

RIPON CATHEDRAL

JANUARY – FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



The Dean:

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Canon Wendy Dalrymple (Jan)
Canon Michael Gisbourne (Feb)

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A NOTE FROM THE DEAN



Happy New Year and thank you

As we begin 2026, I wish you a very happy New Year on behalf of the cathedral chapter and the whole cathedral community.

I do want to stress how grateful I am to our cathedral staff and great army of volunteers and supporters who have worked hard to make our keeling of Advent and Christmas such a blessing, inspiration and encouragement to the many thousands of people who have crossed the cathedral's threshold. This service of God through serving the city, diocese and regional community doesn't just happen. It requires great commitment and dedication – not to mention stamina! - on the part of many people. For this, I am very grateful.

Starting as we mean to go on – in prayer

Some of us make a big thing of new year's resolutions. This can't be bad, depending on the resolutions, I suppose. A good resolution would be to remain faithful in prayer as we journey through 2026 – reminding ourselves of the close presence of God that we have celebrated at Christmas (God with us - Emmanuel!). It is in our prayer and worship that we are helped to remain 'tuned in' to the God who revealed himself in Jesus, and open to receiving his grace, encouragement and guidance as we journey on. But as another year begins, what are we praying for? The list could be long!

Here is a prayer specifically for New Year, which you might find helpful.

A prayer for the New Year

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Praying for peace

Pondering what to pray for when considering the year ahead, my first thought is to pray for peace with justice for the whole world, and the flourishing of all God's children in every land. This might seem like a big ask, but we are praying to the creator of all and the saviour of the world. In giving us his prayer, The Lord's Prayer, he did ask us to pray, 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...' And surely his kingdom of justice and peace, as revealed in Christ's life and ministry, is the 'big vision' that can inspire and enlighten all our living, putting all our longings and cares into perspective.

I certainly pray that over the next twelve months we will see the threat of the spread of war decline, with an end to those conflicts that have been destroying lives and undermining global stability in recent years. This will require some prominent leaders to turn back from imperialistic inclinations to dominate countries beyond their own and will need all national leaders to be keen to serve the cause of peace and the common good of the global community. This leads me to pray for wisdom for our own political leaders in this country and reminds me that those who long for peace must be people who are prepared to live in a way that furthers peace in our own families and communities. So, I pray for that.

A long list of prayers for the world

Possibly like yours, my list of prayers for the world in 2026 could fill many pages. It would certainly include: our care of the environment; a stronger economy with flourishing businesses and employment opportunities that give life-enhancing choices to young people; more capacity for those services which provide care for people in need, including those on the fringes of society; effective support and encouragement for our farmers and rural communities; the strengthening of cohesive, inclusive, supportive communities in North Yorkshire and across the country... The list could be very long! But, again, Jesus did charge us to pray, 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...'

Praying for the Church

At the start of a year in which a new Archbishop of Canterbury will be enthroned, I pray for grace and courage for the Archbishop Elect, Sarah Mullaly. I pray also for God's chosen person to be discerned as the next Bishop of Leeds. And I pray for the Church of England to have fresh confidence in the faithfulness of the God who calls us to follow him and serve all the people of this nation in a Christ-like way.

There are genuine grounds for confidence as we look to the future. There is the enthusiasm for worship seen amongst so many of all ages at Christmas - it was estimated that 48% of adults would attend some kind of Christmas service. And there is the remarkably high level of the church's engagement with the wider community at local, regional and national levels throughout the year. This is often practical service, helping countless people of all religious faiths and none to flourish more than otherwise they would.

In praying for the Church, I certainly pray for the continued growth and flourishing of Ripon Cathedral and the effective mission of all churches across the Diocese of Leeds and beyond. The world is transformed by individuals and communities being changed for the better.

