

PEW NEWS



KEY EC.=East Cottingwith, E.=Elvington, ES. = Escrick, N. = Naburn, SF. = Stillingfleet S.=Sutton, T.=Thorganby, W. = Wheldrake, RP. = Rivers Partnership, D = Deanery, B = Benefice

Rivers Partnership Website link

<https://theriverspartnership.org/>

For Livestreaming services go to YouTube and search for Derwent Ings Benefice, the services appear under the live tab. For zoom details use the login details in the diary. For assistance, email fiveparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk

RP. Livestream services from the Rivers Partnership

Sunday 12th July 6.30pm Evensong
<https://youtube.com/live/cr191i6vPaY>
Sunday 19th July 10.30am Holy Communion
https://youtube.com/live/_kxfVlJB8m

Sunday 13th September 2026–Trinity 15

ES. 9.00am Holy Communion
T. 10.30am Holy Communion
S. 10.30am Holy Communion
SF 10.30am Morning Prayer
W. 6.30pm Evensong

Monday 14th

RP. 8.00am Partnership Prayers at Wheldrake
D. 10.00am Deanery Quiet Day at Thicket
RP. 7.30pm Home Group at 41 Cranbrooks

Tuesday 15th

W. 10.00am Sharing Life in the Wenlock

Wednesday 16th

B. 9.30am Healing Prayer Fellowship at home
RP. 7.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer
Meeting ID: 833 1996 8678 Passcode: 134900

Thursday 17th

ES. 9.30am Holy Communion
T. 10.30am Thorganby Coffee Morning in the Village Hall
3.30pm Messy Church
W. 7.00pm ManTalk in the cottage
RP. 7.00pm Zoom singing
Meeting ID: 823 6552 6598 Passcode: 416958

Saturday 19th

W. 1.00pm Knit and Natter in the Cottage

Sunday 20th September 2026 – Trinity 16

N. 9.00am Harvest Festival
ES. 10.30am Holy Communion
W. 10.30am Holy Communion
E. 6.30pm Refresh

Monday 21st

RP. 8.00am Partnership Prayers at Wheldrake
RP. 7.30pm Home Group at 41 Cranbrooks

Wednesday 23rd

B. 9.30am Healing Prayer Fellowship at home
RP. 7.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer
Meeting ID: 833 1996 8678 Passcode: 134900

Thursday 24th

ES. 9.30am Holy Communion
3.30pm Messy Church
RP. 7.00pm Zoom singing
Meeting ID: 823 6552 6598 Passcode: 416958

Friday 25th

ES. 7.30pm Harvest Festival
Sunday 27th September 2026 –Trinity 17

N. 10.30am Holy Communion
ES. 10.30am Morning Prayer
S. 10.30am Five Parish Holy Communion

Monday 28th

RP. 7.00pm Deanery Zoom Prayers
Meeting ID: 883 5118 4785 Passcode: 262773

Wednesday 30th

B. 9.30am Healing Prayer Fellowship at home

RP. Sharing Life

Sharing Life returns from it's summer break on Tuesday 15th September at the

Wenlock Arms 10-12 for it's coffee mornings.

We welcome all ages for free coffee, cake and an opportunity to make new friends and catch up with established ones.

If you would like to volunteer we would love to hear from you. Just pop in for a chat!

We look forward to seeing you!

Ruth, Katie, Emma, Kelly and Karen. x

Tel 07355134509

Sharinglifewheldrake@gmail.com



QUIET DAY

to be held at
Thicket Priory, Thorganby
Monday 14th September
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

WE WILL BE LED BY
REVD DR GREG HOYLAND

Please bring your own lunch.
Tea, coffee etc. will be available.

For further information contact the
Area Dean, revjackiedb@gmail.com

DERWENT DEANERY SYNOD

W. Maintenance Cremation areas

Is there anyone (ideally two people) who could spare an hour or so a month to look after these areas of the churchyard. There is one area to the east of the building and one on the north side of the churchyard. The job is to remove dead flowers and wreaths and keep on top of any weeds and autumn leaves invading the gravel.

RP. The Rivers Partnership Prayers for the Five Marks of Mission.

Across the partnership the five marks of mission teams are helping to make our Plan For Growth (P4G) a reality. Please use this prayer cycle to include the teams and those who lead them in your daily prayers.

