Robert Freeman, Archdeacon of Halifax and former National Adviser for the Archbishop's Council. Admission Free. For more details contact Dewsbury Minster on 01924 457057.

Holey? Wholly? Holy?

Wednesday 14 October 2009, 7.15pm to 9.30 at West Wakefield Methodist Church, Thornes Road, Wakefield WF2 8QR. Embracing holistic spiritual healthcare led by Revd Jonathan Sharp, Chaplain, Wakefield Hospitals. Fee: £5. To book contact Libby Toomsalu on 0113 241 6848.

Transforming Leadership

Thursday 15 October 2009, 10.00am to mid afternoon at Dewsbury Minster. A day for those thinking about the challenges of moving from a single benefice, single church pattern to a multi church, multi benefice pattern. For more details contact Tony Macpherson or John Lawson.

Fresh Expressions

Saturday 24 October 2009, 9.45am to 4.30pm at West Wakefield Methodist Church, Thornes Road, Wakefield WF2 8QR. A day for the whole Christian community to discover more about fresh expressions of church led by Bruce Mounsey and Sue Wallace, Associate Missioners with the National Fresh Expressions Team. Cost £6.00. To book contact Tony Macpherson on 01924 275274.

Who cares about estates?

Thursday 12 November 2009, 10.00am to 3.30pm at Carrs Lane Conference Centre, Birmingham, B4 7SX. Guest speakers include Lynsey Hanley who writes for the Observer and Sister Mary Walsh who is pioneering groundbreaking programmes on challenging estates. Hosted by Bishop Laurie

Green. Cost £15 per person, including lunch. For more information contact Dave Fletcher on 01422 349844.

Presentation of Parish Transformational Plans

Sunday 1 November 2009, 4.00pm at Wakefield Cathedral.



Mirfield Centre courses and events in the next few months include:

Richard Rolle Pilgrimage

Saturday 12 September, 10.30am to 5.00pm, starting from the Mirfield Centre but visiting Hampole, Adwick Church and the medieval Chantry Chapel in Wakefield before returning to Wakefield. Led by Mike Gartland, the day will celebrate the life of Richard Rolle, learn from his teaching and see how his example continues to inspire healing ministry today.

A Day with Novelist Salley Vickers

Saturday 3 October 2009. 11.00 to 3.30pm. Cost £20, including light lunch and refreshments. Author of books including 'Mr Golightly's Holiday' and Miss Garnett's Angel, Salley Vickers' novels are good stories with deeper themes.

Clergy Theology Reading Group

Tuesday 13 October 2009, 10.30am to 12.00pm. The group is currently reading and discussing 'Imitating Jesus – an inclusive approach to New Testament Ethics' by Professor Richard Burridge, Dean of King's College London.

Why do the Wicked Prosper and all that? Heroes, Villains and Wisdom from the Psalms

Saturday 17 October 2009, 10.00am to 3.30pm. Led by John Wigfield, Theological Consultant and Co-ordinator for SAMS. £15 including lunch.

Bray Lecture: Competing Religious Fundamentalisms – 21st Century Challenge for a Theology of Peace

Monday 26 October 2009, 3.30 to 4.30pm by Dr Sathi Clarke, Christian theologian from Wesley Seminary, USA.

Your Worship: Your Story

Saturday 28 November 2009, 10.00am to 3.30pm at the Mirfield Centre. Led by Revd Dr Roger Grainger, this day workshop will explore how to help familiar services come alive. £15 including lunch.

Living Faith in the Bible Lands: Politics and Scripture

Monday 30 November 2009, 1.15 to 3.45pm at the Mirfield Centre. An introduction to life in the Holy Land today, the complex political situation and reading the Bible in new places. Also introducing the life and work of St George's College, Jerusalem. Led by Revd Dr Stephen Need, Dean of St George's College.

Quiet Day for Advent: Why are we Waiting?

Saturday 12 December, 10.00am to 3.30pm. A day of worship and reflection on the one who comes to us; the Desire of Nations and the Light of the World. Led by John Gribben CR. Fee: £15 including lunch.

To book any of the courses and events at Mirfield or find out more – contact Rachael Salmon on 01924 481920.

Vacancies

Churches currently in vacancy are...