Morning and evening prayer – every day of the year

Morning prayer and evening prayer, or evensong, are offered in the cathedral every day of the year – and you are very welcome to join us. Evensong is sung by our wonderful choir five evenings per week during termtime – it is one of the many glories of the cathedral's life. Each of these services ends with the set collect (prayer) of the day (which changes each day or each week) and some other collects which are said every day. One of these in morning prayer

is called 'The second collect, for peace'. It is a prayer that acknowledges that life brings challenges and difficulties as well as joys and blessings. It asks for such trust in God that we have no fear of anything that may threaten us. It is a helpful prayer for the beginning of each day; it is equally appropriate at the beginning of a new year.

The Collect for Peace

*O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect
freedom:*

*Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any
adversaries;*

through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrating Epiphany and Candlemas, exploring faith, and looking forward to Lent!

Please don't forget to join us for the annual festivals in which we continue to celebrate Christ's redeeming work. In coming weeks, we keep Epiphany and Candlemas – you can read about them in the cathedral's Newsletter and on our website. These are great festive services which we plan to offer with inspiring liturgy and thrilling music, something which people have come to expect of Ripon Cathedral. Of course, we need your participation to enable us to do this as well as possible. Please, do make every effort to join us, if you are able.

Also, in these coming months, and perhaps while Christmas-prompted questions about what Christians believe are still fresh in your mind, we provide opportunities for people to explore faith with others. For children and families, there is much on offer. Please, see the website. There is a Pilgrim course being led by Canon Wendy, particularly with young adults in mind. And, though it seems a shocking thought, we will soon be in Lent! In the latter half of January, we will publish a brochure providing information about the wider variety of opportunities in and through the cathedral for keeping Lent in a refreshing and fruitful way.

With every blessing, Dean John

Pilgrim - A Course for the Christian Journey

Would you like to explore the Christian faith at the heart of the Christmas story?

Are you wondering if this ancient religion has any relevance today?

Do you want to learn about the Christian vision for the world?

Join us on Tuesday evenings, starting in January, for a series of themed courses where in a relaxed setting we shall explore some of these big questions.

Find out more and register your interest by emailing:

canonwendy@riponcathedral.org.uk



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NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

As 2026 begins and Christmas, glorious though it was, fades into the memory, our minds in the music department turn towards Candlemas, Lent and Easter.

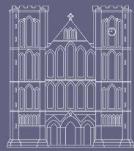
Highlights for this late winter early spring-time include a live broadcast of Choral Evensong on BBC Radio 3. For those who are not aware it is the longest continuously running outside broadcast in history having begun in 1926. It is a joy for us here in Ripon to be able to sing Evensong again as a Broadcast, something which has not happened for some years here in Ripon.

The Choral Evensong broadcast is taking place on Wednesday 11 Feb 2026 at 3pm. Everyone is welcome and the congregation are asked to be seated by 2.45pm at the latest. The service will take place in the nave, and all are welcome.

In the New Year we will also be advertising for two posts within the Music dept. Our Assistant Organist Mr Alastair Stone will be leaving us for pastures new as his contract comes to an end and we will have opportunities to wish him well as he moves on, not least with his upcoming wedding to his fiancée Elspeth at the end of the choir term. We will be advertising for a new Alto lay clerk as Ruth Sladden moves on after 12 years as a lay clerk in the Cathedral. Having been appointed in 2014 she has joined the choir on tours to Cologne and Koblenz and more recently to Bavaria and of course last year to Westminster Abbey. We will have the opportunity to wish Ruth well as she leaves us to spend more time with her family and other musical interests. We will welcome her back regularly with the Dishforth Military Wives choir and Yorkshire Decibelles.

Please continue to support the music foundation here at the cathedral, not least with prayer as we begin the new year.

Canon Michael Gisbourne.



