

**March 2025**

## **Latest News from Faith in the North**



### **Lord's Prayer Tour**

The tour has begun! A service of Choral Evensong at York Minster on Friday 7 March marked the start of the Lord's Prayer Tour across the North of England. Following the service around 130 people gathered in the Lady Chapel for a drinks reception and to hear more from Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, about his hopes for the tour. There was also a time of Q&A and a short presentation from the Revd Canon Dr Mark Powley, the Archbishop's Mission Enabler for the North who shared more widely about Faith in the North and its focus on renewal of prayer, mission, storytelling and church planting.



During the service the Choir of York Minster sang a newly commissioned piece of music written by young composer Lucy Walker. Lucy was tasked with creating a new setting of the Lord's Prayer and the composition was premiered last Friday.

In an interview with UCB radio, Lucy commented on the process of writing the piece. She said, "...to revisit words that are so familiar and reinject the meaning on the personal level and a universal level, was really exciting. Music has been used for centuries to amplify how we worship using words, and to do that with something that's so familiar felt almost daunting in some way, to make sure that the message being communicated was not being overpowered by something musically. I think we have to remember that the prayer isn't just lyric. It's a prayer in its own right, and the partnership between music and text is a really fine balance to strike."

Many of those present at the service commented on the beauty of the piece and how it brought a freshness to the Lord's Prayer. It is hoped that all the places hosting the tour will be able to incorporate the piece into the event.

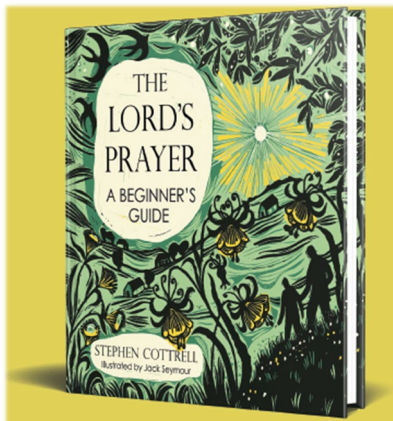
You can read more about the launch [here](#), or read Archbishop Stephen's sermon shared during Choral Evensong [here](#). The next tour date is **Friday 28 March** at Hull Minster, find out more and [book your place](#).

### Schools Webinars

The next online webinar for schools will take place on **Tuesday 22 April** between 4-5pm. This is an opportunity to learn more about ideas for Collective Worship based on the Lord's Prayer alongside other resources such as a Lord's Prayer song written by Nick & Becky Drake of Songs for School.

To join the webinar on 22 April: [Lord's Prayer Journey - School's Resources Webinar Tickets, Tue, Apr 22, 2025 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### Lord's Prayer book for children and families



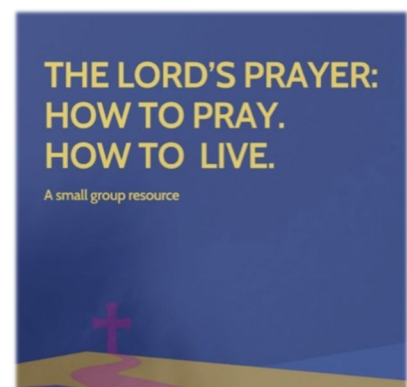
Stephen Cottrell has written a second book about the Lord's Prayer which is ideal for children of all ages. Filled with beautiful lino cut illustrations by Jack Seymour, *The Lord's Prayer: A Beginner's Guide*, takes the prayer line by line to give a guide and introduction to the prayer Jesus taught his disciples.

The book will be published on 27 March 2025.

### Lord's Prayer: Your church

We are inviting every church across the North to engage with the Lord's Prayer in an intentional way in 2025. It could be through engaging with Thy Kingdom Come with their focus on the Lord's Prayer (LINK) or through setting aside a Sunday to explore it together. We also have developed a set of resources to help small groups explore the Lord's Prayer together over five weeks with videos, discussion questions and suggested ways you can respond in your lives.

Free to download [here](#)



## Podcasts



New podcasts continue to be added to the website. Encouraging stories of faith, people from across the dioceses of the north share where they have seen God at work in their area. You can [listen to all the podcasts](#) via the website.

## Sharing experiences

If you hear of schools or churches that have used the resources to help teach or learn more about the Lord's Prayer, please let us know by emailing [faithinthenorth@archbishopofyork.org](mailto:faithinthenorth@archbishopofyork.org).

Please forward this email on to others who may be interested or encourage them to visit the website and sign up to receive updates direct to their inbox.

Thank you.

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