



RIPON
CATHEDRAL

We wish to appoint a

Education Officer
0.5 FTE

An introduction from the Dean

Thank you for showing interest in our exciting Education Officer role at Ripon Cathedral.

We have an appealing vision to serve the people and communities of this region by carrying on Christ's mission of growing God's kingdom. We call our vision, *Growing God's Kingdom*. Revised in 2022, this is bearing fruit by delivering encouraging progress in the key areas of mission.

Set within the Anglican Diocese of Leeds, Ripon Cathedral, with its sister cathedrals in Bradford and Wakefield, is a seat for the Bishop of Leeds and a mother church for this richly diverse region.

At home in our vast and beautiful rural hinterland, we are here for all, whether Christian or not, whether sharing a religious faith or not. Believing that Christ longs for fullness of life for everyone, we strive to help make this a reality for all who become a part of Ripon Cathedral.

We have enjoyed remarkable development and growth over the last decade. This has included the appointment of an Education Officer who, since 2020, has developed a strong team of volunteers, a suite of education packages and a network of contacts with schools across the region.

Upon the retirement of the present Education Officer, we are looking to reappoint to this role to drive further development. It is central to our growth ambitions.

We are looking for someone who is creative, focussed and wants to make a big impact. This is an opportunity to join the growing and friendly team at Ripon Cathedral.

If you think this might be for you, I can assure you that Ripon is a wonderful small city in which to live and work. It is set at the heart of one of the most beautiful regions of this country with the blessing of a delightful Cathedral building and strong community.

Dean John





History of the Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral has a history stretching back almost fourteen centuries. Throughout this time it has offered an unbroken tradition of witness to the Christian faith, both in the city of Ripon and across the region.

The original church building was built by St. Wilfrid and dedicated to St Peter in 672 AD. Remarkably, the crypt of Wilfrid's magnificent stone basilica has survived to the present day as the oldest built fabric of all England's cathedrals.

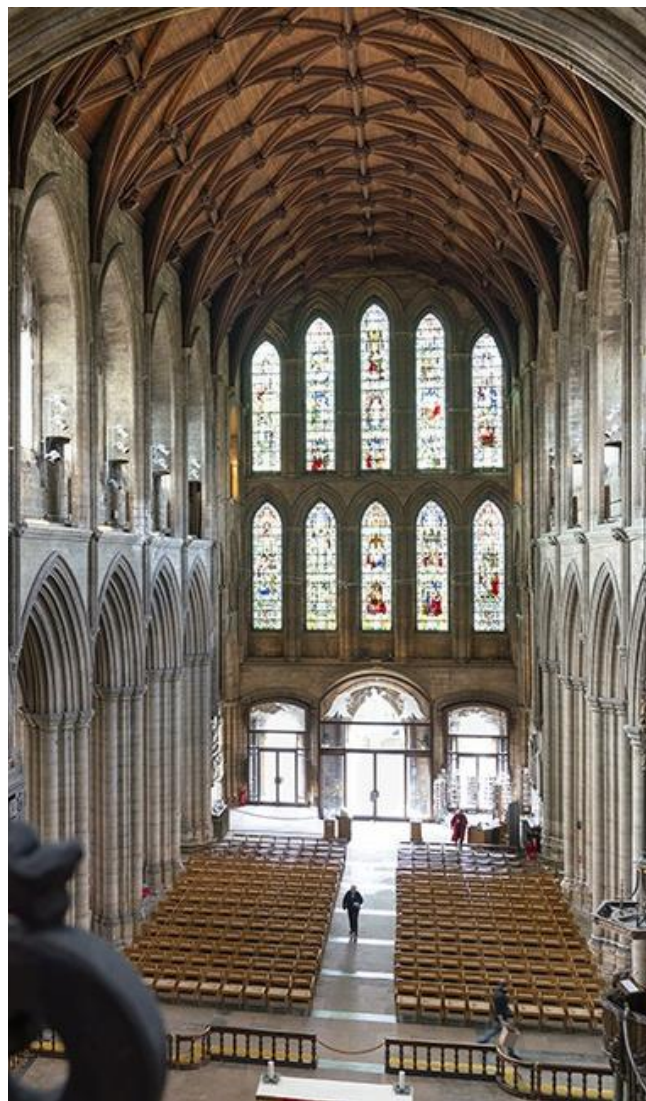
The collegiate minster became a cathedral with Dean and Chapter in 1836, with the creation of the Diocese of Ripon, the first new diocese in the Church of England after the Reformation. The cathedral has always served its own parish, and continues to do so following the implementation of the 2021 Cathedrals Measure. It also has its own wider benefice, containing a total of four parishes and eight centres of worship.

