



# FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Welcome to Ripon Cathedral

Welcome to Ripon Cathedral for this Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, whether you join us in the cathedral itself or online. I am delighted that His Majesty the King is represented by the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner on 23<sup>rd</sup> December and by Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Clare Granger on 24th December.

I am very grateful to all who contribute to this service - not least our readers, choir, and musicians.

Once again, through the readings, music and singing, we celebrate the message of God's unfailing love for every person, and the resultant hope for the whole world. This is the gift that Christmas offers us, the gift of the Christ child who was laid in the manger, revealing the true nature and mystery of God. It is a gift the world so desperately needs in this time of international conflict and unrest. Please, do enjoy this service, take hope and joy from it and have a very happy Christmas.

Dean John

## Large print versions of the Order of Service are available.



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## Music

The choir is directed by Dr Ronny Krippner, Director of Music.  
The organist is Mr Tim Harper, Assistant Director of Music.

## Music before the Service

*Some, or all, of the following will be played before the service by the Assistant Organist, Mr Alastair Stone.*

Offertoire sur deux Noëls	<i>Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)</i>
Chorale Prelude on In dulci jubilo (BuxWV 197)	<i>Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)</i>
Rhapsodie sur des Noëls ( <i>from</i> Dix Pièces Pour Orgue)	<i>Eugène Gigout (1844-1925)</i>
Chorale Prelude on 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen'	<i>Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)</i>
Noël X: Grand jeu et Duo	<i>Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)</i>

*Please stand when a fanfare is played as the Dean escorts the Lord Lieutenant or her Deputy to their seat.*

# Welcome

*Words of welcome are given by The Dean, The Very Revd John Dobson DL.*

*Please stand as the hymn begins.*

## Processional Hymn

*Solo*                      Once in Royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

*Choir*                    He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall:  
with the poor and mean and lowly,  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

*All*                        **For he is our childhood's pattern,  
day by day like us he grew,  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
tears and smiles like us he knew,  
and he feeleth for our sadness,  
and he shareth in our gladness.**

**And our eyes at last shall see him,  
through his own redeeming love,  
for that child so dear and gentle,  
is our Lord in heaven above;  
and he leads his children on  
to the place where he is gone.**

*An organ improvisation takes place at this point.*

**Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him; but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high;  
where like stars his children crowned  
all in white shall wait around.**

*Words: C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)*

*Music: IRBY Henry Gauntlett (1805-1876), harmonised A. H. Mann (1850-1929)  
arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015) & Ronny Krippner (b. 1980)*

*Please remain standing.*

## Bidding Prayer

The Dean      Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace on earth and goodwill among all his people; for unity within the Church he came to build, and especially in this city and diocese.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us remember, in his name, the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn, the lonely and the unloved, the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are for ever one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

*All*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil;  
for thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

The Dean

May the Almighty God bless us with his grace;  
Christ give us the joys of everlasting life,  
and unto the fellowship of the citizens above  
may the King of Angels bring us all.

*All*

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **Carol**

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond;  
four thousand winter thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,  
as clerkes finden written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,  
ne had never our lady a-been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time that apple taken was,  
therefore we moun singen Deo gratias!

*Words: Anonymous 15<sup>th</sup> cent.  
Music: Boris Ord (1897-1961)*

## First Lesson

*The story of our first disobedience to God's command.*

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

*Genesis 3. 8-15*

Reader                      This is the word of the Lord.  
All                            **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol

There is no rose of such virtue  
As is the rose that bare Jesu; *Alleluia.*

For in this rose contained was  
Heaven and earth in little space; *Res miranda.*

By that rose we may well see  
That He is God in persons three, *Pari forma.*

The angels sungen the shepherds to:  
*Gloria in excelsis Deo: Gaudeamus.*

Now leave we all this worldly mirth  
And follow we this joyful birth; *Transeamus.*

*Words: Anonymous 14<sup>th</sup> cent.  
Music: Robert Millington (b. 1946)*

## Second Lesson

*God's promise to Abraham.*

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

*Genesis 22. 15-18*

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Carol

Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?  
Gave thee life, & bid thee feed  
By the stream & o'er the mead;  
Gave thee clothing of delight,  
Softest clothing, woolly, bright;  
Gave thee such a tender voice,  
Making all the vales rejoice?  
Little Lamb, who made thee?  
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,  
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:  
He is called by thy name,  
For he calls himself a Lamb.  
He is meek, & he is mild;  
He became a little child.  
I, a child, & thou a lamb,  
We are called by his name.  
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

*Words: William Blake (1757-1827)*  
*Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)*



## Third Lesson

*The prophecy of the Messiah's birth.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Isaiah 9. 2, 6–7*

Reader            This is the word of the Lord.  
All                **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Hymn

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.**

**O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth  
and praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth;  
for Christ is born of Mary;  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.**

Choir            How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming;  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

All

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell:  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

*Words: Phillips Brooks (1835–1893)*

*Music: FOREST GREEN English traditional tune arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
arr. Thomas Armstrong (1898-1994) & Ronny Krippner (b. 1980)*

*Please sit.*

## Fourth Lesson

*The Messiah will be born in Bethlehem.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

*Micah 5. 2-4*

Reader                      This is the word of the Lord.

