



ESGOBAETH LLANELWY

DIOCESE OF ST ASAPH

‘A'r mwyaf o'r rhain yw cariad...’

‘And the greatest of these is love...’

Ysgol y Clerigwyr

Clergy School

15–18 September 2025

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Croeso/Welcome

Annwyl ffrindiau

Pleser gennyf ysgrifennu atoch wrth i chi ymgynnull ar gyfer Ysgol y Clerigwyr yng Ngwesty Radisson, Efrog. Mae preswyllo gyda'n gilydd, rhannu'r Cymun a gweddi ddyddiol, cyd fwyta, a mwynhau cwmni ein gilydd, fel y rhai sy'n rhannu yng ngofal eneidiau o fewn Teulu Asaph, yn ffyrdd sicr i'n clymu at ein gilydd mewn cwmniäeth, ac i ddatgelu dealltwriaeth gyffredin o sut mae Duw yn llunio ein teulu. Fe all ac fe ddylai fod yn heriol, yn ysbrydoledig ac yn hwyl.

Rydw I'n hynod ddiolchgar i'r rhai sydd wedi gweithio'n galed i drefnu'r gynhadledd hon, ac sydd wedi gwneud cymaint i sicrhau bod popeth yn rhedeg yn hwylus.

Boed i Dduw fendithio ein hamser gyda'n gilydd.

+Gregory

Dear friends

I am pleased to be able to write to you as you gather for the Clergy School at the Radisson Hotel in York. Being residential together, sharing the Eucharist and daily prayers, eating meals, and enjoying each other's company, as those who share in the cure of souls in the Teulu Asaph, are sure ways to bind us together in the cords of fellowship, and to uncover a common understanding of how God is shaping our family. It can and should be challenging, inspirational and fun.

I am enormously grateful to all those who have worked hard to organise this conference, and who have done so much to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

May God bless our time together.

+Gregory

Schedule

Monday 15 September

Living in Love | John 10.10

Time	Event	Venue
3:00 pm	Arrive, Registration and Room Check-In	Reception
	Tea and Coffee	Regatta Suite
3:30 pm	Welcome, Scene Setting and Group Covenant	Henley Suite
5:00 pm	Evening Prayer and Bible Study led by Sr Gemma Simmonds	All Saints, North Street
5:30 pm	Comfort Break	
5:45 pm	Keynote 1 – <i>Life in All Its Fullness</i> led by Miriam Kearney and students from Manor Academy	Henley Suite
7:00 pm	Buffet Dinner	Restaurant
9:00 pm	Sung Compline (optional)	All Saints, North Street

Tuesday 16 September

Leading in Love | John 11.1-27

Time	Event	Venue
7:30 am	Early Prayers (optional)	Prayer Room
8:00 am	Breakfast	Restaurant
9:00 am	Morning Prayer and Bible Study	All Saints, North Street
10:00 am	Keynote 2 – <i>Leading Ministry and Mission in 21st Century Wales</i> led by Manon James	Henley Suite
11:00 am	Coffee and Comfort Break	Regatta Suite
11:30 am	Stories from the Diocese and Discussions on <i>What is life-giving in your ministry?</i>	Henley Suite
1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	Restaurant
2:30 pm	Eucharist and Sermon led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell	York Minster – Lady Chapel
3:30 pm	Free Time Path of Pilgrimage / Guided Tour (optional)	York Minster
5.30 pm	Sound Bath (optional)	All Saints, North Street
7:30 pm	Formal Dinner with after-dinner speaker Bishop Dorrien Davies	Henley Suite
10:00 pm	Compline (optional)	Prayer Room

Wednesday 17 September

Serving in Love | Luke 4.16-21

Time	Event	Venue
7:30 am	Early Prayers (optional)	Prayer Room
8:00 am	Breakfast	Restaurant
9:00 am	Morning Prayer and Bible Study (Cymraeg)	All Saints, North Street
10:00 am	Keynote 3 – <i>Reconciling Mission</i> led by Alastair McKay	Henley Suite
10:45 am	Coffee and Comfort Break	Regatta Suite
11:00 am	Workshop: 3 Missional Economies led by Alastair McKay	Henley Suite
12:00 pm	Plenary Panel and Question Time with Bishop Gregory	Henley Suite
1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	Restaurant
2:00 pm	Free Time	
3.30 pm	Contemporary Eucharist	De Grey Rooms
4.30 pm	Free Time	
5:00 pm	Tour of Bar Convent guided by Sr Gemma Simmonds (optional)	
7:00 pm	Informal Dinner and After-Dinner Quiz	Henley Suite
10:00 pm	Compline (optional)	Prayer Room

