

Christians in business centre-stage at Bradford Cathedral

Underlying increased support for lay Christians in the workplace, Bradford Cathedral will be the venue for a landmark conference this October for Christians in business.



“Loving God and neighbour ... in business?” takes place on Saturday 13th October from 9.30am - 4pm, the third major conference to be organised by the Thinking Faith Network, in partnership with Bradford Cathedral and Gather Leeds.

With the majority of such conferences in London and the south-east, Cal Bailey the Chair of Thinking Faith Network says the aim is to provide support for Christians working in business in the north of England. “Christians in business often feel unsupported at church and isolated at work,” he says. “Work in business is part of God’s purpose for the world he created, loves and is restoring.”

Speakers will include: Rebecca and the Revd Jonathan Cain, respectively an organisational development consultant and an engineering director turned priest; **John Kirkby (pictured)**, founder of Christians Against Poverty; Stewart Davies, a local business leader with more than fifteen years’ MD/CEO experience; and June Dennis, Dean of Staffordshire Business School.

“The conference will be addressing what the commands of Jesus - to love God and neighbour - mean to us in competitive business,” said Cal Bailey.

More details and tickets at the Thinking Faith Network website <https://thinkfaith.net/business18>

The Honesty Experiment

A BBC2 Horizon Special, ‘A Week Without Lying: The Honesty Experiment’, has featured, among others, North Yorkshire parish priest, the Revd Canon Ruth Newton.

Ruth who is Associate Priest at St. John the Evangelist, Sharow near Ripon was monitored for a week by being rigged with innovative



portable lie detection equipment. It made it nearly impossible for her to lie undetected, and the results caused scientists to rethink what they know about how we lie.

“I think that I find it difficult to tell people hard truths,” Ruth admitted. “I think it’s preferable to be honest but sometimes it may be necessary to tell a white lie.”

Celebrating music

Bishop Tony Robinson

We are richly blessed in our diocese to have three cathedrals each with a wonderful tradition of music. Once a year all three choirs come together for the Yorkshire Three Choirs Festival. This year it takes place in Ripon on Saturday 6th October.

The wonderful truth of Christian worship is that when we praise God, we join in that heavenly music. Recall what we say at the Eucharist: 'Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying, 'Holy, holy, holy Lord....' Heaven and earth meet in our liturgy. Angels join with us, and we with them. It's as if the solid, thick boundaries of what we can see, and touch begin to dissolve. We glimpse the glory angels gaze upon and hear their songs of praise.

Music touches parts of us nothing else can quite reach. It enlarges our imaginations, it moves our spirits, it coaxes us to love in a new and deeper way.

I could tell you how particular pieces of music make the hairs



on my neck stand on end. We could all tell stories about how a hymn or a psalm, a song, a motet or a symphony had a profound effect on us. That's why cathedrals invest so much in our music. Its why parishes should never resent the cost of achieving the very best in music, whatever their style of worship. It's an investment in mission. It has converting power. Above all, it's for the praise of God.

Worshipping God is the most important thing we can do in this life. It's the only thing we shall do in the next, when we are like the angels, and their song and ours are joined together, forever in tune with heaven.

On behalf of us all, thank you to our musicians and all they do to enhance our worship.

+Tony
Bishop of Wakefield

Card reader boosts church income

HUDDERSFIELD Enabling people to purchase art and crafts by using cashless payment has helped a church raise some £700. St Paul's, Armitage Bridge in the Huddersfield Area bought a SumUp terminal earlier this year to trial it for itself and sister churches. The terminal's cost was sponsored by a church member.

Catherine Day, lay chair of its Church Council is pictured with the handset.



Treasurer, Bruce Greenwood explained how the hand-held card reader had paid off. "Our main fundraiser is an annual art and craft exhibition. Last year we realised that few people were carrying cheque books and we were possibly missing some sales as a consequence.

"In 2018 we had almost £700 of sales using SumUp and while some may otherwise have been made by cash, we feel that we gained more sales this year because of the terminal."

'Fields of mud, seeds of hope' at Ripon Cathedral

RIPON Cathedrals and churches across the diocese are building up preparations to mark the Armistice centenary, the 100th anniversary of the

end of World War 1. One of the most dramatic installations will be opened on October 3rd at Ripon Cathedral. 'Fields of Mud, Seeds of Hope' is a WW1 remembrance sculpture by

Yorkshire artist Dan Metcalfe who uses drying mud to depict five battle weary silhouettes returning home from the front.

