

Introduction

In celebration of our founder, St Wilfrid, and the enduring heritage of Ripon Cathedral, we are delighted to present Twilight in the Nave — a unique and memorable evening taking place on Friday 10 October 2025.

Picture elegantly dressed tables beneath the soaring arches of the cathedral, flickering candlelight, stunning floral arrangements, and a star-lit ceiling illuminating one of Yorkshire's most remarkable spaces.



About the Evening

This annual event typically welcomes around 250 guests, including influential figures from across the region's business, cultural, and civic communities. This year, we are introducing a more inclusive format and reduced ticket price, ensuring even broader engagement from our wider cathedral family — including patrons, volunteers, and community partners.

Guests will be welcomed with a sparkling reception, accompanied by the close harmonies of The Yorkshire Decibelles, followed by a delicious three-course supper from the Harrogate Food & Drink Company. Throughout the evening, live music from Frankly Jazz and Alistair Griffin — performing film favourites and feel-good classics — will set the tone for a relaxed, sociable and celebratory atmosphere.

A Feast of Sound



The Yorkshire Decibelles

starting the evening in style with close harmony vocals during the sparkling reception



Frankly Jazz

smooth, sophisticated jazz sets the tone as guests enjoy dinner beneath the stars



Alistair Griffin

brings the night to life with feel-good classics and dancefloor favourites

A Chorus of Courses



Sharing platters to start

perfect for mingling



Rotisserie chicken

carved theatrically at your table



Eton Mess

served for a sweet finale

A Symphony of Giving



A sparkling auction

full of exciting prizes to surprise and delight



Dancing in the nave

beneath the stars – the perfect finale to the evening

Sponsorship Packages

We are currently inviting a limited number of corporate sponsors to support and be associated with this sparkling evening. A variety of partnership opportunities are available, offering your organisation meaningful recognition in a spectacular setting.

Gold Headline Sponsor

£2,500

Exclusive naming opportunity "Twilight in the Nave, sponsored by..." showcasing your business before, during and after the event.

- Business logo on all promotional materials (digital & print)
- Business logo on guest communications before and after the event
- Company mention with a quote in press release.
- Social media spotlight post
- Recognition on the night from the Dean during his welcome speech
- Company banner at the entrance to the cathedral on the evening
- Advert on TV screen in the Nave
- Acknowledgement with logo on Table Talker under the Dean's message
- 6 complimentary tickets on a table in central location

Silver Options

Music Sponsor

£1000

Support the evening's live performances

- Recognition during musical transitions
- Acknowledgement with logo on the Table Talker under "With thanks to our music sponsors ..."
- 4 complimentary tickets
- Social media post highlighting music sponsorship
- Company banner by the stage
- Logo on TV screen (secondary level) in the Nave

Dinner Sponsor

£1000

Support the evening's menu

- Recognition during dinner between courses
- Acknowledgement with logo on the Table Talker under "With thanks to our dinner sponsors..."
- 4 complimentary tickets
- Social media post highlighting dinner sponsorship
- Company banner by the bar
- Logo on TV screen (secondary level) in the Nave

Bronze Options

Star Sponsor

£500

Support the evening's star theme and visual transformation of the cathedral

- 2 complimentary tickets
 - Logo on hanging stars suspended from the arches creating a "constellation" of sponsors.
 - Logo on TV screen in the Nave under "Our Stars of the Evening."
 - Social media group thank you.
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Donations

No financial outlay is required – simply donate a voucher, product or experience, and help bring a little sparkle to the night.

Angel Tree Prize – £25 or £50 Gift Value

- Support the event by donating a voucher or small gift, which will be beautifully packaged and hung on the Angel Tree for guests to win during the evening.

Includes:

- Your name or logo on the prize envelope attached to the Angel Tree
- Listing in the TV screen in the Nave under "Angel Tree Prize Donors"
- Group social media thank you post

Auction Prize – "Money Can't Buy" Experiences

We are seeking attention grabbing auction prizes to raise vital funds for Ripon Cathedral. If you can offer a unique experience, behind-the-scenes opportunity, or exclusive access — we would love to hear from you.

Examples:

- Private dining experiences
- Access to historic buildings or hidden locations
- VIP tours, artisan workshops, or celebrity meet-and-greets
- Hard to come by events tickets

Includes:

- Full listing and feature in the auction catalogue
 - On-the-night promotion by the auctioneer
 - Prominent screen and display listing
 - Inclusion in social media and email spotlights promoting the auction
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