Tell To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom (Led by Mike Beresford)

Teach To teach, baptise and nurture new

Believers (Led by Jackie Doyle-Brett)

Tend To respond to human need by loving service (Led by Bryony Beresford)

Transform To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation (Led by Caroline Wandless)

Treasure To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. (Led by Alison Stead)

September 2026

13th Teach, 20th Tend, 27th Transform



W. Wheldrake Harvest Festival

 York
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

During October which begins with our Harvest Festival service on 4th October, there will be a York Food Bank collection basket in the Church next to the old font. Please add to our harvest collection by placing items from the list below in the basket during October

Single Most Urgently needed Items: Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn, Potatoes) They are running low of: Tinned Vegetarian Meals, Tinned Baked Beans & Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Veg (Carrots, Peas, Sweetcorn, Potatoes), Small Jars of Coffee, Tinned Rice Pudding and Custard, Tinned Fruit, Bottles of Squash, Small Packets of Biscuits, Sweets/Chocolate, Sugar

They are running low of non-food: Disposable Razors and Shaving Foam, Bars of Soap, Household Cleaning Sprays, Shampoo, Men's and Ladies Deodorant, Laundry Detergent

THERE ARE ALSO FOOD COLLECTION POINTS: at Waitrose (Foss Islands), Asda (Monks Cross), Tesco (Askham Bar), Work With York (Castlegate), and at Foodbank Warehouse (Clifton Moor)

DONATING MONEY: You can also support the Food Bank work by donating via this link [here](#)

RP. The Archbishop of York's Advent Book 2026



Bishop Eleanor Sanderson launched Walking with Angels, the Archbishop of

York's Advent Book for 2026. Through the practice of prayer walking, the book invites readers to slow down and reflect on the words of angels throughout Scripture as they journey through Advent. With prompts for personal reflection and group discussion, it offers churches, groups, and individuals a different way to prepare for the coming of Christ this Advent.

<https://ev5v1.r.sp1-brevo.net/mk/cl/f/sh/6rqJfgq8dIPRQO2U6MhHocN0iWO/iuszCsI2GV4J>



Concert by the Elvington Community Choir and local soloists. .

Please invite everyone you can - it should be a lovely evening of music.

Tickets on the door £7 (£3 children).

Refreshments in the interval with raffle.

Fundraising concert for Church funds for maintenance work in the church.



The Cinnamon Trust needs additional dog walking volunteers in Wheldrake–YO19 postcode area

Could you volunteer to offer some support to older residents of Wheldrake and their delightful dog who would love some walking companions?

If the answer is yes we would be delighted to hear from you.

You would become part of a small team of volunteers assigned to a particular owner and their dog walking on a rota basis to suit your availability, the aim being that

the dog gets a good walk several times a week. Volunteers who are able, also foster pets as one of their family when owners face a spell in hospital or respite care, they take pets to the vet, even clean out the budgie's cage or cats litter trays.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer have a look at our website for details about the trust and what we do www.cinnamon.org.uk you can also complete and submit our volunteer registration form through the web site or email us at appeals@cinnamon.org.uk If you would like to have a more in-depth chat about becoming a volunteer, please call us during office hours (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm) on 01736 758 701

The Cinnamon Trust is a Registered Charity No: 1134680. The Cinnamon Trust is a limited company registered in England and Wales. Registered Office: 10 Market Square, Hayle, Cornwall, TR27 4HE. Company Number 07004861

RP. Deanery Secretary - Vacancy

In June with the recently elected members from the APCMs in 2026 we need to appoint a new secretary. Alison Gilmour has decided that its time to retire after 13

years' service. The job is to take the minutes at the meetings (6 a year), be part of the Deanery Leadership team, maintaining an online list of all current members, creating publicity for Deanery events and services, circulating papers for our 3 statutory meetings each year, circulating notices from parishes who wish to invite Deanery friends to anything events. There is a statutory requirement to produce and circulate to all PCCs at the beginning of the year an annual report (agreed by both the Dean and Lay Dean) of the proceedings of the Deanery Partnership during the previous calendar year which forms part of the reports to the APCM, unless the elected delegate submits their own to the parish. Additionally, updating our Deanery Plan and ensuring we review it regularly (biennially), managing our annual calendar of events, contacting speakers, pulling together clergy contributions to our Deanery Prayer Calendar, contacting editors of parish magazines. Computer literacy for word-processing and creating publicity materials is needed. Anybody can be the Deanery Secretary and can be co-opted to the Deanery Team. Please pray and think about whether you could do this vital job. Contact Jackie if you can help.

