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Healing and Hope for the World: Congratulations to Archbishop Sarah Mullally

More than two thousand people from across the country and around the world attended the Installation of the Most Revd and Right Hon Dame Sarah Mullally as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral this week.

Archbishop Sarah is the first woman to hold the office of Archbishop of Canterbury in its 1,400-year history. The service marked the start of her public ministry in the Church of England and worldwide Anglican Communion. The event included a Mandate from His Majesty The King giving instruction to install Archbishop Sarah, and saw her deliver her inaugural sermon as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Held on the Feast of the Annunciation, the service reflected the theme of Mary saying 'yes' to God's calling, and how this offers hope for the Church and the world today. It also celebrated the contributions of female scholars, musicians, and writers to the Church down the ages.

[Watch Again](#)



Gathering Lent Pilgrimage Featured on *The One Show*

The Gathering Lent Pilgrimage on the Saint Aelred's Pilgrim Trail featured on BBC One's *The One Show* last night, highlighting a joyful day of prayer, fellowship, and shared journeying across the North York Moors.

This year, more than 80 walkers, riders, cyclists, families, and friends were welcomed by the Rt Revd Dr Andrew Rumsey, Bishop of Ramsbury, and the Revd Mel Burnside, at All Saints, Old Byland, before setting out on the trail to Rievaulx Abbey, with reflections and prayers at each stage of the journey. Pilgrims were joined at Rievaulx by Bishop Barry and Archdeacon Amanda, before a short service accompanied by the Bilsdale Silver Band.

If your church or community is organising a pilgrimage, do let us know. You can find further resources below:

- [Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives](#)
- [Faith in the North – Pilgrim Places](#)
- [St Aelred's Pilgrim Trail](#)

Image courtesy of Valerie Mather.

[Read more](#)



New Working Out Worship podcast explores worship in the Taizé Community

A new episode of the Working Out Worship podcast invites listeners to reflect on the prayerful life and worship of the Taizé Community.

Diocesan Discipleship Adviser Sammi Tooze is joined by Brothers Claudio and Jean-Marie for a thoughtful conversation about the community's distinctive pattern of prayer, song, silence, and shared life. Together they explore how Taizé worship can nurture faith, deepen discipleship, and open space for encounter with God.

Watch or listen



Bishop Barry's Easter Pilgrimage across Whitby Deanery

Bishop Barry Hill will spend Easter on pilgrimage across Whitby Deanery, taking services in each benefice and joining pilgrimage walks. All are warmly invited to take part in any or all of the following:

Maundy Thursday, 2 April

5pm - Eucharist at St Stephen's, Fylingdales (Robin Hood's Bay), followed by refreshments

Good Friday, 3 April

2pm - Final Hour at the Cross at St Hilda's, Hinderwell

Holy Saturday, 4 April

2pm - Short reflective service at St Margaret's, Aislaby, followed by a pilgrimage walk to Whitby

8pm - Easter Vigil, including confirmations, at St Hilda's, Whitby

Easter Sunday, 5 April

6am - Sunrise service on Sandsend Beach, followed by breakfast butties

Volunteer Chaplains Invited to Support Ministry at York Minster

York Minster is seeking to welcome more Volunteer Chaplains into its ministry, and would be glad to hear from clergy who may be interested in this rewarding role, including those who are retired or approaching retirement.

Volunteer Chaplains are a valued part of the Minster's life, helping to offer pastoral support and contributing to daily prayer and worship. The role offers an opportunity to serve in a place of prayer and welcome at the heart of the city, while becoming part of the Minster's ongoing ministry.

You are warmly encouraged to get in touch at Volunteering@yorkminster.org





Multiply: North, Leeds

Tuesday 23rd June

A day for leaders and teams exploring church planting and multiplication across the north of England. Speakers, conversations and shared learning will offer encouragement for those beginning or developing new worshipping communities.

Speakers include:

- Fiona Kirby-Smith, Baptist minister and planter of Connect Church Crosby in Scunthorpe
- The Revd Dr Christian Selvaratnam, Dean of Church Planting at St Hild College
- The Rt Revd Dr Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop of Hull, passionate about renewing the Church through multiplying disciples and intentional communities
- Alex Harris, Director of the St Hild Centre for Church Planting and Yorkshire Baptist Association Regional Minister for Pioneering and Church Planting.

[Book a place](#)

Changes to how we send The Briefing

We're making a small change to how we send The Briefing.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be bringing our newsletters and updates into one system. This will make things simpler, more secure, and give you better control over what you want to receive from us.

What does this mean for you?

You will still receive The Briefing as usual, but over time you'll be able to manage your details and preferences more easily and choose exactly which emails you want to hear from

This change will also help us keep your data more secure and make sure our communications are better organised behind the scenes.

You don't need to do anything right now. However, if The Briefing does not arrive as usual on 15th April, please check your junk folder first, then contact us at comms@yorkdiocese.org.

Coming up near you



Easter Fun Day - Wydale Hall

Saturday 4th April, 10am - 3pm

This is an opportunity for families and friends to come together to enjoy an Easter egg hunt, Easter-themed crafts, tea and cake in an informal environment as well as hearing the Easter story. There's no fixed programme and no need to book, just pop along between 10am – 3pm.

[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 by Friday 10th April. The Zoom link will be sent on booking.