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Epiphany to Lent Special Services

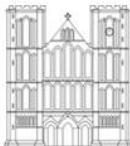
Tuesday 6th Jan Festal Eucharist for Epiphany
5.30pm

Sunday 11th Jan Plough Sunday Service
3.30pm refreshments & hot pork rolls from 2.30pm

Sunday 25th Jan Festal Evensong with Installation of Canons
3.30pm

Saturday 31st Jan Festal Eucharist for Candlemas with candlelit
5.30pm procession

Wednesday 18th Feb Ash Wednesday
10am & 7.30pm Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



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Plough Sunday Service

Sunday 11th January 2026

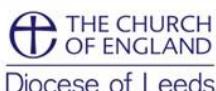
in Ripon Cathedral

Service led by the Very Rev'd John Dobson,
Dean of Ripon

Preacher : The Most Revd & Rt Hon
Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

Refreshments, including hot pork rolls, cake,
tea & coffee served from 2.30pm.

Service starts at 3.30pm



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2026

“One Body,
One Spirit”



Mon 19 Jan - 7.30pm opening worship Allhallowgate

Tue 20 Jan - 12pm Communion at Ripon Cathedral

Wed 21 Jan - 12pm prayers at Allhallowgate

Thu 22 Jan - 11.30am prayers at Holy Trinity – lunch available after

Fri 23 Jan - 12pm prayers at Harrogate Road

Sat 24 - 7pm service at St Wilfrid's with Bishop Anna





CANDLEMAS FESTAL EUCHARIST AND PROCESSION

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY
5.30pm

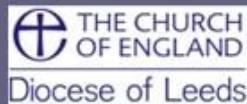
The Annual Service to celebrate the Presentation
of the infant Jesus in the Temple

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



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All Welcome



Ash Wednesday

18th February

2026

Solemn Eucharist with the
imposition of Ash
said at 10.00am
sung at 7.30pm

All Welcome

Find all services at www.riponcathedral.org.uk

Five-day Pilgrimage on the English Camino

24.08.2026 to 28.08.2026

Ripon Cathedral is planning a pilgrimage from Bishop Auckland back to Ripon beginning on Monday 24th August 2026. It will follow the official route of the English Camino, which eventually leads all the way to Santiago de Compostella in North-west Spain. This will be a five-day walk, from Monday to Friday. Each day will cover a distance of between 10 to 15 miles.

The stages of the walk are as follows:

Monday: Bishop Auckland to Gainford
Tuesday: Gainford to Richmond
Wednesday: Richmond to Leyburn
Thursday: Leyburn to Masham
Friday: Masham to Ripon Cathedral.

It's possible to join in in different ways according to your lifestyle. Some may wish to book accommodation for each night of the route, starting on the Sunday night in Bishop Auckland. Some may wish to shuttle backwards and forwards to walk each day. Some may wish not to walk every day, perhaps just for one or two. Some may wish to book an evening meal with the group before returning home. Some may wish to get straight back.

What we're asking for at this stage is for people to register an interest. Although no final commitment is yet sought, it would be useful to know if you are mindful to want to join a group booking for the evening meals.

If you are interested in taking part in the pilgrimage, please get in touch with the Cathedral's Governance Officer, Charlie Stewart, either by emailing governanceofficer@riponcathedral.org.uk or telephone her at the Cathedral Office on 01765 603462. Although no final commitment is yet sought, it would be useful to know if you are mindful to want to join a group booking for the evening meals.

NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

This time of Advent has been hugely busy in Education with a flurry of Christmas workshops with a carousel of activities culminating in a Christingle services. 200 pupils from Outwood Academy Greystone and Birstwith and Markington Primary schools have attended these workshops. Canon Matthew explained the symbolism of the Christingle to pupils; it was quite magical seeing all the children holding out their own Christingles and reflecting on the meaning of Christmas with Jesus Light of our World.

In addition for the first time pupils from Green Hammerton came for our Places of Worship workshop exploring how shapes in the cathedral tell the story of faith and visiting the Crypt with Wilfrid Bear learning about how signs and symbols reveal what people believe. Children had to rush around to keep up and follow the Star! Also our first visit by Nursery and Reception pupils from Outwood Greystone exploring Christian traditions, feelings and beliefs, learning about the Nativity story through stained glass. Children decorated wooden stars created for us by JennyRuth workshops.