Pontefract Archdeaconry

- Barnsley (St Mary and St Paul)
- Mirfield (St Mary)
- Castleford (St Michael)

Halifax Archdeaconry

- Brighouse and Clifton
- Kirkburton, Cumberworth, Denby and Denby Dale
- Lepton (St John) (half time)
- Lightcliffe and Hove Edge
- Luddenden (St Mary)
- Sowerby Bridge (Christ Church)
- Upper Holme Valley – Team Vicar

In Memory



Revd Basil Cockcroft died on 24 June 2009. Basil served in Wakefield and Durham diocese before returning to his native Calderdale. For many years, Basil combined being an NSM at Elland with work for Calderdale Council. Please pray for his wife Pat.

Henry Stapleton awarded an MBE for services to the church

Revd Henry Stapleton, former Dean of Carlisle, has been awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for services to the Church of England. Henry, who retired ten years ago, said: "It is a great honour. I hope that parishioners will share my pride. It is not only an award for me but also an award for my wife and family and the people of the parishes I have served in." He was ordained in 1956 at York Minister and was Dean of Carlisle between 1988 and 1998. During his time at the city's cathedral there was significant restoration work carried out. He retired with his wife Mary to Honley, near Holmfirth, in 1998, where he continues to assist in the parish and elsewhere.



Recent Notices of Appointment

Revd Nick Haigh, Priest Missioner of The Net in Huddersfield is to be Mission Priest at St Thomas, Crookes in the Diocese of Sheffield.

Revd Canon David Ward, Vicar of Bradley to be also licensed Priest in Charge of St Francis, Fixby and St Hilda, Cowcliffe in September 2009.

Revd Romita Shrisunder, Assistant Curate in the Brighouse and Clifton Team Parish will resign from 1 November 2009.

Revd Canon Catherine Ogle, Vicar of St Peter, Huddersfield to be Rural Dean of Huddersfield from August 2009.

Revd David Wheatley, Assistant Curate in the Castleford Team Parish to be licensed as Master of Archbishop Holgate Hospital, Hemsworth in November 2009.

Revd Helen Collings, Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Ossett to be licensed as Priest in Charge of St Catherine, Sandal on 30 September 2009.

Revd Gary Hodgson Chaplain at Huddersfield University to be Priest in Charge of St Michael and All Angels, Cottingley, Bradford diocese. Revd Helen Hodgson, who was serving Fixby and Cowcliffe, has also resigned.

Five to Four

From now on, you will receive a copy of Update four times a year (instead of the previous five). This is to synchronise with the production of the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer, published quarterly. You should receive a copy of both together. You will also receive a copy of the Diocesan Directory when it is reprinted in the next few weeks.

Annual Meeting

This edition of Update is a little later than usual in order to include the report from the Clergy Conference which took place at the beginning of September.

However, it has meant there are not many days left until the Annual Meeting of Retired Clergy on 23 September 2009. This promises to be an excellent meeting. If you plan to attend this meeting, would you please let John or Dick know as soon as possible. Their telephone numbers are below.

Also – don't forget to take a packed lunch!



Diocesan retired clergy officers

Pontefract Archdeaconry:

Revd John D Wilkinson, 29 Pontefract Road, Ferrybridge, Knottingley WF11 8PN
01977 607250 – johnwilkinson@talktalk.net

Halifax Archdeaconry:

Revd Dick Bradnum, 4 Southlands Drive, Huddersfield HD2 2LT – 01484 420721

Diocesan Clergy widow's officer

Revd Norma Webb – 01924 463574 – normafwebb@aol.com

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Spirituality: some fresh perspectives

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Many stipendiary clergy say a Daily Office, but what happens in retirement? Are new patterns required or does it all go to pot?

A member of the Community will introduce the subject, followed by sharing and discussion.

We will join the Community for the midday office and Eucharist.

Please bring your own lunch.

Drinks and cake provided.

Ven Peter Townley, Archdeacon of Pontefract will be in attendance for the afternoon session.

To book a suitable room, we need a rough idea of numbers coming, so please would you use the tear off slip and return to John or Dick immediately (addresses opposite).

Name

Address

Telephone

I hope to come to the meeting

I could offer a lift in my car.....

I would need a lift in someone's car