RP. General Synod Elections

Over the next few years, the General Synod will play an important role in shaping the future of the Church of England. Together, we will be discerning how we grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, help more children and young people explore faith, support mission in our parishes, and plant new worshipping communities both in person and online. We will also be continuing to work towards a Church that is simpler, humbler and bolder. This autumn, a new General Synod will be elected. This is an opportunity for you and members of your

congregation to help ensure that the Church of England's national governing body reflects the views and experiences of people across our diocese. General Synod brings together bishops, clergy and lay people from every diocese. It makes decisions on worship, doctrine and legislation, considers the Church's finances, and debates important social, moral and national issues. Those elected are expected to contribute thoughtfully to these discussions and represent the people who elect them. To stand for election to the House of Clergy, ordained colleagues must hold a licence or Permission to Officiate (PTO) in the Diocese of York. Any lay person can stand for election to the House of Laity if they are over 18, a member of the Church of England, and on the Electoral Roll of a parish, mission initiative or cathedral. All lay candidates must be nominated and seconded by two members of a Deanery Synod. We encourage you to consider whether you, or someone in your parish, could offer this important ministry, particularly people from groups that are currently underrepresented. If they are not already a member of your PCC then membership of General Synod would automatically make them a member. We will be electing six clergy and six lay representatives to serve on the General Synod for the next five years. Even if you do not stand for election, you can still play an important part by voting and/or by holding these elections in prayer. All beneficed and licensed clergy, and lay members of Deanery Synods (except co-opted members), are eligible to vote. That means that your Deanery Synod reps will have a say in the body that will shape the Church of England into the 2030s. Voting will take place between 21 September and 12 October 2026 for postal votes, and until 13 October 2026 for online votes. Further information about the

elections, including how to stand, is available at www.dioceseofyork.org.uk/general-synod. Please could you share this information through your parish communications, whether that's a newsletter, website or social media channel. If you are not a member of Deanery Synod and would like information about nomination arrangements, please contact Peter Warry, the Presiding Officer, or Kirsty McCullough (kirsty.mccullough@yorkdiocese.org).

A few practical reminders:

- All candidates, proposers, seconders and electors must meet the eligibility requirements in place on 14 July 2026, the date on which General Synod was dissolved. Full details can be found in the Election Portal and nomination papers.
- Please let both your Deanery Synod Secretary and the Diocesan Office know if your name, address or email address changes during the election period.
- When ballot papers are issued on 21 September 2026, you will also receive candidates' election addresses, where provided. Voting uses the Single Transferable Vote system, which allows you to rank candidates in order of preference. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how you can support and help shape the future mission and ministry of the Church of England.

Revd Becky Lumley, Chair of the House of Clergy, and Daniel Brookes, Chair of the House of Laity

RP. Safeguarding Bulletin 11.09.26

Here is the latest link to the church safeguarding bulletin

<https://ev5v1.r.a.d.sendibm1.com/mk/mr/s/h/6rqJ8GoudeITQLIS6gUn0PYOn2u/efa0o2hWgro5>

RP. Sunday Reflection

This week's Sunday reflection can be found at

vimeo.com/dioceseofyork

Every week we offer a new prayer video for churches to use either online or in their services.

T. Thorganby Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning is on Thursday 17th September in the village Hall at 10.30am. All welcome.

Collect for Trinity 15

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

RP. Passcodes For Zoom Services

The zoom provider has recommended that we do not publish the passcode on the internet. For details email fiveparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk so that the information can be provided to you.

RP. Building Gospel Partnerships

We need advocates to build gospel partnerships with Mustard Seed churches and their communities. These partnerships recognise there is much that we can learn and receive from churches in our low-income communities. Do you have a passion to support mission in places where life is tough? For more information about

the Advocates network, please visit the website www.mseed.org/advocates or contact by email: mustard.seed@yorkdiocese.org or phone: 07852151740

D. Monthly Deanery Prayer

Led in turn by our Deanery clergy each fourth Monday of the month, this takes place via Zoom on 28th September beginning at 7.00pm. All are welcome and we finish by 7.30pm. Join Zoom Meeting: contact fiveparishoffice@yahoo.co.uk for the link.

Information for Wheldrake Church

There are accessible toilets in the cottage next door, Car parking by the church is limited. There is a children's area at the back of church on the left. There is a space for wheelchairs at the front of church on the left There is a hearing loop

Dogs are welcome

There are baby changing facilities in the cottage next door

There is flat access to the building

Our Rivers Partnership Safeguarding link is Dr Annie Hodgson.

ES. Mothers Union.

