Inviting everyone to discover God’s love through our welcome, worship, learning and work

Updates for worship

We are delighted that we are now able to welcome back worshippers and visitors to the Minster, in line with Government and Church of England guidelines. Details of opening hours and safety measures are available on the York Minster website.

Our priority is to enable everyone to keep safe as we return to worship and to adhere to the social distancing guidelines currently in force. Reservations will be needed for the following Sunday services only:

- 10.00 am Matins (Quire);
- 11.00am Eucharist (Nave);
- 4.00pm Evensong (Nave)

Tickets can be booked 8 days in advance, online through www.yorkminster.org or by phone on (01904) 557200 (9.00am to 3.00pm daily).

We will continue to meet on zoom for the foreseeable future, to enable those who cannot yet join us in the Minster to worship together, and we live stream two services on Sunday. There are more details further on in this notice sheet.
Worship on 2nd Sunday of Advent

Worship in the Minster

8.00 am **BCP Holy Communion**

10.00 am **Choral Matins** *Ps. 80; Zeph 3. 14-end; Luke 1. 5-20*

11.00 am **Sung Eucharist, livestreamed** *Isa. 40. 1-11; Mark 1. 1-8*

4.00 pm **Candlelit Choral Evensong, livestreamed** *Ps. 40. 1-10; Rom. 15. 4-13*

To join live streamed services online go to [https://www.youtube.com/user/yorkminsteruk](https://www.youtube.com/user/yorkminsteruk)

**Zoom Worship**

10.00 am **Holy Communion** 4.00 pm **Evening Prayer**

For details of zoom worship please email the Revd Catriona Cumming at succentor@yorkminster.org

**Weekly pattern of worship in the Minster**

**Monday–Saturday**

Monday–Saturday 7.30 am: **Morning Prayer followed by the Eucharist**

Monday 5.30 pm: **Evening Prayer**

Tuesday–Saturday 5.30 pm: **Choral Evensong**
**Midweek Midday Holy Communion**

During this season of Advent, on Wednesday 9, 16 and 23 December, there will be a simple said service of Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel at 12 noon. As we are unable to give out service books we will be using the Common Worship rite as this is now well known by many. The service will last for up to half an hour. All are welcome.

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**Weekday Zoom Worship**

*Monday–Friday*

8.00 am: **Morning Prayer** said by members of the Minster Community
5.00 pm: **Evening Prayer**

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**Minster Notices**

*Timo Little RIP - Learning Officer York Minster 1994 – 2020*

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of Timo’s death recently. He had a massive influence on many including our volunteers, particularly our guides. His knowledge about York Minster was immense and his abilities as a teacher of our younger visitors and of new guides were exceptional.

Timo’s funeral is at the Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Road, York YO10 5AJ on Tuesday 8 December at 10.30am. Due to Covid 19 regulations only a small number of invited people will be able to enter the chapel but the service will be relayed to loudspeakers for any who gather outside. If you are coming please wrap up well and bring an umbrella.

If you would like to make a donation in thanksgiving for Timo’s life, his family suggest that you support York Minster. Donations can be made online https://yorkminster.org/get-involved/donate/.

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**Teatime Parables**

Join me with your afternoon cuppa for a look and a chat about some of the parables of Jesus. Lasting no longer than 45 minutes each Wednesday afternoon at 4.00 pm (for 6 weeks) this is an opportunity to talk with others about the meaning of some of Jesus’ much loved stories and what they have to say to us today.

This week’s parable is Matt. 18. 21-35.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83497052586?pwd=R3ZwWDh5WWtzOUtXMzFHTGl1RSdz09
**Advent Webinar Series from York Minster**

**Apocalypse Now (and then): Stories from the Great East Window** Spectacular stained glass panels contained within the Minster’s Great East Window will be the focus of a new webinar series of Advent Reflections to be hosted in November and December.

