

Solar scheme for clergy homes will cut carbon

Solar power and high efficiency insulation will help to cut carbon emissions from clergy houses across our diocese, thanks to a new collaboration with energy supply and solutions provider E.ON.

E.ON is working with the diocese to help them take a major step towards their goal of net zero carbon by 2030 with a project to install solar panels with battery storage and loft and cavity wall insulation in 67 clergy homes across the region.

The diocese is committed to cutting carbon emissions, in keeping with the Church of England's pledge to aim for net zero carbon by the end of the decade.



The energy saving improvements will also help to reduce heating costs for clergy living in those properties.

Fr Paul Cartwright, Vicar of the Priory Benefice of parishes in the south of the diocese lives in one of the first homes to benefit from the initiative and he and his family are delighted:

"We're so happy to be part of this project. What's great about having the solar panels fitted is it's got the family to think about how we use energy – and we're being a lot smarter!" Fr Paul said.



Diocesan Intern class of 2022 celebrate as year ends

Our Diocesan interns gathered to celebrate their achievements recently, as their year of service ends.

23 interns and their families and supporters came together at St Luke's Holbeck for an evening of fellowship, fun and food.



The Revd Joanna Seabourne, Diocesan Director of Interns, hosted the evening, which included worship, thank yous and hearing from our interns about what they have been up to this year.

The Diocesan Internship Programme is recruiting for our September 2022 intake.

Time rolls on

Bishop Tony Robinson

When you read this, the five Bishops from our Diocese will just be finishing their time at the 2022 Lambeth Conference in Canterbury. Way back in 1867 the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Charles Longley invited the Bishops of the Anglican Communion to the first meeting at Lambeth Palace that lasted four days but only 76 Bishops attended. This year's conference should have been in 2020 but because of the pandemic it was postponed until now. It has lasted for 12 days and nearly 600 bishops are present.

The Lambeth Conference has always been a significant event, in the life of the Anglican Communion and wider church. Previous Lambeth Conferences have discussed church matters and issues of global concern, including: the persecuted church, refugees, faith and order issues, marriage, the family, human sexuality, the ministry of women, racism, war and peace, Christian ethics and the Christian way of life.

The theme of this year's conference is 'God's Church for God's World'. The Conference programme will be built around a daily rhythm combining prayer, daily worship, Bible Expositions and Bible Study Groups, Plenary/Keynote addresses from guest speakers and 'Lambeth Calls' discussions.



Programme themes will include Mission and Evangelism, Safe Church, Communion, Reconciliation, Environment and Sustainable Development, Christian Unity, Interfaith Relations and Discipleship.

The present Archbishop, Justin Welby: "It is at this time of great challenge (in the world) that the opportunity of gathering for the Lambeth Conference feels even more significant. It is my sincere hope that we will use the occasion to commit ourselves to prayer and dialogue about how the Anglican Communion can share the hope and the good news of the gospel with a hurting world in the decade ahead."

In our parishes it is easy to forget that we are united with brothers and sisters around the world. Please include the Anglican Communion in your daily prayers. We are all working to do our small part in serving God's world and proclaiming Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Tony Robinson
Bishop of Wakefield

Free hot meals on offer at one of our Dales churches

Free hot meals for local people and visitors to Settle are on offer at its parish church every Wednesday throughout August to help support families struggling with the cost of living.

Holy Ascension's new kitchen is serving up favourites such as sausage and mash, pasta bakes, shepherd's pie and puddings that are cooked on site and can be eaten in church or collected to eat at home.

Ingredients for "pack ups" - sandwiches, crisps, fresh fruit, cartons of squash are also available. Volunteer Edith Diggles said the church was making the offer to any families who would welcome a bit of extra support during the school holidays.

Rev'd Julie Clarkson added; "The church community is fully behind this and lots of volunteers have come forward to help make and serve the food.

"The Wednesday meals are an extension of the Settle food bank project which is open on Fridays and we also have some food in the church porch that is available to people 24/7."

