

Guidelines for media attending services and events



We welcome media visits and are happy to arrange tours for accredited journalists. We do our best to accommodate media at special events inside the cathedral but prior notice from those wishing to attend is essential and subject to the following guidelines.

In advance of the service/event:

- Due to increased security measures, all media wishing to attend services or events at York Minster must gain accreditation in advance from the Communications Team.
- Photographers and film crews are asked to arrive no later than 30 minutes before the service starts. Late arrivals may not be admitted.
- Parking is available for broadcast vehicles on request.

During the service:

- There are a limited number of fixed positions for stills photographers and news crews at York Minster.
- Movement can only take place during music and with permission from the Communications Team member present.
- Films or stills may not be taken during Holy Communion.
- Flash cannot be used during the service, hymns, or during prayer.
- Up to 90 seconds of any music can be recorded for broadcast without necessitating a recording contract.
- Stills photographers and news crews are asked to arrive no later than 30 minutes before the service starts to set up for these positions.
- Filming and photography must not impede or disrupt services, worshippers or visitors to the Minster.
- Journalists are welcome to attend public services. There is no allocated seating. Recording devices can only be used by special request.

There may be times when we need to restrict media access to a service or event. On these occasions and where possible, we will organise for material to be pooled.

Above all, York Minster is a place of worship. Our staff reserve the right to remove any members of the media who are disrupting the service.

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