All                            **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,  
The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

*Words: Isaiah 9.6*

*Music: George Frederic Handel (1685-1759)*

## Fifth Lesson

### *The annunciation to Mary.*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.

He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

*Luke 1.26-35, 38*

Reader            This is the word of the Lord.  
All                **Thanks be to God.**

## Carol

We stood on the hills, Lady, our day's work done,  
watching the frosted meadows that winter had won.

The evening was calm, Lady,  
The air so still, silence more lovely than music  
Folded the hill.

There was a star, Lady, shone in the night,  
Larger than Venus it was  
and bright, so bright  
Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady, it seemed to us then  
Telling of God being born  
in the world of men.

And so we have come, Lady, our day's work done,  
Our love, our hopes, ourselves we give to your Son.

*Words: Clive Sansom (1920-1981)*  
*Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)*

## Sixth Lesson

### *The birth of Jesus.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*Luke 2. 1-7*

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Carol

Ding dong! merrily on high,  
in heav'n the bells are ringing.  
Ding dong! verily the sky  
is riv'n with angels singing.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,  
let steeple bells be swungen,  
and "Io, io, io,"  
by priest, and people sungen.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime  
your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime  
your evetime song, ye singers.

Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

*Words: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)*  
*Music: Stuart Nicholson (b. 1975)*

## Seventh Lesson

*The Shepherds go to the manger.*

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

*Luke 2. 8-16*

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*Please stand.*

# Hymn

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down,  
and glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind);  
‘glad tidings of great joy I bring  
to you and all mankind.

‘To you in David’s town this day  
is born of David’s line  
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;  
and this shall be the sign:

The heavenly babe you there shall find  
to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,  
and in a manger laid.’

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith  
appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God, who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

‘All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
good will henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease.’

*Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)*

*Music: WINCHESTER OLD in Thomas Este’s Psalter 1592;*

*arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015), Robert Ampt (b. 1949) & Ronny Krippner (b. 1980)*

*Please sit.*

## Eighth Lesson

*Wise men are led by the star to Jesus.*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

*Matthew 2. 1-11*

Reader All	This is the word of the Lord. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>
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## Carol

O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum  
natum, iacentem in praeseptio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Iesum Christum.  
Alleluia!

*O great mystery,  
and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn  
Lord, lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the virgin whose womb  
was worthy to bear  
the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!*

*Words: taken from the Matins of Christmas in the Roman Breviary  
Music: Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)*

*Please stand and turn to face the priest reading the lesson.*

## Ninth Lesson

*The incarnation of the Word of God.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*John 1. 1-14*

Reader                      This is the word of the Lord.  
All                            **Thanks be to God.**



## Offertory Hymn

*A collection is taken during this hymn. If you would prefer to give by credit/debit card, contactless devices are available as you leave. Alternatively, please use this QR Code.*



O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him  
born the King of Angels:  
*O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
very God,  
begotten, not created:  
*O come, let us adore him,*

See how the Shepherds,  
summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;  
we too will thither  
bend our joyful footsteps:  
*O come, let us adore him,*

Lo! star-led chieftains,  
magi, Christ adoring,  
offer him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
we to the Christ Child  
bring our heart's oblations:  
*O come, let us adore him,*

Sing, choirs of Angels,  
sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to the God  
in the Highest:  
*O come, let us adore him,*

*Words: 18<sup>th</sup> cent. Latin hymn tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)*

*Music: ADESTE FIDELES attrib. J. F. Wade (1711-1786)*

*arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015) & Ronny Krippner (b. 1980)*

*Please remain standing.*

## Collect

The Dean

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:  
grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer,  
so we may with sure confidence behold him  
when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Blessing

May he who by his incarnation  
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,  
bestow upon you the fullness  
of inward peace and goodwill;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

## Hymn

**Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled:  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.**

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb!  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Ris'n with healing in his wings;  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth:  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: MENDELSSOHN Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015) & Ronny Krippner (b. 1980)*

*Please remain standing as the choir, cathedral procession and Lord-Lieutenant or her deputy depart.*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Toccata in D