The cathedral offers at least three acts of worship every day of the year: morning prayer, evening prayer or evensong, and the Eucharist. Daily worship attracts over 50 people in a usual week. The Sunday Sung Eucharist is regularly attended by over 200 people and over 80 attend the BCP services on a usual Sunday, including evensong.

The Education Officer

This half-time, paid role is supported by a team of approximately 20 education volunteers, the majority of whom are retired teachers. They act as teaching assistants when schools visit. Some have used their expertise in a particular curriculum area to devise new learning packages to add to our suite. The Education Officer also works closely with our Children and Families Officer to to devise and deliver our informal offer.

The Education Officer is line managed by the cathedral's Canon Chancellor.



The Mission of Ripon Cathedral

Ripon Cathedral, with those of Bradford and Wakefield, is one of three cathedrals within the Anglican Diocese of Leeds. In serving the whole Diocese of Leeds, the cathedral serves a population of approximately 2.5 million people across a vast region. This includes the majority of West Yorkshire and the western part of North Yorkshire. The cathedral's influence also stretches across diocesan boundaries, especially in North Yorkshire where it is regarded as the cathedral serving North Yorkshire Council.

The cathedral includes the crypt of St. Wilfrid's original 7th-century Anglo-Saxon church, reflecting the long-standing mission in this place which continues to be offered in the 21st century. As a centre of Christian worship, prayer, witness, pilgrimage and culture, the cathedral's community seeks to be a growing, inclusive Christian church which furthers God's kingdom on earth by serving people of all faiths and none. The cathedral is a centre of considerable historic, architectural and archaeological importance. It is governed by the Chapter, chaired by the Dean, who leads and presides over the whole life and mission of the cathedral.

Strategic Vision – Key Priorities

The Chapter's key strategic priorities for 2022 to 2027 are set out in *Growing God's Kingdom 2022*.

The five broad areas of mission are:

- growing the worshipping community;
- being a mother church of the diocese and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom to the region;
- promoting, developing and conserving our spiritual and built heritage;
- responding to human need in loving partnership;
- striving to safeguard the integrity of creation - Carbon Net Zero.

A year in the life of the cathedral in numbers (2024)