The nine metre long installation

will be on display in the north aisle of the Cathedral. As the mud dries it changes colour, and gradually cracks. The mud itself has come from the site of



Ripon's WW1 military hospital and the Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917 in Belgium.

The installation will run until November 14.

Festival Angels to the rescue

LEEDS Christians from churches across Leeds have once again been offering a safe place, a Christian presence, practical help and

a listening ear at this year's Leeds Festival held over August Bank Holiday weekend at Bramham Park. With no Glastonbury this year, Leeds and

Reading were the biggest music festivals of 2018 and a team of 190 Christians, many from local churches, came to serve across the Bank Holiday weekend. Their central hub, the Prayer

Café was always busy.

Micky was typical of many grateful festival-goers. "Would just like to say a big thank you to Marcus and all of the lovely people at the Festival Angels tent at Leeds Festival. I had all of my property stolen during

the night from my tent whilst myself and my 16 year old son were asleep. [The] Festival Angels pulled out all the stops and I'm so grateful for their kindness."



Bishop Nick's Bingley Lecture

BRADFORD Holy Trinity with St Wilfrid's Bingley have been celebrating 150 years of worship with a year of events including the Bingley Lectures. This month, the sixth lecture will be given by Bishop Nick who will speak on 'The Church in West Yorkshire and Popular Culture'.

Committed to engaging with the world, Bishop Nick says, "I'm passionate about Christian engagement in the big wide world – not on our own terms, but on the basis that we get stuck in wherever we can; committed to the world in all its pain and glory." The lecture takes place at Holy Trinity Bingley on October 11 at 7pm.

Outreach boost

WAKEFIELD A north Featherstone church has been awarded £800 for projects designed to reach out to the community both digitally and in print. The congregation at All Saints' Church, a grade II medieval building mentioned in the Domesday Book, will use a bishop's grant for two projects, one print based and the other digital. A booklet is to be produced to promote the church to children at All Saints' School, their parents and residents near the church. The money will also go to a new website to promote the church to a wider audience.

Youngsters find friends and faith at Ripon Ventures



160 young people from across the diocese and beyond gathered joyfully for this summer's Ripon Ventures, which combined great activities with Christian engagement.

Guided by a large team of leaders, two week-long residential holidays at Ripon Grammar School for 11 to 18-year-olds included team-building exercises, such as gorge scrambling, cave exploration and group games.

"As ever, it was a privilege to be part of an impressive group of young people, out to make friends and explore their faith," said Revd Claire Corley, Assistant Curate at Roundhay who co-leads the Ripon Ventures with husband Sam, Rector of Leeds Minster.

"It was a delightful, inspiring and rewarding two weeks," she said. "People often ask us for stories, and we can tell

you many of the big ones: the night when 12 members, after many years of love and teaching from their local churches, suddenly grasped what this whole Christian thing was about and gave their lives to Christ.

"Or there's the music workshop, which encompasses an unruly gang of members and a smattering of leaders, playing and worshipping away as if they've been together for years."

Claire said it was often the small stories that captured the hearts of the leaders.

"There's often a group who have been dragged along by their friends, coming more for the activities than the 'God Stuff.' But by the end they are asking so many good questions and exploring faith in a way that they would never have considered at the start of the week. And of course, each year, members commit their lives to Christ. It's the one time at camp when you feel particularly small, when you get to sit alongside someone confident enough to say 'yes' to Christ."

Tom Wright to visit Harrogate

International lecturer, theologian and former Bishop of Durham, **the Rt Revd Dr Tom Wright (pictured)**, will be visiting Harrogate as part of this year's season of lectures and seminars from the Harrogate School of Theology and Mission.

The author of over seventy books, Tom Wright is highly regarded in academic and theological circles. He is now



Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at St Andrew's University, and is one of a number of visiting speakers (including the Bishop of Ripon, Dr Helen-Ann Hartley) who have been announced in the new 2018/19 programme.

Tom Wright will speak at St Mark's Harrogate on Saturday 12 January 2019 on the subject, "Space, time and history: Jesus and the challenge of God."

See www.hstm.org.uk for full details of the programme.