

# COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

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Welcome to the new look Communications Update! It's the same basic news format you are familiar with, but instead of an emailed Word document it's now a fully-fledged e-bulletin – sent separately to all subscribers. The Update will also still appear on the Diocesan website as downloadable Word and PDF files for the time being.

According to a survey carried out as part of the recent Archdeacons' Articles of Enquiry, this Update is one of the most well-received pieces of communication in the Diocese. I hope this new format will serve only to enhance its appeal further.

A reminder that Communications Update goes to all Clergy (including PTO and Retired), Readers, Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries, PCC Treasurers, Vision Champions and Diocesan Staff as well as to anyone who has chosen to join the Update mailing list.

**Ronnie Semley, Diocesan Communications Manager**

## Welcome to Bishop Jill

We have a new Bishop of Lancaster! Bishop Jill's Consecration Service took place at York Minster on June 29, with her Installation Service at Blackburn Cathedral following just a few days later on July 3. Here are the key links you need to follow the story of an amazing few days ...

- **Diocesan website:** Consecration story (with additional links) <http://bit.ly/2NFrOb0>; feature article by Mark Ashley <http://bit.ly/2tOd0Pd>; Installation story (with additional links) <http://bit.ly/2NHAPAg>
- **YouTube videos:** Consecration highlights: <http://bit.ly/2NH10ap>; Installation highlights: <http://bit.ly/2NH1kQ>; Installation (Bishop Jill's full sermon): <http://bit.ly/2NJwZXE>;
- **Selected media coverage;** radio, TV and printed media: That's Lancashire TV: <http://bit.ly/2NH07yB>; That's Yorkshire TV: <http://bit.ly/2NI86vh>; BBC Radio Lancashire (Joe Wilson) <https://bbc.in/2Lfz4Jd> (reports at 01:18.50; 01.48.25 and 02:53.00) and a full version of the BBC's interview with Bishop Jill can be heard in two parts here <https://bbc.in/2NJDae8> and here <https://bbc.in/2NJDw4s>
- **Flickr picture albums:** Consecration: <http://bit.ly/2tl62uY>; Installation: <http://bit.ly/2tYC8m7>

## Our new Deacons and Priests ...

A total of 19 new Deacons and Priests went on retreat to Whalley Abbey on the run-up to the recent ordination weekend, when most of the ordination services took place. The build-up began with a pre-retreat lunch for all the ordinands and their families at Bishop's House, followed by the retreat itself and then the services. This year there was a chance for the ordinands to break off from their retreat for a few hours to attend the Consecration of Bishop Jill at York Minster.

The following links tell the stories of our new Deacons and Priests:

- **Diocesan website:** Main story including 'questions and answers' with each ordinand: <http://bit.ly/2NbQac9>; ordination services: <http://bit.ly/2LevX41>

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- **YouTube video**; featuring the Bishops and four of the ordinands: <http://bit.ly/2Lqwlzc>
- **Pictures**: Albums can be viewed on our Flickr feed: <http://bit.ly/2Jmy7gb>
- **Selected media coverage**: BBC Radio Lancashire, Joe Wilson programme <https://bbc.in/2Jkquxr> from 02:53.55; Church Times: <http://bit.ly/2Li5geH>; Lancashire Post: <http://bit.ly/2JI9TTD>; Blackpool Gazette: <http://bit.ly/2Jkd7Xi>; Burnley Express: <http://bit.ly/2LfbR9U>

### ... and 50 years ordained

A church in the Diocese had another ordination celebration this month; this one was marking the 50th anniversary of incumbent Rev. Canon Paul Warren's ordination with a special Communion service. Two Bishops joined a congregation of substantial numbers of fellow clergy, parishioners, friends and well-wishers at St John's Church in Silverdale. [Read more.](#)

### Schools' success

Two of our Church of England primary schools have scored an impressive one-two as the first ever UK winners of a national award. Wilson's Endowed Church of England Primary School in the village of Over Kellet and Whittle-le-Woods Church of England Primary School are the joint first schools in the UK to receive the Christian Aid Global Neighbours Accreditation Award. [Read more.](#)

Meanwhile, The Archbishop of York awarded an amazing 265 students from Ripley St Thomas with their KS3 Young Leaders Award recently on the occasion of the Founders' Day. The Award has three components: a personal volunteering challenge; a school based project focusing on serving others and a community action project. [Read more.](#)

### GDPR advice

In May the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) replaced the Data Protection Act 1998. Parishes, in common with the Diocesan Offices, need to know what things they should keep doing and what things they should do differently to comply with the new law. Staff at the Diocesan Offices and in the national church are working hard to support parishes. For general advice [visit this page](#) on the Diocesan website. You can also visit the [Parish Resources website](#).

### Get Your Church Noticed

The latest communications and marketing advice day takes place on October 20, 2018 at the Diocesan Offices, Clayton House, Walker Business Park, Blackburn BB1 2QE from 10.30am until 3.30pm. 'Get Your Church Noticed' will give practical, common sense ideas for promoting your church, its mission work and activities in your immediate local area. This is the third annual event and the feedback on previous years' courses has been excellent. [Book via Eventbrite.](#)

### Queen's honour

The recent award of the British Empire Medal (BEM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List may have left Susan Jones 'shocked and surprised', but it was no surprise for people in her parish at St Nicholas' in Wrea Green. Sue's years of serving the Church have resulted in involvement in a whole host of events and activities. [Read more.](#)

### Bible marathon

Here's a great idea your church might want to replicate ... the congregation of St Stephen's Church, Burnley Wood, assisted by special guests including local MP Julie Cooper, read the entire Bible in church on one day recently. St Stephen's parish priest, Rev. Patrick Senior, kicked off proceedings by reading all of Genesis Chapter 1. As well as the missional opportunities of reading the Bible so publicly, it was a great social event for the church as well. [Read more.](#)

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### Moving forward

The Diocese has taken another important step forward, alongside the Church Army, as part of our ambitious ongoing outreach programme aimed at deprived urban estates in Lancashire. Church Army evangelist, Captain Matthew Rowley, was licensed by Bishop Philip as the Lead Evangelist for the new Church Army Centre of Mission on the Grange Park Estate in Blackpool. [Read more.](#)

### Warm tributes

In closing, we remember Rev. John Hallows, who passed away recently. Bishop Julian and Bishop Philip have paid tribute, describing him as 'a clear, Biblical preacher with a strong desire to make new disciples'. Rev Hallows was Vicar of Barrowford and Newchurch in Pendle until retirement in 2016. From December 2017 he was part-time Vicar of Gisburn. [Read more.](#)

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