Thursday 18 September

Going out in Love | Luke 10.1-12

Time	Event	Venue
7:30 am	Early Prayers (optional)	Prayer Room
8:00 am	Breakfast and Check-Out	Restaurant / Reception
9:30 am	Morning Prayer and Bible Study	All Saints, North Street
10:00 am	Final Thoughts and Thanks	All Saints, North Street
11:10 am	Eucharist	York Minster, Lady Chapel
1/1.30 pm	Depart	Collect any luggage from the storeroom

Keynote Speakers and Guests

Stephen Cottrell



Stephen is the 98th Archbishop of York. After working briefly in the film industry and hospice care, he trained for ministry at St Stephen's House, Oxford, and was ordained at 25. He served in parishes in London and Chichester, held roles in theological education and evangelism, and became Bishop of Reading in 2004, then Bishop of Chelmsford in 2010. Appointed Archbishop of York in 2020, he is a prolific author, passionate about poetry, pilgrimage, and mission. He has walked the Camino de Santiago twice and co-authored the Church of England's Pilgrim course.

Dorrien Davies

Dorrien Davies trained for ministry at St Michael's College, Llandaff, and was ordained priest in 1989. After a curacy in Llanelli, he became Vicar of Llanfihangel Ystrad Aeron while earning a degree from the University of Wales, Lampeter. He served as Vicar of St Dogmael's from 1999 to 2010, became a Canon of St Davids Cathedral in 2007, and later Canon Residentiary. In 2017, he was appointed Archdeacon of Carmarthen and priest-in-charge of St Clears. He was elected the 130th Bishop of St Davids in October 2023 and consecrated in January 2024.



Manon James



Manon James was born in Glanamman and raised in Nefyn on the Llŷn Peninsula. She studied Humanities at the University of South Wales and trained for ordained ministry at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Ordained in 1994, she has served in parish ministry and held various leadership roles in ministerial and discipleship training within the Church in Wales since 2005. She holds a PhD from the University of Birmingham and has published both academic and poetic works, including *Notes from a Eucharistic Life*. Manon was recently appointed as Dean of Bangor Cathedral in July 2025.

Miriam Kearney

Miriam Kearney is the Lay Chaplain at Manor CE Academy, where she plays a central role in supporting the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of the school community. Based full-time on campus, she offers one-to-one support for students and staff, leads prayer gatherings, and co-ordinates Collective Worship alongside the senior leadership team. Miriam also contributes to the PSHE curriculum and runs various student clubs. Her work fosters an inclusive environment for reflection, faith exploration, and personal growth, aligning with the school's vision of serving others, growing together, and living life to the full.

Alastair McKay



Alastair is an Anglican priest and author who is the director of Reconciliation Initiatives. Previously, Alastair co-founded and directed Bridge Builders for 20 years until ordination in 2015. He developed the vision for the Reconciling Mission programme from 2015 and founded Reconciliation Initiatives in 2017. He is the author of *Bridgebuilding: Making Peace with Conflict in the Church* (Canterbury Press, 2019) and co-author of *Reconciling Mission: Realizing God's Reign through Community Engagement* (Bloomsbury, forthcoming). Alastair is

passionate about practically equipping Christian leaders and churches to play their part in contributing to God's reconciling work in the world

Gemma Simmonds

Gemma is an ecumenical canon in the Diocese of St Asaph and director of the Religious Life Institute at the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge. A theologian, broadcaster and author, she has taught and researched widely in Christian spirituality and religious life. Her global work includes chaplaincy, prison ministry, and missionary service in Brazil. Gemma's recent award-winning book *God's Call Is Everywhere* explores contemporary women's vocations. She collaborates internationally on safeguarding, sustainability, and inner-city ministry research, and is a trustee of the Community of St Anselm at Lambeth Palace.



The Other Venues

During our stay, we will also be visiting several historic and inspiring venues across York. Each location has been chosen to enrich our time together through worship, reflection and fellowship.

York Minster, Deansgate, YO1 7HH



One of the largest Gothic cathedrals in Northern Europe, York Minster is a stunning and historic site at the heart of the city. It serves as the seat of the Archbishop of York and is renowned for its medieval stained glass, soaring architecture and spiritual significance. The Lady Chapel, where our Eucharist will be held, offers a beautiful and contemplative space for worship.

