

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 15th June
Sunday of All Saints
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 18th June
St. Jude, brother of the Lord
6.30pm Vespers & Paraklesis

Sunday 22nd June
All the Saints of the British Isles and Ireland
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

Saturday 28th June
3pm Infant Baptism

Sunday 29th June
Holy Apostles Peter & Paul
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

Sunday 6th July
Fourth of Matthew
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

Wednesday 9th July
Holy Forty-five Martyrs at Nicopolis
6.30pm Vespers & Paraklesis

Sunday 13th July
Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

Sunday 20th July
Sixth of Matthew & Righteous Prophet Elias
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

Sunday 27th July
Seventh of Matthew & St Panteleimon
9.30am Parish Matins
c.10.30am Divine Liturgy

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Church Giving

Thank you to all of you who give so generously to support the work of the parish in its liturgical, pastoral and charitable work. It would be very difficult to continue without your help.

We accept donations in cash or by card. If you give regularly please consider setting up a Direct Debit. It's a great help with our financial planning. If you are a UK tax payer you can help further by using Gift Aid to increase your donation at no further cost to you.

Please ask our Treasurer, Melissa Bryan, for details of Direct debits and Gift Aid

Your Prayers

Please pray that Fr Æthelwine makes a speedy and successful recovery from a heart operation and for his wife Sue for strength at this time.

Please pray also for Martin (Don) managing an incurable health condition.

Confessions:

To arrange a confession on Sunday please ask the *before* Sunday morning. The priest will usually be available during Matins.

The Chaplaincy Quiet Room can be used on weekdays for anyone needing a longer time for confession or spiritual/personal advice and guidance.

Speak to Fr. Michael about what is best for you.

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Parish Newsletter June-July 2025

Amazing News from Halifax

Some of you already know about the group of Evangelical Christians, led by their pastor, Doug Clark, who will be received into the Orthodox Church *en masse* in September, with the blessing of H.E. Met. Silouan. We, in York, are being asked to help in a couple of ways.

Firstly, Pastor Doug and a large number of his group will visit us on Sunday 29th June to see how we use a shared worship space, as they will be doing in Halifax, when they become the Orthodox Parish of St. Hilda. Please befriend them when they come because our other task will be to provide some of the godparents for all these new converts! Do consider volunteering for this important role. Baptisms will take place in Halifax on Saturday 6th September and we'll provide transport for everyone who would like to offer their services.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to perform Christian evangelism by aiding the work of the Holy Spirit at this event. Sayedna asks you all to consider volunteering for this. Please think seriously about it. Thank you.

Pilgrimages ! Pilgrimages!

And talking of St. Hilda, Fr. Dn Christopher is organising a parish pilgrimage to Hinderwell parish church, for a service and blessing of St. Hilda's Well. The proposed date is 19th July. We expect to organize a mini-bus from York - and there may even be time for a fish & chip tea in Whitby afterwards! Let Fr. Dn Christopher know if you are interested in going, and he'll give out fuller details soon.

The annual pilgrimage organised by our Doncaster parish to Crowland will take place on 5th July. We are not organising a formal party from York this year but anyone who wishes to go should get there by 11am for the Liturgy. Take a packed lunch, and afterwards there will be Vespers and veneration of St. Theodore's skull.

Longer term, the annual pilgrimage by the Scunthorpe parish to Hibaldstow will be on 20th September—fuller details nearer to the date.

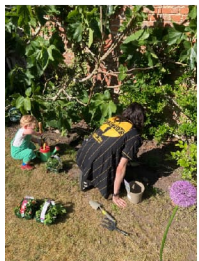
"Blossoming Bee-zantium"

We celebrated our patronal feast on 21st May and *World Bee Day* on 20th May together with our sister parish of SS. Constantine & Helena in Trikala, Thessaly (<https://www.ambelli.org/bee-zantium>), and other parishes in Europe and North America with Festal Vespers and Divine Liturgy. Led by Simon Davis and Sally Rollinson from YSJ Ground Staff we planted bee-friendly flower behind the chapel at York St. John University (*look for the bee stickers!*)



It was a lovely occasion, enjoyed by parishioners both young and old!

In the afternoon our students and children continued the planting at More House Student House in Heslington, followed by Vespers in the chapel.



Sayedna was particularly pleased with our efforts and sent me the following message.



The initiative to plant bee-friendly flowers, inspired by International Bee Day and accompanied by a blessing from the Euchologion, is a beautiful expression of Orthodox Christian stewardship of creation. How moving that the children and students were active participants in this endeavour, reminding us of the words of the Psalmist: "Out of the mouths of babes and infants, You have perfected praise" (Psalm 8:2)

We also venerated of an icon of the Mother of God of the Bees – a gift from our friends in Trikala!

Ascension in York Minster

A very big thank you to Dean Dominic & Fr. James and their staff at York Minster for enabling us to celebrate Divine Liturgy in the Zouche Chapel On Ascension Thursday, 29th May. We had a good attendance – forty-five adults and children – and many of them remarked to me what a joy it was to have a service in a building like the Minster where "*prayer has been valid*" for so many generations. The Zouche chapel itself seemed particularly numinous. The Dean has kindly invites us to return on future occasions. May Our Saviour bless them for their kind hospitality!