Special thanks to all our wonderful Education volunteers who made such an array of workshops possible.

Yvonne Jefferies



'Christianity and War Workshop with 95 Secondary Pupils from Ripon Grammar and Nidderdale High on Weds 12th Nov 2025

As part of Remembrance tide we offered our **Christianity and War Workshop Day** within Ripon Cathedral. Our key speaker Lt Col Rev Mercer gave a presentation on the topics below that students cover as part of their Religious Studies:

Christian attitudes to War; Terrorism; Just War Theory; Holy War; Weapons of Mass Destruction; Pacifism

Lt Col Rev Mercer brought such depth and authenticity to enliven and engage the students and staff gathered; we were all gripped! Rev Mercer explained such complexities with ease and made what is unfathomable accessible. Yes, we were discussing harrowing situations and dark dilemmas but Lt Col Rev Mercer brought light and insight; actually restoring hope in humanity, and the importance of Truth and Justice; in fact restoring our faith.

Rev Cliff Bowman led a wonderful session revealing the life stories of some of the sailors, soldiers and a nurse honoured through our memorial plaques. The images all blended together most powerfully and students were fully absorbed.

Daire Corr one of our Education Volunteers and Guides delivered a gripping safari lecture on Wilfred Owen; the depth of thought and dynamic delivery powerfully presenting his life and legacy in the most moving way.

Thank you also to our Education volunteers Jane Gazard, Kathy Cork, Sue Cornwell and Helen Churchill who accompanied students ensuring everyone had a most enjoyable and informative day.

The Reverend Nicholas Mercer became Rector of the Priory Church of St Mary and St Cuthbert, Bolton Abbey on 01 April 2019.

He was previously the Rector of the Falkland Islands, a parish which includes South Georgia and the British Antarctic Territories, and is based in Christ Church Cathedral, Port Stanley, the southernmost Anglican cathedral in the world. Prior to this position he was Assistant Chaplain at Sherborne School, and previously served his curacy in Gillingham, Dorset.



Nicholas was born in Yorkshire, graduated with a BD from St Andrews, and has subsequently gained LLM and MTh degrees from the universities of Cardiff and Oxford respectively. He was admitted as a solicitor in 1990, and in 1991 joined the Army Legal Services as a Captain. He served the next twenty years in Northern Ireland, Bosnia Herzegovina, Germany, Iraq and Cyprus. His army experience included directing and prosecuting Courts-Martial, and he was also on the teaching staff of Bielefeld University and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

He was the Command Legal Advisor for the HQ 1st (UK) Armoured Division during the Iraq war in 2003. As a result of his stand against the inhuman and degrading treatment of Prisoners of War in Iraq, he was named as the Liberty Human Rights Lawyer of the Year 2011-2012. He has lectured extensively on the Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights. Prior to his ordination, he retired from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel

REFLECTIVE WALKING

“Interesting and inspiring. I hope there will be more.”

“It was interesting to look beyond the artwork to the story behind it.”

“You’ve got me thinking in a different way about hope.”

“I didn’t think I would have anything to share with the group. I was surprised how much I **did** have to share!”

On November 8th Geoff Ashton, one of our education volunteers and executive coach, led two interactive reflective walks. The walks provided a space for worshippers, tourists and heritage enthusiasts to share and listen to each other’s insights, inspired by three stained glass windows. Geoff writes: “I am fascinated by stained glass windows - the messages they convey, the people they celebrate, and the stories behind them. As we ask questions about the windows, we can find them returning the compliment - inviting us to explore questions of interest to ourselves.”