All Saints, North Street, YO1 6JD



Often described as York's finest medieval parish church, All Saints dates back to the 11th century and features an exceptional collection of medieval stained glass. Tucked away near the River Ouse, it offers a peaceful and intimate setting for prayer and reflection, making it ideal for our morning worship sessions. Bishop Glyn Webster will be there to welcome us.

De Grey Rooms, St Leonard's Place, YO1 7HE



Located near York Minster, the De Grey Rooms are a fine example of early Victorian architecture. Originally built in the 1840s as a mess and ballroom for the Yorkshire Hussars, the venue now hosts a variety of events. Its elegant interior and spacious layout make it a fitting location for our Contemporary Eucharist and musical elements of the conference.

Getting to the Conference

Address: The Radisson Hotel,
North Street, York, YO1 6JF.

Website:

www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-hotel-york



By Road

North Wales to Cheshire

- Drive on the A55, eastbound towards Chester and continue onto **A494**, following signs for **Queensferry / Manchester / M56**.
- Stay on A494 for **6.8 miles**.

Cheshire to Greater Manchester

- Merge onto **M56 East**, signposted **Runcorn / Airport / Warrington / Manchester**.
- Drive **19.8 miles** on M56.
- At **Junction 9**, take the **left lane** for **M6 North** towards **Preston / Leeds**.
- Use the **right lane** to join **M6 North**.
- After **5.5 miles**, exit at **Junction 21A** for **M62 East**.

M62 to M1

- Join **M62 East** and drive **8.7 miles**.
- At **Junction 12**, use the **left 2 lanes** to merge onto **M60** towards **Leeds / Bolton / Ring Road**.
- Continue on M60 for **7.3 miles**, then rejoin **M62 East**.
- Stay on M62 for **32.8 miles**, keeping to the **right lanes** as needed.
- At **Junction 29**, use the **left 2 lanes** to merge onto **M1 North** towards **Leeds / Wakefield**.
- Drive **9.2 miles** on M1, then continue onto **A1(M)**.

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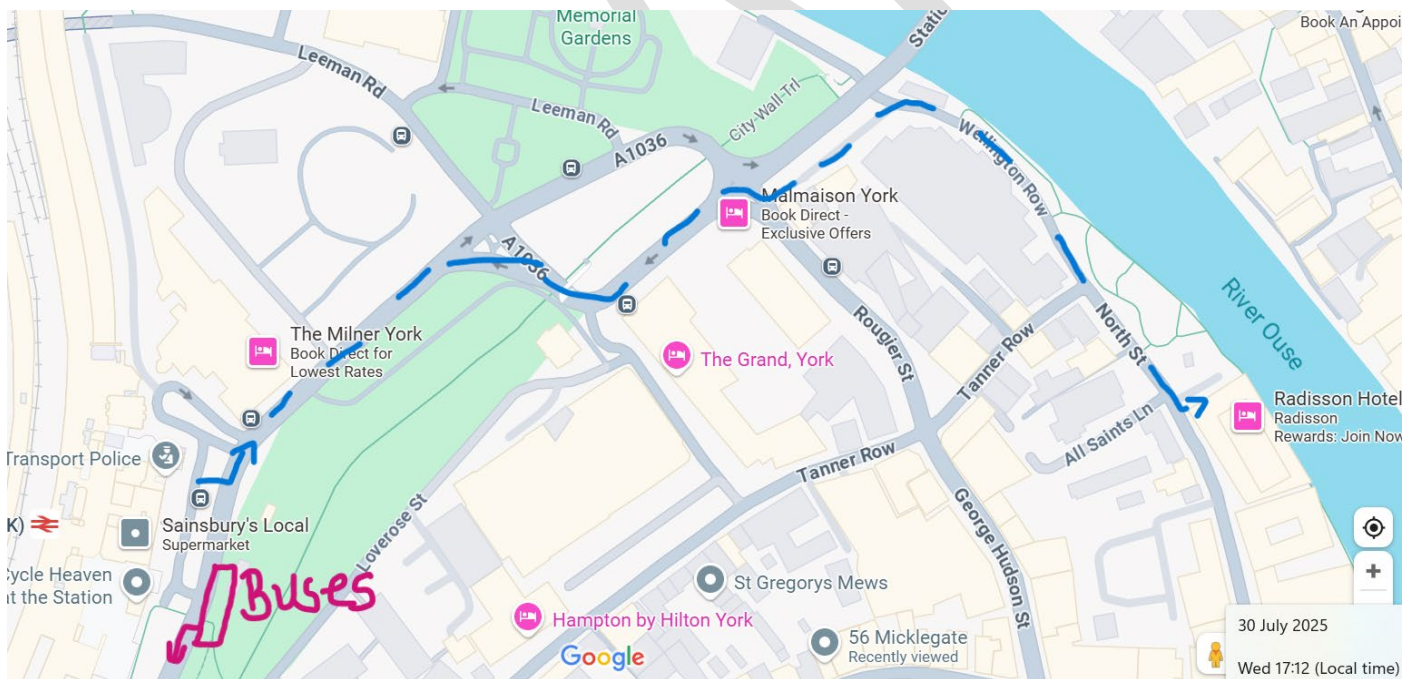
- At **Junction 44**, take the **A64 exit** towards **York**.
- Continue on **A64 East** for **12.3 miles**.

