



We wish to appoint a
Fundraising Manager (1 FTE)
Digital & Social Media Co-ordinator (1 FTE)
Events Co-ordinator (0.6 FTE)

A Welcome from the Dean

Thank you for showing interest in our exciting new fundraising, events and communications roles at Ripon Cathedral.

We have an appealing vision to serve the people and communities of this region by carrying on Christ's mission of growing God's kingdom. We call our vision, *Growing God's Kingdom*. Revised in 2022, this is bearing fruit by delivering encouraging progress in the key areas of mission.

Set within the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, Ripon Cathedral, with its sister cathedrals in Bradford and Wakefield, is a seat for the Bishop of Leeds and a mother church for this richly diverse region.

At home in our vast and beautiful rural hinterland, we are here for all, whether Christian or not, whether sharing a religious faith or not. Believing that Christ longs for fullness of life for everyone, we strive to help make this a reality for all who become a part of Ripon Cathedral.

We have enjoyed remarkable development and growth over the last decade. This has included a major increase in our commercial and partner events programme, new branding and redevelopment of the website, and ongoing fundraising through grants, donations, legacies and our Patrons programme.

As part of this ongoing development we are looking to enter a new phase in our fundraising and income-generating activities. These three roles are central to those growth ambitions.

We are looking for people who are creative, focussed and want to make a big impact. This is an opportunity to join the growing and friendly team at Ripon Cathedral.

If you think these jobs might be for you, I can assure you that Ripon is a wonderful small city in which to live and work. It is set at the heart of one of the most beautiful regions of this country with the blessing of a delightful Cathedral building and strong community.

Dean John





History of the Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral has a history stretching back almost fourteen centuries. Throughout this time it has offered an unbroken tradition of witness to the Christian faith, both in the city of Ripon and across the region.

The original church building was built by St. Wilfrid and dedicated to St Peter in 672 AD. Remarkably, the crypt of Wilfrid's magnificent stone basilica has survived to the present day as the oldest built fabric of all England's cathedrals.

The collegiate minster became a cathedral with Dean and Chapter in 1836, with the creation of the Diocese of Ripon, the first new diocese in the Church of England after the Reformation. The cathedral has always served its own parish, and continues to do so following the implementation of the 2021 Cathedrals Measure. It also has its own wider benefice, containing a total of four parishes and eight centres of worship.

The cathedral offers at least three acts of worship every day of the year: morning prayer, evening prayer or evensong, and the Eucharist. Daily worship attracts over 50 people in a usual week. The Sunday Sung Eucharist is regularly attended by over 200 people and over 80 attend the BCP services on a usual Sunday, including evensong.

Fundraising

We have an ambitious pipeline of projects that we are raising funds for, ranging from our thriving education programme to installing solar panels on the roofs of the cathedral, continuing to support the excellent cathedral choir and increase opportunities for young people to benefit from musical training.

In addition, our Patrons programme is a crucial foundation of support for the cathedral, as are donations from the over 100,000 tourists who visit each year.

Events

The cathedral also hosts a busy and varied events programme each year. Working with commercial and local charity partners, these include orchestral and choral music, theatre, our regular Spring and Christmas Fairs, and the ever-popular series of tribute shows by candlelight.

Digital and Social Media

The ability to engage with all those who visit or worship in the cathedral, to reach out wider and grow audiences and to provide up-to-date information on the busy life of the cathedral through the website and social media are central to this work.



The Mission of Ripon Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral, with those of Bradford and Wakefield, is one of three cathedrals within the Anglican Diocese of Leeds. It is one of three seats, centres of teaching and mission, for the Bishop of Leeds. In serving the whole Diocese of Leeds, the cathedral serves a population of approximately 2.5 million people across a vast region. This includes the majority of West Yorkshire and the western part of North Yorkshire. The cathedral's influence also stretches across diocesan boundaries, especially in North Yorkshire where it is regarded as the cathedral serving North Yorkshire Council.

The cathedral includes the crypt of St. Wilfrid's original 7th century Anglo-Saxon church, reflecting the long-standing mission in this place which continues to be offered in the 21st century. As a centre of Christian worship, prayer, witness, pilgrimage and culture, the cathedral's community seeks to be a growing, inclusive Christian church which furthers God's kingdom on earth by serving people of all faiths and none. The cathedral is a centre of considerable historic, architectural and archaeological importance. It is governed by the Chapter, chaired by the Dean, who leads and presides over the whole life and mission of the cathedral.

Strategic Vision – Key Priorities

The Chapter's key strategic priorities for 2022 to 2027 are set out in *Growing God's Kingdom 2022*.

The five broad areas of mission are:

- growing the worshipping community;
- being a mother church of the diocese and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom to the region;
- promoting, developing and conserving our spiritual and built heritage;
- responding to human need in loving partnership;
- striving to safeguard the integrity of creation - Carbon Net Zero.



Benefits

These roles are a mix of full-time and part-time. We are willing to consider flexibility on hours for the right candidates.

Salary information is provided on each job description. We also offer 28 days holiday plus bank holidays pro rata per year, a contributory pension scheme, and 10% off cards and gifts in the Cathedral shop.

Recruitment process

We will be long-listing in the week commencing 11 August and inviting successful candidates to a familiarisation and assessment day on **20 August**. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interviews on:

27 August: Fundraising Manager

3 September: Event Co-ordinator

5 September: Digital and Social Media Co-ordinator



RIPON CATHEDRAL

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Applications

Applications must be made using the cathedral application form that can be found on the website at www.riponcathedral.org.uk/vacancies

Please read the job description and person specification carefully and tell us how your experience and skills meet the requirements.

If you would like an informal conversation about the roles please contact the Chief Operating Officer, Carol Pyrah by email: coo@riponcathedral.org.uk.

Please confirm in your application if you are able to make the assessment day on 20 August.

The closing date for the receipt of all applications is 9am 11 August 2025.

Your completed application and confidential declaration should be emailed to governanceofficer@riponcathedral.org.uk

Please label the email subject with the job title you are applying for and mark it confidential.

Thank you for your interest.