

York Minster has announced [special services and events](#) to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The Acting Dean of York, The Revd Canon Michael Smith said: “Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee gives the whole nation an opportunity to give thanks for the faithful witness and dedicated service of HM Queen Elizabeth II, a faithful disciple of Christ who has served her country for over 70 years.”

“The Queen represents so much of what is good about our nation. She embodies the values of strength, loyalty and service, which, along with her abiding faith, should inspire us all to live together in a spirit of equity, mutual care and respect.

“In all that we do at the Minster over the Jubilee weekend we will be giving thanks for our Queen’s reign and for all that she has contributed, and continues to contribute, to the life of our nation.”

#### **From Saturday 14 May (until end of 2022)**

##### **New exhibition “Majesty: Monarchy and York Minster**

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations commence with a new exhibition exploring York Minster’s ancient relationship with the monarchy. Starting with the coronation of King Edwin in a wooden church – the first York Minster – through to the distribution of The Royal Maundy money by HM The Queen in 2012, the exhibition includes items never before seen on public display including Great Seals used by monarchs to authenticate documents of state, a Bible signed by Elizabeth of York, wife of Henry VII, or possibly her granddaughter Queen Elizabeth I, Chinese silk gifted to Queen Victoria on her wedding day transformed into burses and veil for Holy Communion and footage from the Royal Wedding of Prince Edward, Duke of Kent to his Yorkshire bride, Katharine Worsley in York Minster in 1961. “

#### **Jubilee Day - Saturday 4 June**

##### **2pm - Lord Lieutenant and Archbishop of York’s Garden Party**

Around 600 invited guests from across the county will attend a garden party hosted by The Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Mrs Johanna Ropner and The Most Revd and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, in the Deanery Garden at York Minster. The event is being held to thank members of the community for their voluntary service and in particular, their contributions during the pandemic. “

Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York said: “As we mark the dedicated service of Her Majesty The Queen over the past 70 years, it’s fantastic to be able to gather together people who give freely of their time and talents to serve others, especially those who have done so much during the past two years. What they do week in, week out improves the lives of all our communities. Honouring their contribution feels like a good way of celebrating the service of HM The Queen to our nation.”

### **5pm – A Service of Celebration to mark the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen (Livestreamed)**

A special service with the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire and the Archbishop of York giving thanks for 70 years of dedicated service by HM The Queen. There will be special prayers, readings and celebratory music sung by the Choir of York Minster and the Archbishop of York will preach at the service. All are welcome and no booking is required.

### **7.30pm – Jubilee Gala Concert**

York Minster's associate choirs, The Ebor Singers and The Chapter House Choir will join the musicians of York Minster for a traditional jubilee celebration in the beautiful setting of the cathedral's Nave. Accompanied by the cathedral's spectacular, newly restored Grand Organ, the programme will feature popular coronation pieces, including Handel's Zadok the Priest, alongside music associated with the royal family and York Minster, including pieces by Francis Jackson and Philip Moore. Tickets priced between £12 and £18.50, with a concession price of £5 for under-27s, are available at [www.yorkminster.org](http://www.yorkminster.org);

### **Family activities over the Platinum Jubilee Central Weekend**

#### **Get crafty in Dean's Park**

**Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June, 10.00am – 3.00pm**

Visit our activity marquee in Dean's Park over the jubilee weekend. Take part in colouring activities or "Become a Royal" with a photo opportunity inspired by the cathedral's Kings' Screen. The activities are free of charge and available on a drop in basis, no need to book.

#### **Saturday Mornings at York Minster**

**Saturday 4 June at 10.00am**

Our popular drop in sessions for families return with a jubilee twist. The sessions run throughout the year and explore the seasons in the Christian calendar with a different interactive opportunity each time including craft workshops, sensory activities, music and worship.

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