Rt Revd Arun Arora consecrated as Bishop of Kirkstall

The Rt Revd Arun Arora has been consecrated as the new Bishop of Kirkstall.



The service took place at York Minster, where Bishop Arun was consecrated alongside the new Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Revd Robert Saner-Haigh.

Bishop Arun said: "I'm deeply grateful to all those who have contributed to making this such a special day, and for the joy of celebrating Christ as a family."

The service included the consecrations, Holy Communion, a sermon preached by Dr Paula Gooder, Canon Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London, and music from the York Minster Choir and a music group led by the Revd Pete Gunstone, curate at Fountains Church Bradford.

The Rt Revd Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds said: "This is an exciting appointment for



the Leeds Area and for the Diocese of Leeds as a whole.

"Arun has a proven range of gifts and will bring great energy and commitment to the tasks ahead.

"We all look forward to working with him and he is guaranteed a very warm welcome."

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York said: "Arun's commitment to inclusion and justice was seen in the recent co-chairing of The Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce encouraging change and leading to the establishment of the Racial Justice Commission.

"As a bishop he will continue to challenge the church in effectively living out its promises."

Yorkshire Day celebrated in style with help

Keighley and its parish church played host to the annual Yorkshire Day Civic Celebrations, welcoming the Deputy Lieutenant of Yorkshire, the High Sheriff of York, over 150 Lord Mayors and Mayors from across the county as well as the Chair of The Yorkshire Society.

The day started with breakfast on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and ended with a civic reception at East Riddlesden Hall, but the centrepiece was a procession through the town centre and a Civic Service at Keighley Parish Church.



Revd Canon Mike Cansdale, Rector of Keighley said "I wanted the service to catch the celebratory mood of the day but to also speak into the important public roles held by those attending.

"It was a privilege to host such an auspicious gathering and to be able to speak into the public life of our county."

Confidence in Sudan despite terrible challenge

**Revd Anne Russell,
Team Rector, Seacroft**

As the Lambeth Conference comes to an end we're reminded that blessings usually come with challenges and change. Conflicts always grab the headlines whilst the quiet Spirit-filled conversations and laughter-filled walks go under-reported.

When preparing to visit Sudan recently, the headlines about Sudan were filled with news about conflict and protests, with Foreign Office guidelines encouraging caution. Sudan is one of the poorest countries in the world with Christians the poorest of all its citizens often living in long term displacement camps with no access to either water, health care or work. Even primary school education is not free. Today inflation is over 300% and the hard won political freedoms stand at a cliff edge.

Yet on meeting the clergy and church leaders in Sudan there was utter joy in our reunion after the long COVID separation. The financial support from our diocese for food and basics helped the very poorest including those in



prison and in hospitals, often delivered at great personal risk by members of the Mothers' Union. Our small group of UK visitors saw at first hand the Leeds-funded micro business training for MU leaders which will be cascaded across the province, making a life difference to families. Bible TEE training across the country was happening too.

The Sudan link always delivers hope in the darkest of times, lessons in resilience and reminds us of the power and unity of Christian fellowship. Personally, I have always found the Sudan Link has given my church families much greater confidence. And now we are celebrating too - the Revd Ludia Shokai is the first Sudanese woman to be ordained in the CofE and is one of the leaders of our Sudan Link and she's now ministering in Bradford - God provides.

If you or your local Church want to feel this gospel hopefulness through Sudanese eyes please get in touch.

Leeds curate prays for parishes with

One of our Leeds curates is looking to make connections across his parish and beyond, with a boundary walk.

The Revd Chris Balding, curate in the parish of Wortley and Farnley, will be walking the 21km parish boundary on Thursday, August 18, praying for the parish and those around it.



The parish has borders with 11 others, and Revd Chris has invited people from these parishes to walk with him while he is on their borders.

Revd Chris said: "I'm doing this walk because we want our church to grow and our parish to thrive and the best way to make that happen is by prayer."