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A New Start . . .
A New Life?

FRESHER'S INFORMATION BOOKLET 2007

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Checklist of things to do in the First Week

- Go along to Freshers Fair and sign up to every society that takes your interest, be that bell-ringing or breakdancing or both. There’s lots of free stuff to get.

- Make sure you’ve not forgotten anything, get your computer set-up with internet cables from computer services

- Attend the vice-chancellor’s and SU talk in Central Hall.

- Collect your NUS card: these can be obtained during Fresher’s week by joining the queues in Physics. Alternatively, you can get your NUS card from the SU building at any time during the year. Just remember to take a passport photo along with you.

- Collect your University card, if you haven’t already got it.

- Go to the fire safety talk

- Register with your department and collect relevant booklets and handbooks, etc. Also attend your various departmental talks and make sure that you know where they are before you get there!

- Check your timetable: the unlucky ones have lectures, seminars or talks during the first week!

- Register with a doctor. You can register with the university health centre on campus or you can register with one in town.

- Attend the library tour (although sometimes they take place in week two).

- Give your parents a call. They might just be missing you by now.

- You may need to see your supervisor. You’ll find out who your supervisor is and where their office is from your department. You may find a sign-up sheet on the door of your supervisor’s office. Pick a 10 or 15-minute slot and go along to see them then.
Contents

Here is your simple guide to life at Uni. Inside, you will find lots of information about what to do, where to be and how to get there!

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Your copy of Don’t Panic was delivered by:

Contact me on:
Hello and welcome to life as a student at the University of York! We hope that this will be the start of good times ahead as you settle into life here. Maybe you’re feeling scared or overwhelmed to be in a new place with new people. If so, don’t worry, that’s quite normal!

By now you could well be wondering what this *Don’t Panic* booklet is and why the Christian Union has taken the trouble to get it into your hands. We have designed this little book as a sort of ‘rough-guide’ to university life in York and as a reassuring reference manual full of pearls of wisdom for new students. In these pages you will come across helpful hints for getting by in your first few weeks as well as some handy contact details.

This booklet is for all, regardless of faith or beliefs, not only to welcome, inform and reassure you but also to introduce ourselves to you. The beginning of a new academic year is an excellent time to meet people, make new friends and have random, stimulating, revolutionary or even life-changing conversations!

Why produce *Don’t Panic* then? Partly, because we were all Freshers once and have since come across things we wished we had known in the first weeks. Everyone’s university experience is different and for some of you the information in this book will be self-evident and easily found elsewhere; for others, however, it might just provide some crucial understanding at exactly the right time. It also gives you the opportunity to contact some older students if you need any advice or someone to chat to.

One of the great things about being at university is the amazing opportunities that are on offer. Getting involved in student societies is a great way to make friends and do the things you enjoy most, whether that’s ballet, potholing or drama. University is also a great place for asking questions and thinking through the bigger picture of life. As Christians, we believe that knowing God and knowing what He’s done for
each of us lets us really live our lives to full. We do hope we don't come across as clueless, gullible muppets, but rather as students who, trained by the fine academic institution that is York(!), have (before or since coming to Uni) carefully considered the Christian message, accepted it, and seek to live in the light of it. So amongst all the fun and games (and some work!) we’d just encourage you to take the chance to think through the big questions for yourself, and know that we’re here if you want to know more about the hope that we have.

Thanks for taking the time to read this booklet; we hope it is handy, informative and friendly!

Wishing you all the best for your student years,

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Our website is also available at: http://www.uycu.org.uk
How do I...

...check my email?
Firstly, you will need to find a computer room. There should be one somewhere in your college – ask the porters for directions. Once in, find a free computer, switch it on, and a window will appear, requesting your username and password. Your username is called ‘computing’ (e.g. xyz500) and is found on your university card, while your password is a random letter sequence you should have received from the uni. If you haven’t, check that you have registered for university. If you’ve done that, see Computing Services (address underneath). Once entered into the appropriate spaces, the computer will begin to load up Windows. After Windows has successfully loaded, you are required to register at https://idm.york.ac.uk/ to access email and printing facilities. This will involve some identity checks and changing your password. You’re advised to use the secret question facility so that you can reset your password if you forget it. Your email address will be your username followed by ‘@york.ac.uk’ (e.g. xyz500@york.ac.uk). York’s secure webmail service isn’t to everyone’s liking but it does a job and you can access it by typing https://webmail.york.ac.uk into the internet.
If you have any problems, the computing service will be able to help you. They are located halfway up the walkway that runs between Vanbrugh and the library. There’s also usually a telephone in each computer room that you will be able to use in order to contact them. To get internet access in your room, you will need to visit here and get a broadband cable for the year for not that many pennies.