St Augustine's Church Presents an Evening of Line Dancing, Skirlaugh Village Hall



An Evening of
Line Dancing

Saturday 18th April
7.00-9.30pm
Skirlaugh Village Hall, HU11 5EA

Bar * Raffle

Tickets : Adults £10 * Children £4
incl Supper : Hot Dog & Onions
with real sausages—meat or veggie

Tickets available from 07885 032422
or cliff@skirlaughchurch.org.uk

Tickets: Adults £10, Children £4 (includes hot dogs - meat and veggie available).

Email cliff@skirlaughchurch.org.uk or call 07885 032422 for more information.

SCARGILL HOUSE ON TOUR!
WITH...

Phil Stone Anna Weister Andersson Andreas W Andersson Rob Halligan

AN EVENING OF STORIES, MUSIC AND JOY WHERE WE'LL CELEBRATE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDSHIP AS IT IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD. EXPECT POIGNANCY & BEAUTY AS WELL AS PLENTY OF SILLINESS

Coventry Cathedral - Friday 17th April
Coventry - West Midlands

Astley, St Stephens's School - Saturday 18th April
Manchester Rd, Astley, Manchester, M29 7B 1 UK

Bradford, St Stephen's - Sunday 19th April
Gaythorne Rd, Bradford BD5 7AU

York, St, Luke's - Monday 20th April
Burton Stone Ln, Clifton, York YO30 6DG

Free Entry - Voluntary Donation

FOR INFO
EMAIL PHIL@SCARGILLMOVEMENT.ORG - PHONE 01756 760500

Scargill House on Tour | St Luke's, York

Monday 20th April, 6.30pm

Join Scargill House for an evening of stories, music and joy, celebrating community and friendship in God. Featuring Phil Stone, Anna Weister Andersson, Andreas W Andersson and Rob Halligan, this promises to be a warm and uplifting gathering.

For more information, email phil@scargillmovement.org or call 01756 760 500.

Free entry, with a voluntary donation invited.




Exploring Spiritual Accompaniment

Wednesday 6 May, 7 - 8pm

If you feel drawn to this, do join members of the Spidir team for an hour online to further your exploration, with an opportunity to:

- Experience a short prayer exercise o Learn more about spiritual accompaniment / direction
- Hear about Spidir – A two-year ecumenical Introductory course in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction, which begins in September 2026.
- Find answers to your questions about spiritual accompaniment

To register, contact Sarah Frettingham at sarahfrettingham@gmail.com. A joining link will be



**WYDALE
RETREAT**

**THURSDAY
7TH MAY**
10AM - 3:30PM
WYDALE HALL,
YO13 9DG

YORK DEF
in partnership with CEEC

York Diocese Evangelical Fellowship invites you to come away for a day to find encouragement and refreshment as we spend time together in the word and prayer.

**COST £39
INCLUDES
LUNCH &
REFRESHMENTS**

**MORE INFO AND TO
BOOK YOUR PLACE** LIZ.TELFORD@GMAIL.COM

York Diocese Evangelical Fellowship Retreat, Wydale Hall

Thursday 7th may | 10am - 3.30pm

Keynote speaker: The Revd Canon Zoe Heming

York Diocese Evangelical Fellowship invites you to come away for a day to find encouragement and refreshment as we spend time together in the word and prayer.

Cost: £39 (includes lunch and refreshments).

Email Liz.Telford@gmail.com for more information and to book your place.



Spring Reflective Day with the Labyrinth

Thursday 21st May | 10am - 4pm

Led by Helen Warwick.

On this reflective retreat day Helen will offer poems, creative ideas and prayers connecting to the labyrinth and our Spring garden. Using the spacious facilities of the garden, labyrinth, creative hub and chapel this will be a relaxing and inspirational day.

A light lunch will be included, and the day will end with tea and cake.

[Find out more](#)



When God Spoke English: William Tyndale's Struggle for the First English Bible, St Mary's Church Scarborough

Saturday 23 May 2026, 2.45pm to 3.45pm

Part of the Scarborough 400 programme, this event marks the 500th anniversary of the first printed English New Testament. Dr Harry Spillane will explore William Tyndale's courageous mission to translate the Bible into

You can book your ticket in advance or you can pay on the door.

Book a place



Spurn Pilgrimage to Celebrate Saint Wilgils, Spurn Peninsula

Saturday 6 June 2026 | All-day event led by Philip West and Bishop Eleanor

Join this pilgrimage to honour Saint Wilgils, a seventh-century hermit who founded a church on the Spurn Peninsula. We will walk to Spurn Point and give thanks in this beautiful coastal setting between the Humber Estuary and the North Sea.

For further details, please contact Philip West at philipwest@pwest.karoo.co.uk or 01964 603199.

Distance: 7 miles to Spurn Point and back, walked at a manageable pace. All are warmly welcome.

Join us in prayer

This week, we are praying for:

- Church of Ireland: Diocese of Armagh, Archbishop John McDowell
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Funen, Bishop Mads Davidsen
- Church of England: Diocese of Sodor and Man, Bishop Tricia Hillas
- South Africa Diocese Link: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba; Archbishop of Cape Town, Primate of Southern Africa and Chair of Christian Aid



Latest Prayer Diary now available!

Sunday Reflection

The Rt Revd Flora Winfield, Bishop of Selby, reflects on John 20.1-18 for Easter Day.



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- [Vicar of Moorlands Benefice](#)
- [Associate Archdeacon for Hull](#)
- [Priest-in-Charge for the Benefice of Kirkdale with Harome, Nunnington and Pockley](#)
- [Chaplain – Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities](#)
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