Approaching York City Centre

- Take the **A19 exit** towards **Selby / York (SE)**.
- At **Fulford Interchange**, take the **1st exit** onto **A19 North**.
- Drive **1.6 miles**, continuing onto **Fishergate**.
- Stay straight onto **Fishergate/A1036**, then **slight right** onto **Tower Street**.
- Turn **right** onto **Tower Street/A1036**, then **keep left** to continue on **Tower Street/B1227**.
- Continue onto **Clifford Street**, then **Low Ousegate/B1227**.
- Turn **right** onto **North Street**.
- Make a final **right turn**—**Radisson Hotel York** will be on your **right-hand side**.

By Rail

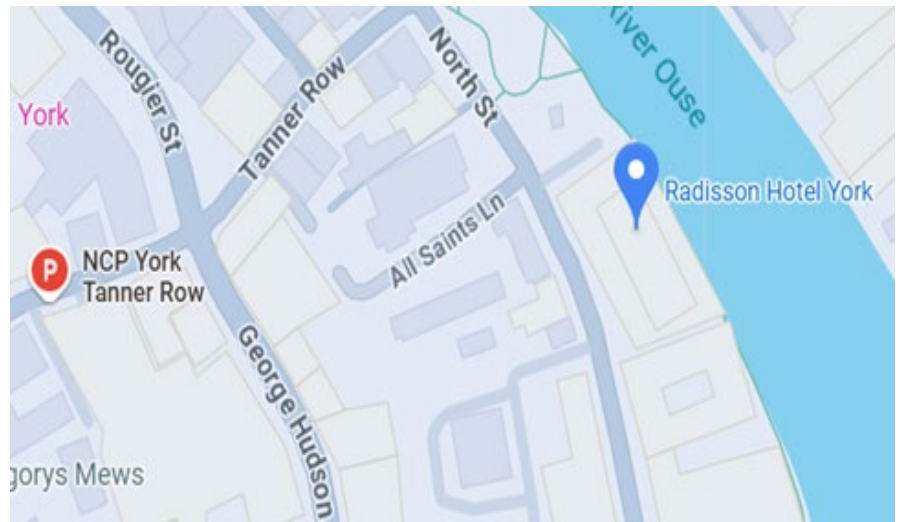
The closest station is **York Station, Station Road, York, YO24 1AB** and it is an easy 10-minute walk to the hotel (route shown in blue on the map). There is a taxi rank outside the station. If you wish to get the bus from the train station, take numbers 3, 4 or 16 (cross the road outside the station to the bus stops, shown in red) to the Micklegate bus stop. The hotel is then just a few steps away on North Street.



Parking

The Radisson Hotel only has space for 50 cars, so we strongly recommend car sharing where possible. The fee for the Radisson car park is £20 per 24 hours.

If parking is not available at the hotel, try the **NCP York, Tanner Row, YO1 6JL**.



This multistorey car park is just a **3-minute walk** from the hotel. While its 24-hour fee is higher than the hotel's car park, the hotel offers a voucher on request at check-out to match the hotel's parking rate.

Arrival and Departure

Arrival and Check-In

Check-in begins at 3:00 pm on Monday, 15 September, at the hotel reception. Look for the dedicated desk for our group, where Diocesan staff will be ready to welcome you and assist with the process. You'll receive your name badge and room key, and can access your room from this time.

Please ensure you are there in good time for the session to start promptly at 3.30 pm.