104,144
visitors



3,192
attending
Christmas
worship



19
visiting choirs



3,428
pipes in the
organ



86.3m
– length of
cathedral from
end to end



481
on electoral roll

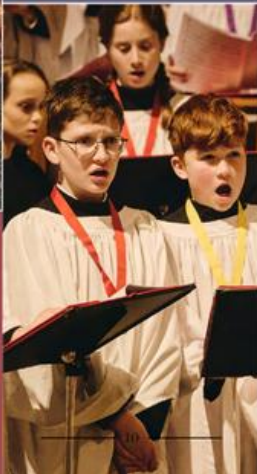
Over
19,000
event attendees



10,680
– number of
steps walked by
the Head Verger
on an average
Sunday



11,500
hours of choral
singing a year



15,200
chairs moved

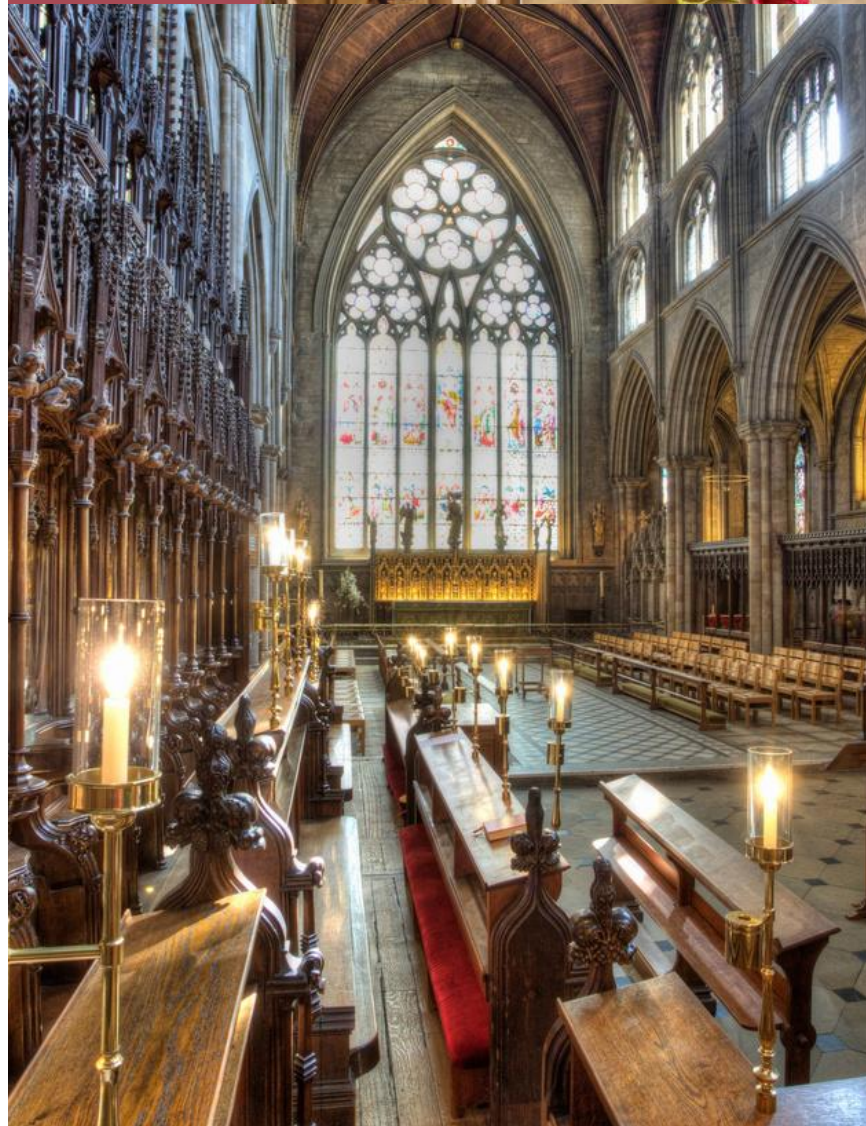


57,000
candles used



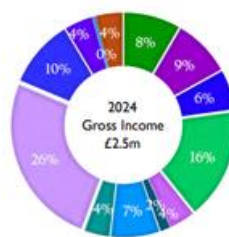
3,500
children on
education visits

Nearly 400
volunteer roles
filled by
230
individuals



Financial summary 2024

INCOME



- Donations
- Congregational Giving
- Legacies
- Grants
- Facility Fees
- Fees in Course of Mission
- Trading & Fundraising
- Property
- Investments
- RCDC
- RCMT
- Friends of Ripon Cathedral
- Other

EXPENDITURE



- Shop, Communications & Marketing, Fundraising
- Ministry
- Insurance
- Utilities
- Music
- Cathedral & Precincts repair/maintenance
- Education and outreach
- Other
- Depreciation

FUNDS



- Unrestricted
- Restricted
- Endowment

Benefits

Salary: £27,300 (pro rata) (£14,044 0.5 FTE)

The Cathedral offers a generous holiday allowance of 28 days plus bank holidays pro rata per year (14 days for this 0.5 FTE post).

We offer a contributory pension scheme.

Staff benefit from 10% off cards and gifts in the cathedral shop.

Recruitment process

If this sounds like the type of role and charity that could suit the next phase of your career, then please get in touch. For an informal discussion, please contact GovernanceOfficer@riponcathedral.org.uk to arrange a time.

Timetable

The closing date for applications is midnight on **Sunday 19th July 2026**.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an assessment day on **Friday 31st July 2026**. The assessment will allow you to showcase your wide range of skills. As well as an interview and presentation, you will be asked to deliver an observed workshop (theme and materials supplied) to a group of children .

Applications

Please read the job description and person specification carefully and tell us how your experience and skills meet the requirements.. Applications should be submitted on the form provided and emailed to GovernanceOfficer@riponcathedral.org.uk by midnight on **Sunday 19th July 2026**.

This role will require an Enhanced DBS check.

Thank you for your interest!



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