The only branch in the Rivers Partnership is based in Escrick and would welcome new members. You don't have to be a mother or even female; membership is open to all who have been baptised. If you are not baptised but still interested, that could be arranged. MU meetings are open to all and visitors are welcome. No pressure to become a member, just enjoy the session. If you are considering membership, but would like to meet nearer to home, come and meet us and we will help you to establish a branch nearer to you. You will have scope to tailor it to local availability. Some branches meet in the local pub. Escrick meet on the second

Wednesday afternoon of the month as all of our members are retired, but we have held our summer meetings in the lighter evenings. MU is a fabulous charity working to improve the lives of so many in countries world-wide, not through other charities but with our own members on the ground, be they local or visitors. I hope this has sparked your interest. Pamela Yates, Branch Leader, tel 01904 728423

RP. Derwent Lions Used Spectacles

Please donate your used spectacles on my doorstep. They are a huge help and Lions will make sure they are used to assist less fortunate people in seeing better. Keep leaving them outside 5 Derwent Park and hopefully we'll be able to keep helping those less fortunate. Lion Ken Hardgrave 01904 448198

Ken.hardgrave@binternet.com

RP. Yorkshire Rural Support Network

The Yorkshire Agricultural Society provides support and help for everyone in the Yorkshire farming community.

FCN Helpline 03000 111 999

Farming community network – practical help from farming people

RABI Freephone Helpline 0800 188 4444

Confidential help and support for all farming families and workers facing hardship

Addington Fund 01926 620135 –

addingtonfund.org.uk helping farmers with disaster relief and affordable rural housing

Perennial Helpline 0800 093 8543 –

perennial.org.uk supporting all those who work/have worked in the horticultural industry Samaritans Freephone 116 123 – jo@samaritans.org confidential emotional support 24 hours a day

Rural Life and Faith newsletter here is the

next edition of the Rural Life and Faith newsletter is now available, sharing stories, reflections, and resources for those who live, work and worship in our rural communities

[Read more](#)

NICOLA MILLS

Victoria Wood meets Pavarotti...

"Nicola is truly a one of a kind performer"
"I laughed and was amazed in a matter of minutes"
"This is one of the best live performances I have ever seen"

OPERA FOR THE PEOPLE

Friday November 6th 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm) | St Helens Church, Stillingfleet, York YO19 6SJ
Tickets £15 (available via Eventbrite) includes a glass of mulled wine & parking.
Raffle - all proceeds will go towards the repairs and upkeep of St Helens Church.

*Nicola Mills has turned Opera on its head, with her down to earth Northern roots in this truly unique show **not to be missed!***

*Nicola will amaze you with her voice and stories of working class life, to singing in some of Europe's finest Opera houses, to then taking opera to the streets. This is the story of how **Opera for the People** was born.*

*Choose the opera/crossover songs from her Song Menu.
It's like nothing you've seen before.*

Unmissable ★★★★★ www.iamnicolamills.com

B. Home Fellowship Group

The Home Group meets on Mondays at 7.30pm till 9pm at 41, The Cranbrooks with Steve and Val Hiron. We are currently studying the Epistle of James. We choose hymns to begin and end our discussion time and close with the Grace. Newcomers are very welcome.

RP. Multiply Stories

Multiply is the name of an initiative to build new worshipping communities and make new disciples. This link can be used to read about the work that is going on around the Diocese

<https://mailchi.mp/yorkdiocese/inspiringideas-2024?e=346204007c>

RP. Tools with a mission- updated 19.08.26

This link will take you to the latest newsletter from TWAM

<https://mailchi.mp/twam.uk/august-2026-supporter-eneews-6431431?e=ca4eff56d4>

RP. Thank you

This week we are remembering the people who take minutes in our meetings across the Rivers Partnership. It would be good to have contribution from anyone in the benefice, so please email your suggestions for thankyou's for your villages

E. Elvington Church Website

www.elvington-church.org.uk

W. Prayer Tree

If there is someone or a situation on your heart which you wish to bring before the Lord, you are invited to visit the prayer tree at the back of church and stop for a moment to write a prayer

RP. CPCC and WPCC Minutes

The minutes for the last CPCC are published on the Wheldrake Church website.

http://www.wheldrakechurch.org.uk/?page_id=4540

RP. Safeguarding Bulletin – Updated 29.05.26

Click this link for the latest news from this team

<https://mailchi.mp/2f058e9bd2c0/diocese-of-york-safeguarding-bulletin-13430823?e=7770c3aa96>

B. Derwent Ings Facebook

Have you seen the Derwent Ings Facebook page? <https://www.facebook.com/DerwentIngsChurchesYork/> Please have a look and

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xh4EyDpfGJM>"follow" the feed!