Departure and Check-Out

Please check out by **9:00 am on Thursday, 18 September**. If needed, the hotel provides a bag store where you can leave your luggage. The event will conclude with a Eucharist service at York Minster, which is expected to finish by 1:00–1:30 pm, after which you are free to depart.

Don't forget to ask for a parking voucher if you have parked at the NCP on Tanner Row.

Facilities

Accommodation

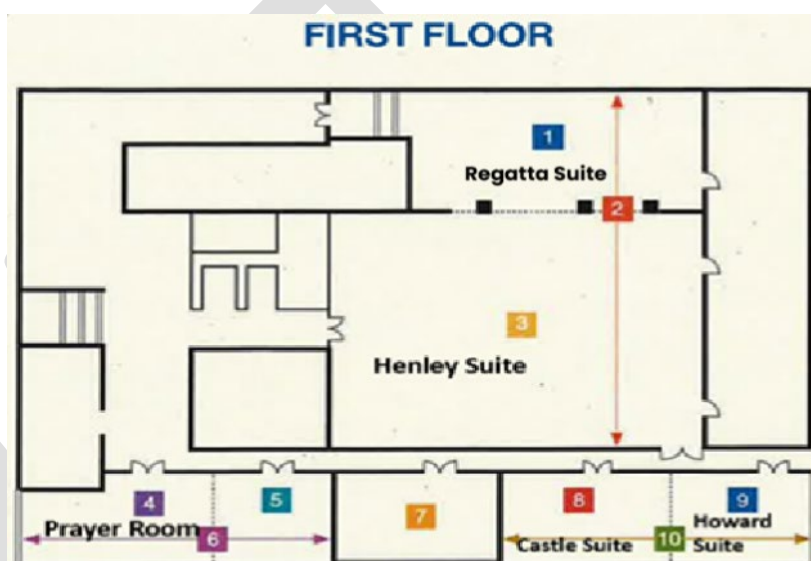
The standard rooms are comfortable and feature a rain shower, free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, and a flat-screen TV, USB ports, a work desk, a hairdryer, coffee and tea facilities, and an in-room safe. Accessible or larger rooms have been reserved for those who need them.

Our main conference room is the **Henley Suite**, located on the first floor, where all keynote sessions will take place. The hotel has a gym which is open daily from 7 am-10 pm, and there is no additional charge for using this facility.

Conference Area

The Ridings Room, located just across the hall from our main conference room, will serve as our **dedicated Prayer Room**.

The Prayer Room will be open daily from 7:30 am for early prayers until shortly after 10:00 pm for compline. Attendance at these services is optional.



Food and Drink

Meals will primarily be served in the Restaurant; any exceptions are shown on the schedule. The bar will be open in the main function room (Henley Suite) for evening meals served in this room. Breakfast and lunch will be served buffet-style, with clear labels on all dishes for guests with dietary requirements or allergies.

Please note: charges should not be added to your room, any additions should be paid for yourself at the time of purchase.

Wi-Fi

To connect to the Wi-Fi in the meeting suites, please use the password: **RadissonEvents**.

You should be able to access the guest wi-fi from your rooms without a password.

Useful Information

What to Bring

To help you prepare for the conference, here are a few items you may wish to bring:

- **Your diocesan ID badge** – this will be needed to enter York Minster.
- **A pebble** – this is to be used at our first Evening Prayer. The pebble will represent laying down the burdens we are carrying and will be left behind.
- **Clergy robes** – only if you are participating in specific services.
- **Notebook and pen** – for reflections, workshops and personal notes.
- **Any necessary tech accessories** – Wi-Fi is available at the hotel.

Dress Code

The dress code for the conference is smart casual; clerical dress is not required, unless you are participating in a service. You may wish to bring more formal dress to wear for Tuesday's Formal Dinner.

Chaplaincy

Our chaplain for the conference, Sister Gemma Simmonds, will be available throughout the event for prayer and pastoral support. You're welcome to approach her informally at any time or arrange to meet her in the Prayer Room for a more private conversation.

Expenses

You will be able to claim back travelling and parking fees on your expenses claim form, but this will be limited to one car per Mission Area.

Accessibility Information

All venues offer lift or ramp access to key areas. Taxi transport will be arranged for guests with mobility needs between venues. Please note that walking is still required, especially within larger spaces such as York Minster. If this may be difficult for you, please contact us in advance.

A hearing loop will be available at the hotel, and York Minster has induction loops in parts of the building. All Saints does not currently offer this facility. .

