

The Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

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The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope was announced by Pope Francis and began on Christmas Day 2024 when the Holy Father opened the 'Holy Door' in St Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Year runs until the feast of the Epiphany on 6th January 2026 and offers Catholics the possibility of an indulgence and a year of special graces.


The Jubilee Year 2025 has the theme of *'Pilgrims of Hope'*. It is a year of hope and trust for our world which continues to suffer from wars and their impacts, the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and increased threats of climate change. It is a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins.

Jubilee Churches

Pilgrimage is an essential part of the Jubilee Year. Not everyone though is able to travel to the major pilgrimage sites recognised by the Church, such as Lourdes and Fatima, or the four papal basilicas in Rome which will be open as particular places of pilgrimage during the Year. Bishop Patrick has therefore designated nine churches in the Nottingham Diocese as Jubilee Churches: one in each deanery. The Jubilee indulgence can be received in each of these churches under the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession, reciting the Creed and receiving Holy Communion.

The Good Shepherd Church has been designated the Jubilee Church for the Nottingham Deanery.

Our Jubilee Pilgrim Trail

Inspired by the approach adopted by the Cathedral Church of St Barnabas in Nottingham, the Good Shepherd Church has developed a 'Jubilee Pilgrim Trail'. The Trail is intended to encourage individuals or families to visit our church during the Jubilee Year, to deepen their faith and come closer to Almighty God. It has nine individual 'stations' where we are encouraged to reflect upon a particular spiritual theme and to offer up prayers. Further details of the Trail can be found in a small booklet  [HERE](#)

The church is open for the Trail after Mass each day and from 2-4pm on Thursdays each week from 20th March 2025. Special visiting arrangements can also be considered for parish, deanery, school or other groups who would like to organise a pilgrimage to the Good Shepherd Church for the Jubilee Year- please contact our parish office (on 0115 9268288) in the first instance.

