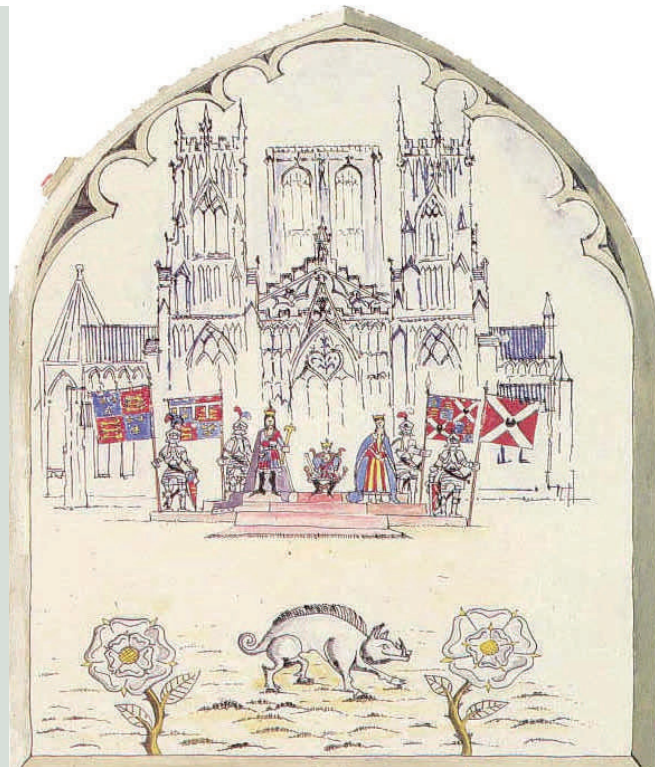


A SHORT HISTORY FROM 1472

- 1472** York Minster officially complete.
- 1483** Visit by Richard III for the investiture of his son as Prince of Wales.
- 1530** Cardinal-Archbishop Thomas Wolsey finally decides to visit his Cathedral, but is arrested nearby and never arrives!
- 1547-50** **Reformation Changes:** destruction of St William's Shrine; abolition of the Chantries and Chantry Priests; removal of "images"; reduction from seven daily services to three, and introduction of English Liturgy and Clergy Marriage.
- 1550-58** Catholic restoration under Mary: Archbishop Holgate forced to resign or give up his wife.
- 1558 +** **Elizabethan Settlement:** York Minster and Church of England essentially become what they are today.
- 1633** Visit by Charles I who presents a velvet-bound Bible and Prayer Book which are still put on the High Altar at each anniversary of his execution.
- 1644** Siege of York: Only minor damage to Minster, but cathedrals are technically abolished by Parliament. The Minster becomes a "Preaching House".
- 1660** Restoration of Crown and Church: a cathedral once again.



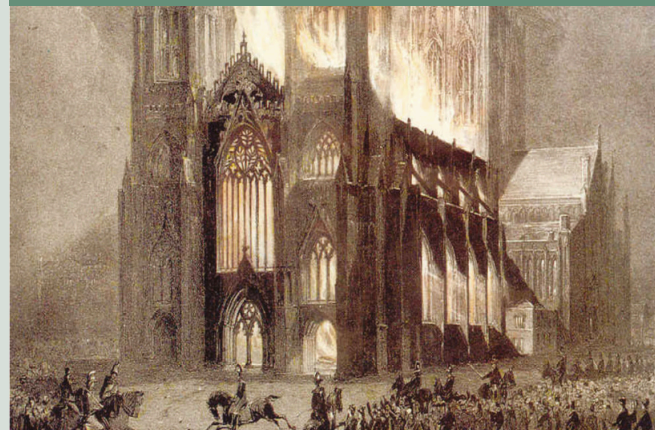
Siege of York

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- 1731-6** Major re-flooring supervised by Lord Burlington to a "Greek Key" design by William Kent.
- 1798** Major survey by John Carr, who notes the movement of the Central Tower and restores the Chapter House Vault.
- 1829** Jonathan Martin deliberately sets fire to the Quire. The fire destroys the organ, the quire roof and most original wooden furniture.
- 1840** Accidental fire caused by William Groves starts in the South West Tower and spreads to the Nave roof.
- 1863** Seating and lighting in Nave for first time.
- 1871** Choristers robed for first time since Reformation.
- 1899 +** Restoration of St William's College.
- 1945-67** Post War restoration of stained glass.
- 1967-72** **The Great Dig:** underpinning of Central Tower and resultant archaeology. Creation of Undercroft Museum.
- 1984** Fire destroys South Transept roof and damages Rose Window.
- 2000** York cycle of Mystery plays performed in York Minster.
- 2006** **Major Restoration** of East Front and Great East window commences.



The Burlington "Greek Key" Pavement.



Fire of 1840.