Taxis

For those who have said they are unable to walk long distances a taxi will be arranged to take you from the hotel to the York Minster and De Grey Rooms. As there is free time afterwards you will need to arrange your own travel back to the hotel.

Here are some local taxi companies you can contact:

- York Cars – 01904 765765
- Streamline Taxis – 01904 656565 – [Streamline Taxis York](#)
- Fleetways Taxis – 01904 365365
- Uber is also available – [Ride with Uber | Request Rides 24/7 | Official Uber Site](#)

Free Time

There will be free time on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The following are optional activities and sessions for those who wish to take part/attend:

Prayerful Craft Packs are available for anyone who would like to engage in a quiet, creative activity. These packs can be taken away and completed in your own time and are available in the Prayer Room.

A Sound Bath session will take place on Tuesday, 5.30 pm, at All Saints Church.

Path of Pilgrimage or Guided Tour at the York Minster. A Path of Pilgrimage is a self-led tour using a booklet with prayers and reflections to guide you. Alternatively, you can join a guided tour. These take place on the hour.

Visit to Bar Convent to view the Book of Hours with Sr Gemma Simmonds. This will take place on Wednesday at 5:00pm. **Please note:** Bar Convent has limited accessibility for those with mobility issues.

Emergency Contact Information

For your peace of mind, here are some useful contact numbers during the conference:

- Radisson Hotel, York – 01904 459988 (ext 6)
- Olwen Lintern-Smyth – 07300 234625
- Karen Maurice – 07918 133420

Code of Conduct and Safeguarding Commitment

We are committed to ensuring that this conference is a safe, respectful and inclusive space for all. Delegates are expected to conduct themselves with integrity, kindness and professionalism.

If you have any concerns relating to safeguarding or personal wellbeing during the event, please speak to a member of the diocesan team. All concerns will be taken seriously and handled with discretion.

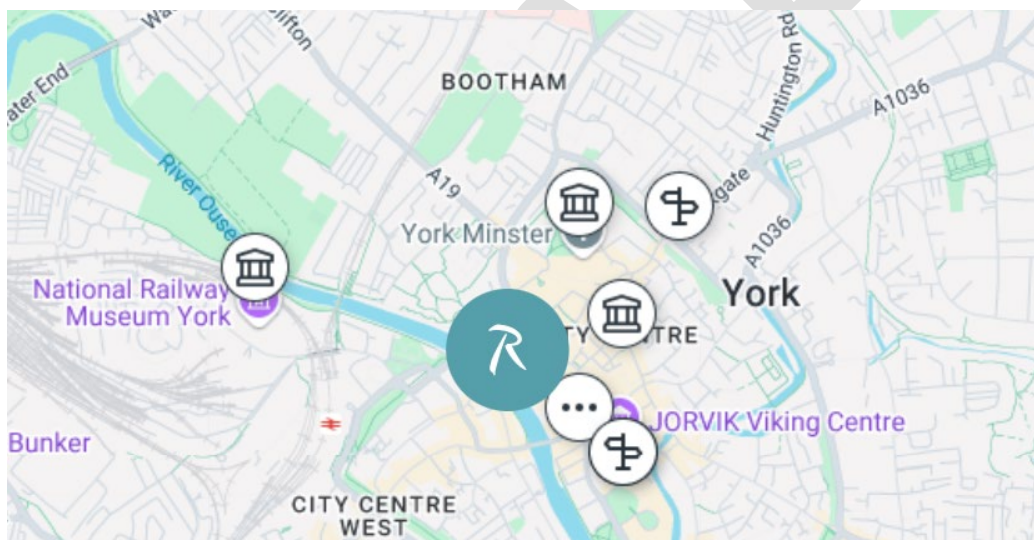
Exploring the Local Area

There's plenty to see and do nearby! Below are a few suggestions to help you get started.

Please note that opening times have not been verified, so we recommend checking in advance before visiting. Admission charges may apply at some attractions.

Walking times are estimated from the hotel using Google Maps.

- York Minster – 13 mins
- The Shambles – 9 mins
- St Olave's Church – 10 mins
- National Railway Museum – 13 mins
- York Castle Museum – 10 mins
- Clifford's Tower – 10 mins
- Betty's Tearoom – 9 mins
- Jorvik Viking Centre – 8 mins
- York Dungeons – 7 mins



**For more ideas
on places to visit
go to:**

www.visittheshambles.org

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