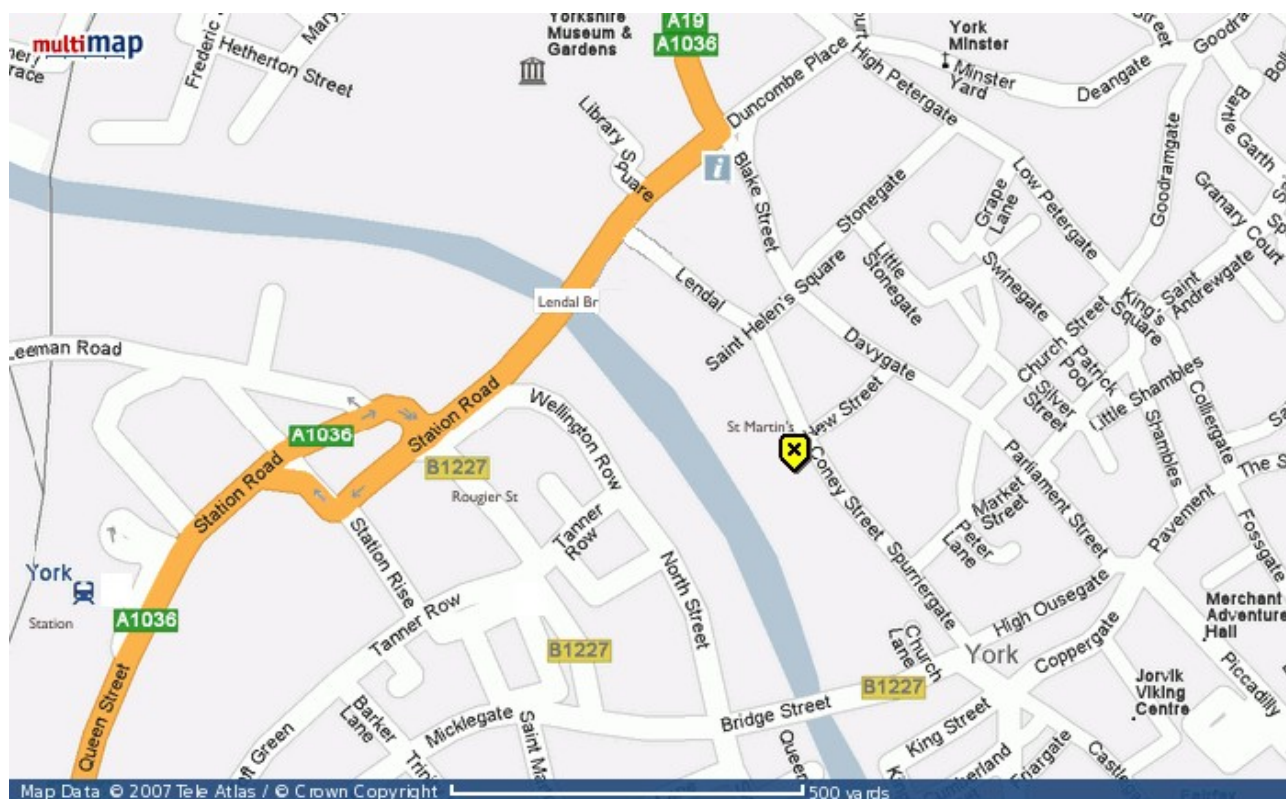


St Martin Coney Street - The Upper Room

St Martin's is on York's main shopping street, and easily recognisable by the large clock, topped by the figure of a naval officer, overhanging the street. The church is entered by the south porch, across the churchyard and near the City Screen cinema. For the Upper Room pass through the vestry and up the stairs.



By train Turn left out of the station, follow the road through the city walls and cross Lendal Bridge. Take the first right into Lendal and continue, looking out for the clock on your right.

By car There is no access during foot street hours (11am-4pm, different at weekends) and no parking at the church. Car parks are expensive. You are recommended to use the Park and Ride services. From Rawcliffe Bar alight at Museum Gardens, from Askham Bar alight at Rougier Street, for others go to the city centre or Rougier St. See http://www.york.gov.uk/transport/Parking/Park_and_Ride/ for more information.

Buses Ask for the nearest stop to Coney Street (services do not run past the church).

Satnav The postcode is YO1 9QL

The Upper Room has seating for 25. Access is up steep steps and is difficult for those with impaired mobility.

There is a **projector** with integral DVD player and speakers, which can also be connected to your own laptop for presentations etc. It is kept in the vestry safe.

There are facilities for making **hot drinks** etc. Crockery, glasses, cutlery and microwave are provided, as well as tea, coffee, herbal infusions, sugar and so forth. Feel free to use them, but you need to provide your own milk. If you cannot find what you want look in the cupboards below.

There is a good **library** and you are free to sign books out to borrow. There is also a reference collection of Common Worship material in the vestry middle cupboard.

The enclosed **courtyard** can be accessed from the vestry lobby. It has a fish pond.

St Martin Coney Street is thought to be a pre-Conquest foundation and until 1942 was one of York's principal parish churches. Largely destroyed in an air raid, the decision was taken not to rebuild in favour of new churches in the suburbs. The surviving south aisle was walled off with a new transept to house the former west window of 1437 which had been removed for safety in 1940. Dedicated to peace and reconciliation, the church is now regarded as one of the most successful of post-war church restorations.

St Martin is open daily. Eucharists using the Common Worship liturgy are on Wednesdays at 12.15 and Saturdays at 10.00. But the church probably has a more important role as a place of prayer, meditation and solitude for the many people of all faiths and none who respond to the distinctive sense of place so skilfully invoked by George Pace's restoration.



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