The characters in the Ripon Teacher Training College Window create space to reflect on role models and their influence on our lives. There is a story behind the Featherstone Memorial II window about a sea captain and his life, and a mystery as to why the two images of Jesus stilling the storm, and the parable of the Good Samaritan, appear in the same frame. There was much to consider in the Caroline Longley Memorial Window as we thought about Faith Hope and Charity, and how the flow of the window, and the craftsman’s choice of colours, communicate the deep truths of the Christian faith. Geoff concludes: “In our busy world, the Cathedral provides a precious and welcoming space in which we can take a take step back and reflect together.”

Stepping into Narnia Day on Sat 29th November

Mr Tumnus (with Canon Matthew as the starring role) was startled when the children came through the Wardrobe into Narnia. He spoke of it being always Winter and never Christmas but there was hope because Aslan was coming. The Lion the Witch and Wardrobe is CS Lewis’ allegorical book with Aslan being put to death in the place of the traitor Edmund and being resurrected to life. With Aslan’s arrival the talking animals of Narnia are set free; the White Witch had turned them to stone and ensured it was always winter in Narnia. But Christmas is now possible; the snow is melting - Aslan is on the move! Children enjoyed making Aslan masks and pan pipes out of straws. Twenty children attended adults/carers.



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Children's Church

Sunday mornings during term time

Mustard Seeds (0-6)

For younger children with their parents/carers* who enjoy worshipping through singing, storytelling and craft. Families gather in the Cathedral Library after the first hymn and rejoin the main service in time for Holy Communion.

Mighty Trees (7-11)

Join us for lively worship including games, stories and activities, all based on the theme of the day. Drop-off from 10.15am at the Chapel of the Resurrection and collect during the Peace.

For more information or to register for this coming term contact:

Beth.Wickenden@riponcathedral.org.uk

* drop-off possible for school-age children

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We have had so much fun in **Mustard Seeds** during the second half of the Autumn term: in November we Remembered (Saints, Souls, Christ the King) and in December we were busy, busy, busy getting ready for Baby Jesus! In short, there has been lots of light in the darkness, and a fair amount of glitter.

In **Mighty Trees** the children have celebrated God at work, thought about Christ bringing peace to a tumultuous world, and waited with expectation during Advent for Jesus (bringer of justice and joy, our guide and our companion). Various games and activities have been enjoyed, and thoughtful crafts.



Christingles and a Nativity

In December Ripon Cathedral Primary School held both their KS2 Christingle service, and their KS1 Nativity service, in the nave. Both services were beautifully led as ever by the children.

Thank you to Children's Church / Education volunteers Wendy, Kathy and Betty, who came into school with me to help the children make their Christingles.



Cathedral Club

Our after-school club at Ripon Cathedral Primary School started up again during November and December and has filled us all (children and team alike) with joy! Through playing fun games, we have learnt a few Bible verses: "This is the day the Lord has made!", "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a word to my path", and "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it". We have created beautiful journals, painted sunrise pictures, and made lanterns. Finally, we ended with a raucous Christmas party!

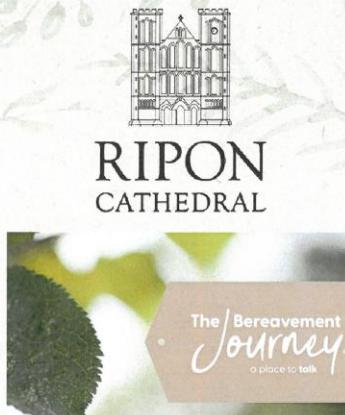


Often the most fun (and exhausting!) part of my week, I am very thankful to share it with Helen, Mary and Betty, who make up our brilliant Cathedral Club team!



With huge thanks to our wonderful Children & Families volunteers, who give so much of their time, enthusiasm and creativity to this ministry.