Four outstanding speakers each take one panel of the medieval window to explore the traditional Advent themes of Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – known as The Four Last Things – challenging contemporary views of the Advent and Christmas season.

In its history, York has known turbulent times. Not long after plague ravaged the city, John Thornton began his work on the Great East Window, depicting its themes of creation and apocalypse in exquisite stained glass.

Our speakers reflect on the theology depicted in the Great East Window – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – themes which resonate as much today as they did when this window was made.

Broadcast live via webinar across four weeks, each speaker will give a short presentation, followed by discussion and Q&A online. The remaining dates and speakers are:

**Heaven:**
Thursday 10 December at 7.30pm Dr Paula Gooder.

**Hell:**
Thursday 17 December at 3pm
The Bishop of Hull, the Right Reverend Alison White.

Follow the link below to register your attendance and to receive the webinar zoom link. [https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/webinar-events-for-advent-apocalypse-now-and-then/](https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/webinar-events-for-advent-apocalypse-now-and-then/)

**HRH The Prince of Wales announced as patron for York Minster Fund**

The Trustees of York Minster Fund this week announced that HRH The Prince of Wales, has agreed to be the Patron of York Minster Fund.
Founded in 1967, York Minster Fund operates as the lead fundraising body for the
Chapter of York and York Minster. It looks to support the Chapter in all its
endeavours, especially in the maintenance and restoration of York Minster.

At present The Fund supports 5 major areas of activities:

A 10 year project to restore the Minster’s South Quire including St Cuthbert’s
Windows

A 20 year project to fit protective glazing to all the Minster’s medieval windows,
delivered in partnership with York Glaziers Trust

The restoration of the York Minster Grand Organ

The maintenance of restoration skills through apprenticeship programmes with both
the Minster’s Stonemason’s Yard and York Glaziers Trust

The introduction of new technologies in a heritage context through the Fund’s R&D
project.

Looking forward, YMF will continue to support the Minster as it recovers from the
financial shock of the Covid 19 crisis.

Commenting on the announcement, Richard Shaw, Chair of YMF Trustees said: “For
over 50 years, York Minster Fund has supported the work of the Chapter of York. We
are thankful now for the far sightedness of our founding trustees because it has
enabled us to continue to support the Minster’s dedicated and skilled staff in their
restoration and preservation projects in spite of the unprecedented loss of income
caused by the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

“We are delighted that HRH The Prince of Wales has agreed to support us in our
work to restore the magnificence of the Minster, to maintain the skills which
preserve it, and to develop the facilities and skills needed by future generations”.

Dean Jonathan said: “York Minster is a treasure at the heart of York, Yorkshire and
the North. It stands as a symbol of continuity, faith and witness. Every time I enter
the Minster, I have a strong sense, both joyful and overwhelming, of responsibility to
hand on this great gift to future generations.

“York Minster Fund has been a valued partner, and friend to the Minster down the
years and especially through the recent pandemic crisis. I am delighted that HRH The
Prince of Wales, has graciously agreed to be our Patron and I look forward to
welcoming him back to a place he knows well. I know that the York Minster Fund
team and its vast company of supporters, will be delighted by this news.”
Community Action

Refugee Action York Appeal for winter clothing
Clothing is requested for Asylum Seekers and Refugees seeking sanctuary in York. They are looking to help young males aged 18–30 and ask for age appropriate clothing at this time.

(The storage space they have is not able to take women’s or children’s clothes at the moment). The priority will be socks, gloves, hats, scarves, overcoats, parkas, jumpers, and sturdy mens shoes.

If you are able to help please contact paul@yorkcos.org.uk or text 07745 380987 after 2 December and Paul can then find the nearest delivery point or arrange collection.

Laptops for school children
Rachel and Jeff Barber are still looking for redundant laptops. Please contact Rachel Barber via rachel.barber.york@gmail.com if you think you can help.

Community News

Sunday School
The younger group are meeting virtually, and resources are available at the moment for that group too.