

<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Sunday 20th September 2026</p>	<p>Dr Jane Crease <i>an art historian focusing on medieval artefacts of which English needlework was one of the most prestigious expensive</i></p>	<p>A stitch in time - painting with the needle <i>The few survivors (of which the Bayeux Tapestry is one) show the technical and artistic heights embroidery can reach</i></p>
<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Thursday 24th September 2026 7.30pm</p>	<p>In Memory of Wilfred</p> <p>The Architectural Antecedents of Wilfrid's Basilica and Crypt</p>	<p>In the Cathedral</p>
<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Thursday 1st October 2026 7.30pm</p>	<p>In Memory of Wilfred</p> <p>The Dates of Wilfrid's Commemorations</p>	<p>In the Cathedral</p>
<p>CELEBRATING WILFRID</p> <p>Sunday 11th October 2026 10.30am</p>	<p>Patronal Eucharist</p> <p><i>The Feast of St Wilfrid of Ripon</i></p>	<p><i>The members of the Friends, as part of the Cathedral Community, are invited to this service of celebration in the Cathedral</i></p>
<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Sunday 15th November 2026</p>	<p>Malcolm Johnson <i>Teacher and Advisory Teacher in Leeds for 20 years, then Lecturer in Teacher Education at Bradford (20+ years). Now a keen walker and runner, popular music aficionado and giver of talks!</i></p>	<p>Famous for 12 Minutes? - A Reality TV Experience <i>An account of the experience of featuring in a reality TV programme, attempting to learn to drive in a week at the age of 65</i></p>
<p>CHRISTMAS EVENT December 2026</p>	<p>Christmas Surprise Celebration</p>	<p><i>To be announced at the AGM</i></p>

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Programme of Events 2026

Lectures are held on Sunday afternoons at Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Road, Ripon HG4 2EY except for 8th February which will be at Thorpe Prebend House, High Saint Agnes Gate, Ripon HG4 1QR

Lectures start at **2.00pm** followed by light refreshments

<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Sunday 18th January 2026</p>	<p>Peter Spedding</p> <p><i>A seasoned speaker with a keen interest in people, specifically characters who made an impact and shaped history</i></p>	<p>The Golden Age of Piracy</p> <p><i>An insight to being a Pirate, the notorious haunts, life onboard and the rules adhered to. There will be some fun, maybe a drop of blood, not forgetting treasure!</i></p>
<p>CANDLEMAS</p> <p>Saturday 31st January 2026</p>	<p>Prof Joyce Hill</p> <p><i>will give another of her fascinating talks about Candlemas at 3.30pm in Thorpe Prebend House</i></p>	<p><i>Light refreshments available prior to the service in the Cathedral at 5.30pm (seats reserved)</i></p> <p><i>Booking forms available nearer the time</i></p>
<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Sunday 8th February 2026</p>	<p>Keith Smith</p> <p><i>26 years ago he set up a homeless charity called 'Ferry Project'</i></p>	<p>Rural homelessness</p> <p><i>Most people think of people in a city shop doorway or path, not realising many are hidden in fields, woods and rural valleys</i></p>
<p>LECTURE</p> <p>Sunday March 15th 2026</p>	<p>Alison Wrobel</p> <p><i>Historian, became a costumed guide at major historic sites, appeared on TV with Robinson, Rhys Jones, and Worsley, wrote four Tudor social history books - including "Masters and Servants in Tudor England"</i></p>	<p>Masters and Servants in Tudor Britain</p> <p><i>A look at the servant life in the Tudor period. Examining relations between servants and their masters, peering into the bedrooms, kitchens and parlours of the ordinary folk.</i></p>

<p>STUDY HALF-DAY</p> <p>Saturday 25th April 2026 9.30am-12.30pm (followed by a light lunch)</p>	<p>a) John Beal, <i>Vice-Chairman of the Friends of Ripon Cathedral</i></p> <p>b) Sophie Weston, <i>a favourite lecturer back by request</i></p> <p><i>Booking forms available nearer the time</i></p>	<p>Pilgrimage: medieval to modern</p> <p>a) <i>Medieval pilgrimage in Yorkshire</i></p> <p>b) <i>The medieval pilgrim route to Santiago de Compostela - the Camino</i></p>
<p>VISIT</p> <p>Thursday 21st May 2026</p>	<p>Bridlington Priory</p> <p><i>Founded in 12th century, one of the great monastic houses of England. One of its priors was canonised St John of Bridlington in 1401 - the last English saint created before the Reformation.</i></p>	<p>A guided tour of the Priory building</p> <p><i>Lunch will then be arranged and a chance to visit the seaside before returning home</i></p> <p><i>Booking forms available nearer the time</i></p>
<p>VISITS</p> <p>Wednesday 24th June 2026</p>	<p>Visits to 4 "Sykes Churches"</p> <p><i>with amazing large Norman carved tub fonts</i></p>	<p><i>A tour to four of the many rural churches in East Yorkshire restored by Sir Tatton Sykes and his son</i></p> <p><i>Booking forms available nearer the time</i></p>
<p>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7.30pm</p>	<p>Guest Speaker The Right Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon</p> <p><i>Booking forms available nearer the time</i></p>	<p><i>Evensong at 5.30pm in the Cathedral</i></p> <p><i>Then a light supper at Thorpe Prebend House</i></p> <p><i>AGM at 7.30pm followed by the speaker</i></p>