Beth Wickenden, December 2025



**Are you grieving the death of a loved one or
struggling with the long-term effect of loss?**

Join us for a seven-session weekly course

**Location : Thorpe Prebend House , High St.Agnesgate,
Ripon, HG41QR**

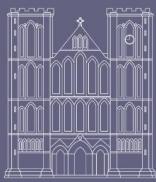
When: 3rd February – 17th March 2026

9.30-11.30am

Topics include :

- Attachment, separation and anxiety
- Impact of the pain of bereavement
 - Adjusting to change
 - Anger and guilt
- Coping with others reactions

**For more information or to register, please contact:
fionapearman@riponcathedral.org.uk or ring 01765 603462**



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Parish Visit to the Auckland Project

Saturday 25th April 2026



- Pick-up at 9.30am, **Ripon Cathedral** (Procters Coaches)
- Arrival at 10.30am, **Auckland Castle**, Visit to Auckland Castle and Faith Museum
- Return pick-up at 4pm, arrival back at **Ripon Cathedral** by 5pm

What's Included

- Visit to Auckland Castle, home of the Prince Bishops and recently refurbished
- Visit to The Faith Museum, charting the history of faith through ages
- Refreshment facilities available at the site

Cost

£31 for coach and admission to the Auckland Project

Discount available for Historic House members

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or call **01765 603462**





THURSDAY RIPON CONCERTS CATHEDRAL

JANUARY – MARCH 2026

8 th January	Robert Marsh	Organ
15 th January	Salus Trio	Flute, Recorder, Guitar
22 nd January	Students from Leeds University	
29 th January	Alastair Stone	Organ
5 th February	Lucinda Taylor	Harp
12 th February	Leslie Flanagan acc. Daniel Gordon	Baritone
26 th February	Harriet Flather acc. Jennifer Walsh	Clarinet
5 th March	Students from Leeds University	
12 th March	Kris Thomsett	Organ
19 th March	Prima Musica Students	
26 th March	Students from Ampleforth College	

1.00-1.50; Refreshments served from 12.30
Free admission; retiring collection

GROWING GREENER – RIPON CATHEDRAL ENVIRONMENT NEWS

GROWING GREENER IN 2026 – 5 YEARS TO THE NZC 2030 GOAL POSTS

This is an ambitious aim by the Church of England but it can be achieved in small steps.

Please join the journey with the church....and help to heal the earth.

GROWING GREENER – Small Water Changes, Big Environmental

Difference Miranda Rennie shares tips to help reduce water consumption,

This photo of Glasshouses Dam, near Pateley Bridge was taken in August 2025



As we begin a new year, many of us feel the urge to make positive changes - but it's easy to forget that some of the biggest environmental wins start with the simplest everyday habits. One area where small actions really do add up is water use.

Most of the water we use at home is heated, treated, pumped and transported - every litre carries an energy and carbon cost before it even reaches our taps. Reducing the water we use (hot or cold) cuts carbon,

protects our rivers and reduces household bills. That's a win for the planet and a win for our pockets.

Here are a few powerful but easy changes we can all make in 2025:

Shorten showers

Every minute in a typical power shower can use as much as 15 litres of water - often the hottest, most energy-intensive water in the home. Cutting just two minutes can save over 10,000 litres a year per person.

Use the eco mode on washing machines

A full load on eco mode uses around 50 litres of water, compared with 80 litres on standard settings. Modern machines clean just as well at lower temperatures with much less water. The lower volume of water can make the cycle longer, but just as effective, it just takes a little more planning - perhaps an overnight wash.

Only run washing machines and dishwashers when full

A half-full load still uses almost the same amount of water and energy as a full one. A full eco dishwasher cycle uses as little as 7 litres, whereas washing dishes under a running tap can use 8 litres in a single minute.



Fix dripping taps and running loos

A dripping tap can waste over 5,000 litres a year, and a leaky loo can waste even more, up to 400 litres a day silently running down the back of the pan. Quick fixes make a big difference.

These aren't dramatic actions. They're gentle, thoughtful habits which, when multiplied across a congregation and community, have a real impact - reducing energy use, protecting our precious water environment and supporting Ripon Cathedral's journey towards Net Zero and the Eco Church Silver Award.