*Marcel Lanquenet (1894-1985)*

## Readers at the services

### 23<sup>rd</sup> December

**Representing HM the King:** Mrs Johanna Ropner  
The Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Alexander Ross, Cathedral chorister
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Monty Bleiker, Head Boy, Ripon Grammar School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson** Miss Lilla Bathurst, Manager, Ripon Business Improvement District
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Mr Thomas Fielden, Canon Treasurer Designate
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Group Captain John Lawson, RAF Leeming
- 6<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Sir Andrew Lawson-Tancred, High Sheriff of North Yorkshire & Capitular Canon of Ripon Cathedral
- 7<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Mr Richard Flinton, Chief Executive, North Yorkshire Council
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Mrs Johanna Ropner, Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire
- 9<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Reverend Canon Wendy Dalrymple, Canon Pastor
- The Blessing** Right Reverend Malcolm Chamberlain, Bishop of Wakefield

### 24<sup>th</sup> December

**Representing HM the King:** Mrs Clare Granger DL  
The Lord-Lieutenant's Deputy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Elodie Rennie-Oxley, Cathedral chorister
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Mrs Sue Welch, Chairman, Nidderdale Museum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lesson** Mr Mick Smith, Editor, Dalesman Publishing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Cllr Barbara Brodigan, Mayor of Ripon
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Mr Geoff Park, Chief Finance Officer for the Diocese of Leeds
- 6<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Mrs Clare Granger DL
- 7<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Mr Richard Wright KC, representing the North Eastern Circuit and a chorister parent
- 8<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Venerable James Theodosius, Archdeacon of Richmond & Craven
- 9<sup>th</sup> Lesson** Reverend Canon Matthew Pollard, Canon Chancellor
- The Blessing** Right Reverend Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon



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# Christmas & New Year Special Services

## **Christmas Eve**

11.00am - Bethlehem (for all the family).

11.00pm - Midnight Mass.

## **Christmas Day**

8.00am - Holy Communion.

10.30am - Festal Eucharist.

## **Boxing Day**

9.30am - St Stephen's Day Eucharist

10.15am - Fountains Abbey with  
carols sung at the Abbey.

## **New Year's Eve**

11.15pm - Watchnight with  
procession to market square for  
midnight.

## **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

5.30pm - Festal Eucharist for  
Epiphany.

## **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

5.30pm - Festal Eucharist for  
Candlemas with candlelit procession.

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# All Welcome

Find all services and events at: [www.riponcathedral.org.uk](http://www.riponcathedral.org.uk)



## Support the daily life and mission of RIPON CATHEDRAL

Ripon Cathedral has an exciting vision and a bold plan for serving the people of Yorkshire and beyond: Growing God's Kingdom. Whilst having a clear Christian motivation, it is about developing and using our resources to enhance the lives of everyone who encounters the cathedral.

We aim to do this in many ways. We are a stunning sacred space that attracts pilgrims and tourists from far and wide. We are a magnificent gateway to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. We are a centre for learning and a destination for hospitality and events. Above all, we are a place of worship, peace and sanctuary. It costs more than £6000 a day to carry out our regular work and keep the building open for all.

## BECOME A PATRON

Our patron scheme is comprised of six levels of support, each named after a saint with an association with our region. St Hild, St Cuthbert, St Chat, St Etheldreda and our patrons St Wilfrid and St Peter.

Benefits include a regular Patrons' Newsletter; an invitation to the annual benefactor service of thanksgiving, a generous discount on selected items in the cathedral shop and acknowledgement of your support in the Annual Report and on the patrons listing on the website.



Regular giving allows Chapter to set budgets in support of an ambitious programme of regular and special activities. The scheme supports the cathedral in its daily life and mission, the sustaining and development of its choral foundation, its education, and the conservation of its built heritage.

## GET IN TOUCH

Our regular programme of patrons' events offers the opportunity to meet other like-minded supporters.

Patron subscriptions start from just £17 a month.

To find out more about supporting the cathedral by becoming a patron, please contact the Development office.

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For more information you can download our Patron booklet at:

**[riponcathedral.org.uk/support-us/#patron](http://riponcathedral.org.uk/support-us/#patron)**



# CANDLEMAS FESTAL EUCHARIST AND PROCESSION

SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY  
5.30pm

The Annual Service to celebrate the Presentation  
of the infant Jesus in the Temple

Over 7000 candles set out in glorious designs will  
illuminate the Cathedral



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# REGULAR SERVICE TIMES



## Sundays

- 8.30am** Eucharist
- 9.30am** Morning Prayer (said)
- 10.30am** Sung Eucharist
- 12.30pm** Eucharist (BCP)
- 3.30pm** Evensong

## Weekdays

- 8.30am** Morning Prayer
- 9.00am** Eucharist  
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
- 10.30am** Eucharist Wed  
*followed by coffee  
and mingle*
- 12 noon** Eucharist  
Tue, Fri, & Sat
- 5.30pm** Evensong or  
said Evening Prayer

## STARTING IN JANUARY 2026

A course for the Christian journey  
Come and explore the faith at the  
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