



St William of York Parish  
Forest Hill



# **JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025**

*'a Holy Year marked by the hope that does  
not fade, our hope in God'*

# WHAT IS THE JUBILEE YEAR?

2025 is a special Jubilee year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.

Pope Francis has given this Jubilee the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, 'a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God' (SPES NON CONFUNDIT, 25).

At St William of York we are joining in with the wider diocesan events but the parish is also marking the year from opportunities to pray together to journeying together on pilgrimage, Be well events to Jubilee celebration Mass.

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## PRAAYER



### Lenten Reflection - Tuesdays in Lent, 8pm

Join other parishioners in church on Tuesday evenings throughout Lent. This year each week we will reflect on one of the Jubilee themes: Jubilee (March 11th), Care for Creation (March 18th), Social Justice (March 25th), Forgiveness (April 1) and Rest and Worship (April 8). The services will last 40 minutes and light refreshments will be available afterwards.

### Lectio Divina

Pray with your family or take part with others and reflect on the scripture. Visit [www.swoy.org.uk](http://www.swoy.org.uk) if you would like some guidance on Lectio Divina.

### 24 Hours for the Lord - March 28 and 29

Marked in two periods on Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29 starting with 6pm Mass on Friday. The church will then remain open for quiet prayer and reflection with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour themed on the Jubilee, finishing with Night prayer at 11pm. On Saturday, Morning Mass is at 10.30am and the church will remain open until noon with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## **Lenten Penitential Service - April 9**

Parish Lent Reconciliation Service, Wednesday 9th April, 7.30pm. An opportunity to celebrate the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spend quiet time in prayer and contemplation with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

## **PILGRIMAGE**

- **MARCH 29** - First Holy Communion Group Pilgrimage with catechists and parents to St George's Cathedral.
- **MAY 3** - Youth Group & Volunteers Pilgrimage to Worth Abbey, Crawley, West Sussex, Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. A Benedictine monastery with a connection to our parish.
- **SUMMER** - Eucharistic Ministers Jubilee Pilgrimage to St Jude's Shrine in Faversham, Kent.
- **JUNE 7** - Aylesford Priory Diocesan Day, a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun with lots of activities for children as well as for adults. Sign up for a space on our parish coach.

For more information visit [www.swoy.org.uk](http://www.swoy.org.uk)



## **BE WELL**

### **Nature Walk Ladywell Riverwalk - May 17, 2pm**

Come join us on a nature walk followed by afternoon tea at Cafe York from 3.30-4pm. Starting point is St William of York Church. All are welcome.

### **Be Well Drop-ins - last Saturday of the month, 4.30-6pm**

All are welcome to join us at Cafe York for tea, coffee and conversation.

## **MASS**

### **International Mass - July 6**

Come and celebrate our diverse heritage with our International Mass followed by a shared lunch of international dishes and entertainment.

### **Jubilee Celebration Mass - Winter**

Mark the end of the Jubilee Year together with a celebration Mass.

# JUBILEE PRAYER



Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

## JUBILEE PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

God, our loving Father,  
In this Jubilee Year,  
You remind us of our call to love creation.

Help us to work together  
to replant, repair and renew.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  
Jesus, our light,

In this Jubilee Year,  
You remind us of our call to love our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.

Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  
Holy Spirit, our inspiration,

In this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our call  
to grow in faith and love.

Help us to hear you in scripture, to see you in others,  
And to be united as God's global family.

Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

Amen