And if anyone thinks these changes don't add up... well, I'll spare you the full lecture on the 1,000 litres an hour a garden hose can get through. That one's for the summer edition!

As we enter 2025, may we each find one or two simple water-saving steps that fit into daily life. Together, those small changes become something powerful - a hopeful, practical expression of our care for creation.

SILVER ECO CHURCH AWARD

Canon Matthew has recruited two people to join the Eco Action Group and work specifically as a Task and Finish Group to help the Cathedral attain this award.

We are very grateful to have the support and expertise of Miranda Rennie and Lucy Stenbeck. They are both busy choir parents who are bringing fresh ideas and experience to help the Cathedral on this environment journey.

ENVIRONMENT, NZC 2030 AND BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

Guided by the Dean and the COO, Carol Pryah, the Committee will be studying a very comprehensive report by Max Fordham and Partners about ways to reduce the carbon footprint of the Cathedral and its estate.



ENCOURAGING NEWS about the actions and changes done by churches to become more sustainable can be read every month if you subscribe to The Environment Bulletin. It's inspiring.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/sign-our-environment-newsletter>

GOLDEN WEDDING SERVICE

Were you married in 1976 or earlier?

If you are celebrating your Golden Wedding or even a longer time together, Ripon Cathedral warmly invites you to share in this special service of thanksgiving and blessing, to renew your vows and to reflect on and celebrate your many years of married life.

If you would like to apply for tickets to attend this unique service (regardless of where you were married or where you are now living)

**Scan the QR code for
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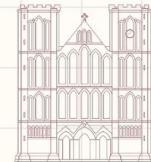
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**Sunday
7th June 2026**

3.30pm

TUDOR MONTH AT RIPON CATHEDRAL

KS1 & KS2 WORKSHOPS



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Join us for a hands-on, creative workshop exploring our own collection of Tudor portraits, featuring key figures including:

Henry VII, Henry VIII, Catherine of Aragon, Anne Boleyn, Jane Seymour Edward VI and Mary Tudor.

This year's workshops link with our own Anne Boleyn portrait, which will be travelling to Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn.



During the session, pupils will:

- Study Tudor portrait symbols and clothing
- Handle replica artefacts and costumes
- Create their own Tudor-style self-portraits
- Take part in a discovery trail around the cathedral

WORKSHOP DATES:

- **Tues 23rd June**, 10:15am for 10:30am-2:30pm workshop
- **Weds 24th June**, 10:15am for 10:30am-2:30pm workshop

£8 per pupil (full day workshop)

For more information, please email:

yvonnejefferies@riponcathedral.org.uk

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CONNECTIONS

Ripon Cathedral is committed to supporting our community through partnerships with local charities.

For more information contact

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or telephone the Cathedral Office 01765 603462.

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Have you met our C3 Partners?
C3 will be entering its TENTH YEAR
Of working in partnership with local charities.

It's time to
CELEBRATE

All that working together can accomplish!

All of these charities work to serve and support
the vulnerable in our community

How many of them do you recognise?
Do you know what they do and who they serve?
Do you know how the Cathedral works
in partnership to support them?

Over the next year, as well as making you aware
of the special activities of our partners,
we will shine a spotlight on our partnership work
focusing on two partners
each month.

We will tell you a bit about the charity
AND
about how C3 has worked with them
over the past 10 years.

**Please remember all our partners
in your prayers.**

**Dementia
Forward**

Support for today, planning for tomorrow



Happy TENTH Birthday to C3! Ripon Cathedral's CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

C3 was founded in Autumn 2016: The aim was to demonstrate Ripon Cathedral's commitment to building God's Kingdom in the local community through practical action and prayer.

Partnerships: Initial partnerships were formed with a group of local organisations, offering the use of our buildings, and our volunteers. Advocacy was also provided on behalf of partners with local and regional bodies.

