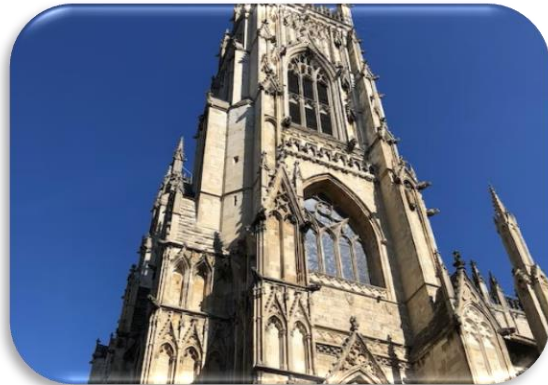




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Annual Gathering 2023

Friday 22nd September

York Barbican & York Minster



Welcome to your Annual Gathering 2023 in the beautiful city of York. Brought to you by York Province and Mary Sumner House. We are mid way through the triennial theme of Transformation and are excited to share with you updates on our work, fun and fellowship!
June Houghton, Provincial President, York

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Getting to the Barbican

Visit By Car or Coach

York Barbican is located by the city walls, just a 10-minute walk from the city centre. Full address is - **York Barbican, Paragon Street, York, YO10 4AH.**

Parking

There are a number of carparks within easy walking distance of York Barbican.

- Q-Park Barbican (313 Spaces) – YO10 4AH – 1 min walk - parking needs to be pre-booked using the link to receive discounted rates. Prebooked parking starts at £7.50 for 6 hours. Pre-book your space [HERE](#).
- Peel Street (78 Spaces) – YO1 9PZ – 5 min walk – £2.50 between 18:00 and 07:30
- St Georges Field (150 Spaces) – YO10 4FH – 5 min walk - £3.00 between 18:00 and 00:00
- Castle Car Park (317 Spaces) – YO1 9SA – 8 min walk - £3.00 between 18:00 and 00:00

*NB: York Barbican has no affiliation with any car park.

Visit By Public Transport

Many **local bus services** stop within the city centre, including the Park & Ride, which is only a short walk from York Barbican. Bus information can be found by visiting the [First Group website](#), or by visiting the [Park & Ride website](#).

Please look at the map for stops, and fares and passes before you travel.

York Train station on Station Road is approximately a 20-minute walk from York Barbican.

Taxi numbers

York Cars Taxis
01904 765765

Streamline
01904 656565

Fleetway
01904 365365

Accommodation

We strongly recommend that if you do require accommodation, you book early. York Races is on the following day.

A useful site to look at is [Visit York](#) who offer a range of different accommodation options including hotels, apartments and B&Bs.

Tickets and seats

Tickets are purchased and issued by EventBrite. The ticket purchaser will receive an email with instructions on purchase, and a further email closer to the gathering.

Please remember to input all the names and details of people attending under your booking.

Please print your tickets for entry into the gathering, or have the electronic ticket QR code ready on your smartphone.

Doors open from 10.15am. You can enter the auditorium from 10.30am.

Seats are unallocated.

If you special requirements, please email membership@mothersunion.org, entitle the email "Access requirements – Annual Gathering" with details and we will reserve a space for you at the front of the auditorium.

Facilities and luggage

There are a number of toilet facilities on the ground floor.

Water is available at water stops throughout the venue.

Luggage can be left in the Exhibition Hall. This will be unmanned, so please carry your valuables on your person.

Programme

Friday 22nd September – 11am (doors open from 10.15, access to auditorium from 10.30) Seats unallocated.

11am	Welcome Opening Prayer Welcome to York!	Bev Jullien, CEO Bishop John of Newcastle June Houghton, PP of York and Hilary Castle, DP of York
11.20am	Keynote speech	Sheran Harper, WWP
11.40am	Important news & updates!	MSH and Reimagining Steering Group members
12.30pm	Worship	Bishop Emma of Kensington, MU Central Chaplain

LUNCH and STALLS – Enjoy your **packed lunch** in the auditorium or exhibition hall, tea and coffee available. Browse MU stalls for resources and merchandise, and purchase some goodies from some local Yorkshire suppliers. A good opportunity for fellowship and to gather useful information.

1.45pm	Weclome Back	Bev Jullien & Sheran Harper
1.55pm	Impact of MU	Britain & Ireland and Overseas
2.15pm	Reimagining Support of Clergy “Building Bridges”	Bishop Emma and Diocesan Chaplains
3.05pm	Supporting Clergy - Different Approaches	Annual Gathering Committee (Interactive session)
3.30pm	Call to Action!	Bev Jullien & Sheran Harper
3.40pm	Closing Prayer	Bishop John of Selby

***Please bring a pen (and notepad if you have one) for making notes.**

LEAVE to go the Evensong at York Minster

EVENSONG at York Minster - starts at 5.30pm. Members are advised to get there by **5pm**. (This service is dedicated to MU and remains open to the public).

Refreshments and lunch

IMPORTANT: You need to bring your own packed lunch and refreshments with you to the gathering.

There is a Tesco next door to the Barbican.

York Barbican is not near any eateries and will not be providing food to purchase.

Free water is available at water stations throughout the venue.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Exhibition Hall at lunchtime.

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Getting to York Minster

The gathering should finish between 3.45-4pm.

Those attending Evensong, (dedicated to MU and led by the Archbishop of York), at York Minster should get there by 5pm. This service starts at 5.30pm and remains open to the public.

No tickets are needed for entry into the Minster. We hope to see you there!

You can either get the bus, taxi or walk.

Please note, if you get a bus, it will still require 11 minutes of walking.

Bus 66 from Clifford Street to Rougier Street and an 8 minute walk.

Taxi numbers

York Cars Taxis
01904 765765

Streamline
01904 656565

Fleetway
01904 365365

Walking instructions overleaf: (0.9 miles, approx: 18 minutes)

York Barbican, Paragon St, York YO10 4AH
Walk west on Paragon St/A1036 towards Fawcett St (200 ft)
Turn right onto George St (0.2 miles)
Turn left onto Walmgate (0.2 miles)
Continue onto Fossgate
Continue onto Whip-Ma-Whop-Ma Gate (79 ft)
Continue onto Colliergate (387 ft)
Continue onto King's Sq (102 ft)
Continue onto Low Petergate (0.1 miles)
Continue onto High Petergate (344 ft)
Sharp right onto Precentor's Ct (151 ft)
Turn right
Destination will be on the right (358 ft)
York Minster, Deangate, York YO1 7HH

NB: A small group of MU members will be walking with placards about our work on Domestic Abuse, from the Barbican to the Minster.

Evensong and Collection

York Province has arranged for Evensong at the Minster to be dedicated to MU. The service will be led by the Archbishop of York.
York MU banners will be displayed.
MU has provided the programmes.

There will be a Collection at the Minster, half of the collection will go to the Minster, the other half to fund the work of Mothers' Union.

Post event

You will be sent an evaluation survey to complete and resources from the gathering will be made available to share.

PLEASE PRINT THIS OFF AND BRING WITH YOU TO THE GATHERING.

We look forward to seeing you there.