RP. Organ Recital

Organist Jonathan Scott performs one of the most beautiful piano pieces, Brahms Intermezzo Op.118 No.2 in A Major, played in his solo organ arrangement on the organs of St Michael's Hamburg, Germany

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBoQIR8_cZw

RP. Worship Music

[MP560 Praise, my soul. the King of heaven](#)

[MP14 All heaven declares](#)

[MP456 Make me a channel of Your peace](#)

[MP1261 Brother, sister, let me serve you](#)

W. Wheldrake Church Website

www.wheldrakechurch.org.uk This is the link to the website here you will find policy documents, agendas and PCC minutes along with prayers and pew news

RP. September at the Minster



Step into September at York Minster

As the busy summer season draws to a close, there's no better time to explore York Minster and uncover the history,

stories, and architectural splendour that make our Gothic cathedral so extraordinary.

<https://mailchi.mp/yorkminster.org/christmas-2904351?e=c3266a8f12>

RP. Pew News Deadline

If you have anything to advertise, please send it to fivebees2000@yahoo.com by 6.00pm on Fridays.

RP. Generosity Matters updated 10.09.26

Click on this link to read the latest news from the generosity team.

<https://mailchi.mp/cc9b267a083d/generosity-mailing-18176099?e=33945223ea>

RP. Online prayer websites

Here are some prayer sites that you could try, see which you like

[Pray as you go](#)

[Celtic liturgies](#)

[Sacred Space](#)

[ReJesus](#)

[Green Christian Prayer Guide](#)

E. New way to donate to the church

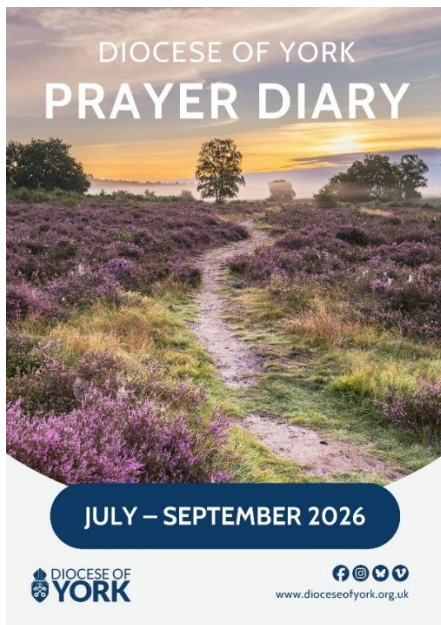
If you would like to support the church financially and help us maintain it for generations to come, [you can now also send donations using the "givealittle" website](#)

RP. Diocese of York Prayer Diary

There is always somewhere, something or someone we can pray for. The Prayer Diary may help guide you and your church in praying for our diocese.

July – September Prayer Diary is available to download - find it at:

dioceseofyork.org.uk/diocesan-prayer-diary.



Deanery Prayer Calendar

13th – 19th September

Riccall, Barlby, Hemmingbrough,
Skipwith, Bubwith with Aughton

After the rest and reflection of August, help us in the plurality of Riccall, Barlby, Hemmingbrough, Skipwith, Bubwith with Aughton to treat September as a month of prayer. Heavenly Father, help us to listen to your voice and open our hearts to your leading. Guide us into our new church year with a clearer vision for the future of our churches and opportunities to spread the Good News and make new disciples

RP. Church Services radio/online

SUNDAY at 8.10AM - BBC RADIO

4 **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Journeying Towards Bangor: Manon Ceridwen James journeys from the Llŷn Peninsula to Bangor as she prepares to become Bishop of Bangor, reflecting on vocation and faith

And at 10.45AM - BBC RADIO

4EXTRA **DAILY SERVICE**

RP. Zoom Singing

We meet online on Thursday 17th

September. New people are welcome to join in. If you would like to, just use the login details in the diary. We meet at

7.00pm, we'll do some new some old and familiar ones and some to learn. The beauty of this will be that you can sing at the top of your voice as you will be on mute.

B. York Minster Parish Pass 2026

As in previous years, Elvington, Thorganby and Wheldrake PCC secretaries have again received a renewed York Minster Parish pass to issue to members of the congregation permitting visitors free entry this year. The Parish Pass entitles the bearer to one adult free admission to York Minster and the Undercroft for sightseeing during normal opening hours (but excludes entry to the Central Tower and evening events). See more information, contact the relevant PCC secretary to borrow them

Prayer for the Benefice

David Rigby

Prayer Area

Storwood (East Cottingwith)

E. Refresh! Service at Elvington



Elvington Refresh service takes place at 6.30pm on Sunday 20th September in Elvington Church. - Please come if you are able, and please spread the word.

Please use these notes for your own reference during the week and for your prayers