2017 Highlights

- C3 became part of the organising team for "The Sights and Sounds of Ripon," helping to make it a regular feature in the city's annual events. This event celebrates all the volunteer and local government agencies that serve the community.
- C3 developed dementia-friendly services in collaboration with Dementia Forward.
- C3 supported events for local refugees and asylum seekers, and worked with local schools in becoming Schools of Sanctuary.
- C3 raised the profile of all our C3 partners through the Cathedral's publicity channels and advocated on their behalf with funding agencies.
- C3 facilitated the collection and delivery of donations of food to the Ripon Salvation Army.



In the next issue of the Cathedral Newsletter we will highlight what was accomplished in 2018-2019.

But for the work of C3 to continue and to flourish, WE NEED YOUR HELP. We need more volunteers who would be willing to be on our organising committee, more volunteers who would be willing to help on an occasional basis with one of our activities or on a more regular basis with one of our partners. Please consider how you might like to become involved. For more information please contact us by email at c3@riponcathedral.org.uk

Urgent request from YMCA

The YMCA are asking for donations of unwanted Christmas gifts that they can use for birthday presents during the coming year.

Please leave any such items in the Food Bank box



Ripon Corps Church and Reach Out Centre

The Salvation Army
Lead Lane
Ripon
North Yorkshire
HG4 2NE

Tel: 01765 692657
Email alison.hewitt@salvationarmy.org.uk

Dear Friends at Ripon Cathedral,

I wanted to get in touch to thank you for all the wonderful donations of toys and gifts from your Toy Service back in December.

We were so touched by all the lovely presents you sent, chosen with such thought for the recipient. The gifts and festive treats will have brought such joy to many families at Christmas.

I wanted to also thank you for your support throughout the year for our Food Bank. We really appreciate the food, cleaning products and toiletries kindly delivered by David.

We are especially grateful for food donations at this time of year as winter can be an extremely challenging time for many.

Thank you for your on-going support and prayers

Every Blessing

Alison

**Alison Hewitt
Corps Assistant
Ripon Salvation Army
Tel: 01765 692657**

Ripon Christian Aid Quiz Evening

All proceeds to the
Christian Aid Projects World-wide.

**At Holy Trinity Church Ripon
In the Arches.
Start at 7.00pm
On Friday 6th February 2026**

Tickets per person £10
Supper of baked potato with variety of fillings
Maximum of 6 per team which can be made up on the evening.

Booking is essential with tickets available from
Robert 07989484129 ,David 07785228462 or Holy
Trinity Office 01765 690930



CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP

Cathedral shop has a lovely selection of local products including sweet treats and drinks, and a variety of gifts.

The shop is open 10 until 4 Monday to Saturday. Closed on Sundays in January and February.



SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

8.00am	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 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
10.00am	Eucharist Wednesday followed by coffee and mingle
12 noon	Eucharist Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
5.30pm	Evensong (or said Evening Prayer)

Magdalen Fellowship of Healing + Prayer:

A welcoming ecumenical community, rooted in Ripon's long tradition of prayer and contemplation. We gather in meditation and reflection, holding one another and the wider world in Christ's healing presence. Meets Mondays 10:30am & 3rd Sundays 5:30pm at St John's, Sharow — all welcome. Find us online // 07449835503 // MagdalenFellowship@outlook.com

Friends of Ripon Cathedral Lectures

Sunday 18 th January 2.00pm	Peter Spedding	The Golden Age of Piracy
Saturday 31 st January 3.30pm	Prof Joyce Hill	Talks about Candlemas
Sunday 8 th February 2.00pm	Keith Smith	Rural Homelessness

Lectures are held at Holy Trinity Church, Kirkby Road, Ripon HG4 2EY except for 31st January which will be held at Thorpe Prebend House, High St Agnesgate, Ripon HG4 1QR.

Thursdays (most Thursdays – see the monthly events schedule) **1.00pm Lunchtime Concert in the Quire (free).**

Further Information

For further information on any of the events and services listed or for general information, please contact us on:

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Tel: 01765 603462 (Office) 01765 602072 (Chapter House)

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