



Welcome to Ripon Cathedral
 Dominating the Ripon skyline, this welcoming and atmospheric cathedral inspired Lewis Carroll, J.M.W. Turner, and Wilfred Owen. Today it continues to inspire and uplift visitors and worshippers alike.

Visitors have followed the Pilgrim Trail here for over 1350 years. They have enjoyed the peace and prayerful tranquillity of this beautiful place which has been at the heart of the community and Christian mission to Europe for centuries.

Whether you come to worship, enjoy a special event, listen to the wealth of music which takes place here, explore the ancient crypt, light a candle, or simply to enjoy the atmosphere and architecture and learn about the history of this ancient church, you are most welcome.






The Reredos
 Behind the High Altar in the quire, Sir Ninian Comper's remarkable reredos is the Cathedral's war memorial.

The statues represent kings, queens and saints associated with the North of England. Above them is an unusual statue of a beardless Christ with short hair.



The Crypt
 St Wilfrid built his amazing **Crypt** in 672AD, making it the oldest surviving Anglo-Saxon crypt in England!

Descend the steep steps to go back in time and experience this ancient chapel. Less than ten feet high and seven feet wide, the Crypt is one of England's very first stone churches and the oldest to have been in continuous use.





Misericords
 Of special interest and charm are the carved medieval misericords which decorate the choir stalls.

Among the wooden carvings can be found bagpipe-playing pigs, a mermaid, an elephant, and a monkey. There is also a griffin chasing rabbits down a hole, which is said to have inspired Lewis Carroll, whose father was a Canon here, to write *Alice in Wonderland*.



The Library and Treasury
 The Library was built above the Chapter House in the early 14th century. Today it houses the Cathedral's Treasury and the famous 7th Century Ripon Jewel and Anglo-Saxon stones.

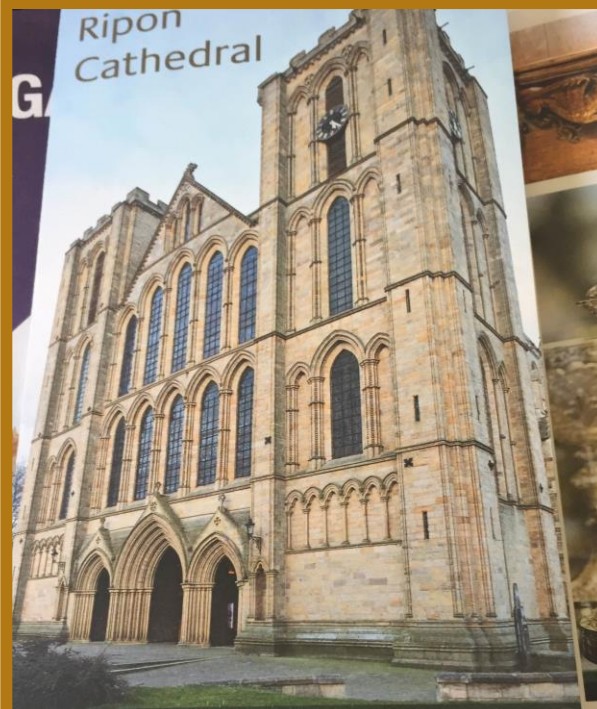
The Library also contains a collection of 'Long Gallery' portraits depicting Kings and Queens of the 15th and 16th centuries. These were probably painted during the reign of James I (1603-1625).

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RIPON - CATHEDRAL

Ripon , North Yorkshire

Ripon Cathedral is a beautiful, ancient church with a history reaching back to the 7th Century. It is a mother church for the Diocese of Leeds and home for the cathedra (throne) of the Bishop of Leeds. The Cathedral is an active, living Church with a community of Christians who seek to make worship a priority for life and to reach out in service to the wider community. We enjoy welcoming both pilgrims and tourists, hoping that they will capture a glimpse of God's love for them through the witness of this remarkable building and its people. We look forward to welcoming you.




Ripon Cathedral

1350 years of Yorkshire Heritage

"Ripon Cathedral has a special combination of majesty, grandeur, warmth, and friendliness that never fails to inspire and soothe"

Alan Titchmarsh

Ripon Cathedral
 here for us all to visit





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