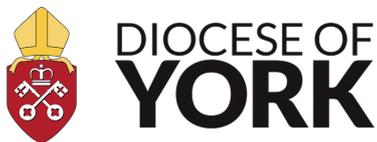


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## Community Iftar Strengthens Unity in Hull

On the evening of 26 February 2026, Hull Minster opened its doors to host a Community Iftar in partnership with the Dialogue Society.

Archbishop Stephen joined Muslim neighbours and civic leaders to mark the breaking of the Ramadan fast. The evening was a shared community meal marking the breaking of the fast during Ramadan. It was not a service of worship, but an expression of hospitality and an opportunity to build friendship and understanding across communities.

Contributions were offered by Sadik Cinar, Executive Director of the Dialogue Society; Jim Dick, Lord-Lieutenant of the East Riding of Yorkshire; Cllr Cheryl Payne, Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull; and Michael Rice, High Sheriff of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

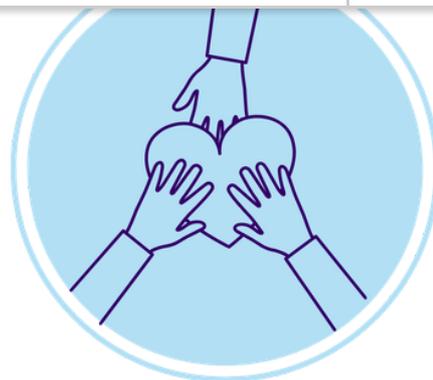
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**Acts 435 invites more Anglican churches to partner in meeting local need**

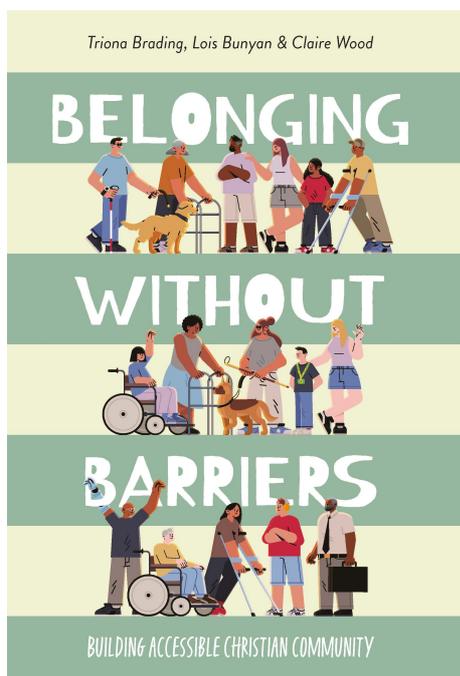
donors with people facing hardship in their communities.

Founded through a pilot in the Diocese of York in 2009, Acts 435 enables churches to post specific needs, such as beds, cookers, clothing, or essential household items, which donors then fund directly.



With recent giving through Stewardship's 40acts Lent campaign exceeding available requests, the charity is urgently appealing for more churches to take part. This free partnership offers a practical way to share God's compassion and support those facing financial pressure with dignity and care.

[Find out more](#)



## **‘One Body, Many Parts’: Save the date for Disability Awareness Sunday 2026**

Disability Awareness Sunday takes place on Sunday 27th September 2026 with the theme ‘One Body, Many Parts’ (from 1 Corinthians 12).

Churches are invited to mark the event on the day itself, or on another Sunday, and to take a step towards welcome, participation, and belonging for all.

A new free resource from Through the Roof, will be available next month to help churches explore how disabled and neurodivergent people are needed, valued, and welcomed in God's family.

[Find out more](#)

## Studying Theology course starts 18th April

Our new short course: Studying Theology begins on 18th April. This eight-session course will be offered as a mix of face-to-face and online sessions, making it accessible for those seeking to explore theology in an approachable and thoughtful way.

Participants will consider what theology is, what theologians do, and why theological reflection matters for the life of the Church. If you or someone you in your parish would appreciate the opportunity to explore their faith further, get in touch.



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In return for 24 hours of volunteering receive: a free ticket to the festival, our own campsite with showers, toilets, kitchen / chill area, minibus to the Cafe, the opportunity to work with amazing people as we share Jesus Loves Festivals!

25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August, Bramham Park, Leeds  
Sign up / [info@festivalangels.org.uk](mailto:info@festivalangels.org.uk)

## Volunteer with Festival Angels at Leeds Festival

Festival Angels is inviting volunteers to join its team at Leeds Festival, serving from 25th to 31st August at Bramham Park, Leeds. Volunteers give 24 hours of their time across the festival and, in return, receive a free ticket.

Opportunities include supporting the Prayer Café, Lost Property, Left Luggage, Air Hubs, detached teams, and post-festival lost property. Volunteers also have access to camping, kitchen and chill-out areas, with the chance to share Jesus' love through welcome, care, and conversation.

Email [paul@festivalangels.org.uk](mailto:paul@festivalangels.org.uk) for more information.

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## Coming up near you



### **‘Threads through the Bible’ - Beverley Minster**

**until 22nd April 2026**

A remarkable textile exhibition now on display tells the story of the Bible through 30 large panels created by artist Jacqui Parkinson over ten years. Made with more than eight million stitches and standing 3 metres high, the work is presented in two parts, Threads Through Creation and Threads Through the Cross.

