

Superior double room

Accommodation

For a truly unique experience, enjoy a stay in England's oldest living convent!

We're proud to offer comfort, convenience and friendly service in our magnificent heritage surroundings that promise a great night's sleep and an award-winning breakfast to wake up to.

The location of the Bar Convent is second to none; just around the corner from York Railway Station and right next to an entrance to York's historic walls, with an easy ten minute walk into the city centre.

Whether you're visiting York for business or for pleasure, we promise an enjoyable stay with a welcome you'll want to return to.

Don't miss our midweek 3 nights for the price of 2 special offer, please visit the website for more details.



"A Gem! Warm, welcoming and an excellent location."

Trip Advisor comment



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Our story at The Bar Convent begins with a secret...

We were established in 1686, at a time when the Catholic faith was still banned in England. Those early sisters, under the guidance of my very first predecessor, were impelled to operate in great secrecy. Discovery of the house's true purpose would have brought harsh punishment - or perhaps even death.



Fortunately, those dark days are now long behind us.

As you enter our home today, you step inside the oldest living convent in England – a place of history, welcome and hospitality. Over 300 years, The Bar Convent has become many things to many people. We hope that you too will find something special within our walls: a sense of history, community and faith, or perhaps just a peaceful moment in a busy city. You are very welcome!

Sr Ann Stafford CJ

Where to find us

Situated in the shadow of Micklegate Bar, The Bar Convent is five minutes from the station and within easy reach of the City Centre. Parking is available in the public pay-and-display car park in Nunnery Lane.



Opening times†

Exhibition & Shop: Monday - Saturday 10am - 5pm (Last entry: 4pm)

Café: Monday - Saturday 7.45am - 4pm

Chef-prepared hot food is available until 3pm.

Exhibition Prices

Adults: £5.00

Concessions (OAPs and Students): £4.00

Children (6-15): £2.00

Under-6s: Free

Family Tickets (2 Adults and 2 Children): £10.00 (+£1 for each extra child, to a max. of 4)

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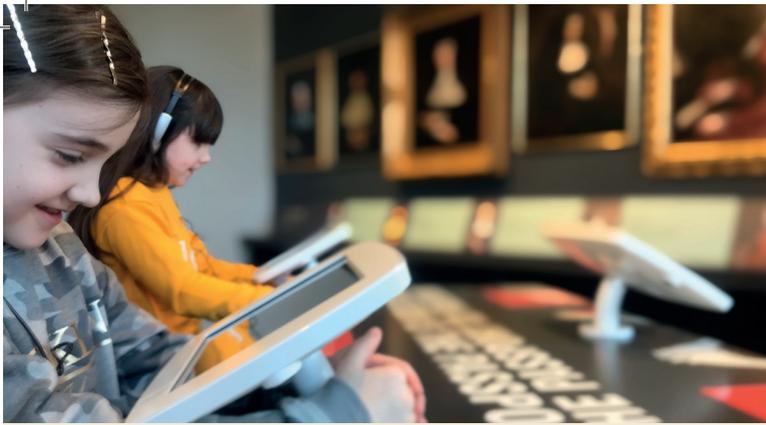
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Welcome to England's oldest living convent...

Exhibition

Visit our interactive exhibition to discover York's fascinating religious history and how the convent survived times of turmoil, persecution and two world wars.

Hear the incredible stories of the Yorkshire martyr Margaret Clitherow, the radical pioneer of women's religious orders and education, Mary Ward, and about the followers of Mary Ward, the Sisters of the Congregation of Jesus, who still live in the convent today.



The Chapel

Our stunning 18th century 'Hidden Chapel' is a remarkable example of how devout Catholics continued to worship in secret at a time when their religion was still illegal and punishable by death.

See how this magnificent domed chapel was so cleverly disguised from the outside world and incorporated incredible innovative features designed to keep its occupants safe- can you find the hidden priest hole and spot the eight doorways for a quick escape?



Cafe

Our award-winning café offers traditional homemade favourites including hot lunches, fresh sandwiches and some of the best cakes and scones in York.

Don't miss our afternoon tea which can be taken in our beautiful walled gardens.



School Group Visits

Education has been at the core of the Bar Convent since its founding as the first school for girls in York. Today, we invite school groups to discover the history of the Bar Convent and its significance around the world.

Resources are available for Key Stage 2 and 3 History and Religious Education.



Adult Group Visits

With group discounts and different packages available, your group is invited to discover the stories of the Bar Convent in our fascinating exhibition.

Groups can dig deeper into our exhibition, the collections and the history of the building by adding a talk with one of our knowledgeable guides or Sisters or arranging a visit to our historic library on request.



Meetings

Whether you're organising a conference, seminar or business meeting, our facilities are full of character with modern equipment and a friendly service- all at an affordable price.

Just five minutes away from York Train Station and a short walk into the centre of York we are ideally located and offer in-house catering and award-winning accommodation on site.

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