[Find out more](#)



### **Holy Week with the Order of the Holy Paraclete, Whitby**

**Saturday 28 March (afternoon) to Easter Day (after lunch)**

The Whitby Sisters welcome guests to share Holy Week in prayer and fellowship. The programme includes devotional addresses, liturgical prayer, and space to share ideas and concerns together, as we walk with Christ through his Passion to the joy of Easter. Preacher: George Guiver CR.

For bookings and information: email [hospitality@ohpwhitby.org.uk](mailto:hospitality@ohpwhitby.org.uk), or call 01947 899600 / 07595 215083.

**Cost £750 (bursaries available).**

### **Afternoon Tea - Wydale Hall**

**Saturday 11th April, 12.00pm - 4.00pm**



even add a glass of prosecco if you want to!

Cost £16.00 or £20.00 with Prosecco. Please book by emailing [admin@wydale.org](mailto:admin@wydale.org) or telephone 01723 859270.

[Find out more](#)



## Mustard Seed/Soulspace webinar

**Thursday 14th April, 1.00pm to 2.30pm**

The Mustard Seed Team is hosting a webinar with Michael Moynagh from Soulspace, exploring how worship can be introduced into outreach or social action groups within a church community. Wendy Gillings, Mustard Seed Community Minister at St Philip's, Bilton Grange, Hull, will also share how Soulspace has been used fruitfully in her parish.

To book, email [mustard.seed@yorkdiocese.org](mailto:mustard.seed@yorkdiocese.org) by Friday 10th April. The Zoom link will be sent on booking.



## Explore Accessibility in Worship

**Saturday 25th April | 9.30am - 12.30pm (Online)**

Keynote speaker: The Revd Canon Zoe Heming

A morning conference exploring how we create inclusive environments in our churches that allow everyone to fully participate, feel valued, and engage in worship. The morning will include workshops on neurodiversity, dementia, and using liturgical space.

Email [canonmichael@riponcathedral.org.uk](mailto:canonmichael@riponcathedral.org.uk) to book your place.

[Find out more](#)



## **Golden Stitches Exhibition, St Mary's Church, Cottingham**

**Friday 24th and Saturday 25th April 2026, 10am–4pm**

A free exhibition celebrating fifty years of needlework at St Mary's, with exquisite vestments, furnishings, hangings, and more than 400 kneelers reflecting local history. Refreshments available. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Saturday at 4pm.

For details, contact Val Wright on 01482 843976 or [valwright0802@gmail.com](mailto:valwright0802@gmail.com), or Val Baxter on 01482 843445 or [val@abaxter.karoo.co.uk](mailto:val@abaxter.karoo.co.uk).



## **Glimpses of God in the Garden, High Dalby House Retreat Centre**

**Saturday 16th May | 10.00am to 3.30pm**

An immersive, interactive day to wander and ponder in the peaceful grounds of High Dalby House Retreat Centre. Come to prayerfully notice God's presence in creation, with gentle guidance, space for reflection, and time to share in companionship.

Booking: 01751 460001 or [lindarobinson@talk21.com](mailto:lindarobinson@talk21.com)

**£25.00 (includes lunch)**



## **Connecting and Strengthening Rural Voices on Poverty, online**

**Thursday 21st May, 10.30am to 12 noon**

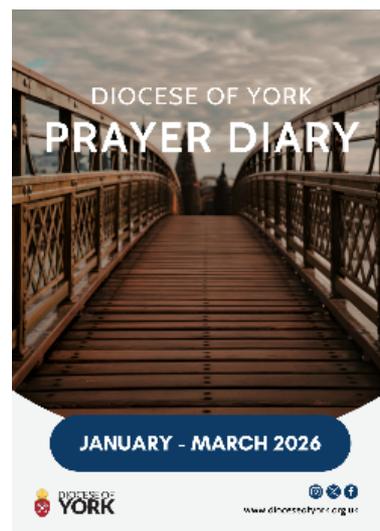
This online roundtable is for churches and communities seeking to address rural poverty and to learn alongside others engaged in similar work across the UK. Organised by Church Action on Poverty, the Diocese of Truro, and Churches Together in Cumbria, it offers space for shared reflection, encouragement, and practical conversation.

**Book your place**

## Join us in prayer

This week, we are praying for:

- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia: Archbishop Rinalds Grants, Bishop Einārs Alpe, Bishop Hanss Martins Jenson, Bishop Uldis Gailitis
- Church of England: Diocese of Lichfield, Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Bishop Timothy Wambunya, Bishop Sarah Bullock, Bishop Matthew Parker, Bishop Paul Thomas
- Church in Wales: Diocese of St David's, Bishop Dorrien Davies
- Provincial Synod of South Africa



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## Sunday Reflection

The Rt Revd Barry Hill, Bishop of Whitby, reflects on John 11.1-45 for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, 22nd March.



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## Vacancies closing soon

- [Priest in Charge of The Ascension, Middlesbrough](#)
- [Chaplain – Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities](#)
- [Director, Scargill Movement](#)
- [Midday Supervisory Assistant \(part-time, fixed term\)](#)
- [Behavioural Support Officer \(full-time / permanent\)](#)

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