...get a spare key if I lock myself out?
Simply go along to the porters lodge in your college and ask for a spare key. If there isn’t anybody at the porters lodge, use the red telephone and ask security to get a porter to return to the porters lodge. If you’re somewhere where the porters lodge is a long trek away, ask someone in your house if you can use their phone, and call security on (43)4444, or call 01904 434444 from a mobile. If you’re in Eden’s Court, you’ll need to go to Halifax to get a spare key, so it’s easier to call security – they usually turn up within 10 minutes. You need to be aware that colleges charge for new keys – especially the swipecard ones, though you may be able to get away with not paying if you smile nicely!

...operate the washers and dryers?
It’s unlikely that you’re going to shrink all your clothes and turn them a nasty shade of pink - so Don’t Panic. If you have lots of washing, begin by separating
out the darker stuff from the lighter stuff and use two washer loads. Put some washing powder into the black compartment, on the left hand side of the top of the washer. Make sure that you put powder into the correct compartment, and don't use more than is indicated on the side of the packet. If you do, your clothes will probably come out all soapy. Put the correct change into the machine and then choose the setting to use. The porters usually have change for notes. It's probably best to use the 'colours' setting as it's not too hot; be careful about using the 'whites' setting, as it's very hot and can shrink and damage your clothes if they're not meant to be washed in very hot water. The washer takes about 35 minutes. After it's finished, take out all your clothes and put them into a dryer. Open the dryer door and at the bottom of the door frame there will be a plastic thing. Pull that out and take the fluff off it – if you don’t, your clothes will come out covered in it! Feed the machine money and select a setting – ‘whites and colours’ is usually fine, though it might be too hot for some fragile clothes. If you’re not sure, it’s probably best to opt for the ‘delicates’ setting as it’s that bit cooler.

...find rooms?
This might seem a little bit complicated to begin with, but it’s not that hard once you get used to it. Let’s imagine that you’re trying to find A/EW/012 for a seminar. The initial ‘A’ represents Alcuin, while ‘EW’ stands for East Wing — a building in Alcuin. If the room number begins with a ‘0’, this means that it’s located on the ground floor. If the room number starts with a ‘1’ then it means that it’s on the first floor, etc. The following two numbers are simply the room number. Ask the brilliant porters if you’re not sure.

...find Costcutter, Your:Shop, Blackwell’s, Stationery Box, etc?
Follow the signs for ‘Market Square’. It’s to the side of the walkway between Vanbrugh and the library.

...find my department?
Departments are based either in colleges or their own independent buildings. The porters in your college will be able to tell you where yours is. Do be aware that some departments have random offices off-campus (e.g. Archaeology and History). Your tutor(s) and supervisor(s) will probably have their offices in the same building as your department.

...find out everything else?
The porters are fantastic and know much of what you need to know and passing students are generally able to help. You could call your parents or feel free to email the Christian Union at socs25@york.ac.uk for any other information.
Various things to do in York

The City of York is a treasure, and is a fantastic place to live. It’s well worth getting to know the place while you’re here, because day trips simply can’t take it all in. There’s some practical information and good places to eat. How about organising for your flat to do these activities together?

Phone numbers are preceded by York’s area code which is 01904

1. Exploring York

These are best ways to see and get around the wonderful city of York

**The Yorkshire Wheel:** offering ‘spectacular panoramic views of York’s historic city centre, including the Minster, the River Ouse and the countryside beyond the city’. The wheel is located in the grounds of the National Railway museum, call 686263 for pre-booking.

**The Minster Tower:** although the Minster itself is worth far more than a quick run-around, to go up the Tower is thoroughly recommended. Entrance to the Minster is free to students with a uni card, £5 without and entrance to the tower costs £3.00

**Self-drive boats:** although there are guided river trips on offer, a leisurely hour exploring York from the river at the helm of your own motor boat is a particularly pleasant experience. The self-drive boats can seat up to 8 people and prices range between £20-30 per hour. Contact York Boat on 628324 for booking enquiries.

**York Walls:** York has more miles of intact city walls than anywhere else in England (approximately 2 1/2 miles). Walking the walls that surround the city offers a unique view of the city of York. Guided walks begin at the Museum Garden gates off Museum Street.

2. Top Places to Visit in York

**Art Gallery:** York Art Gallery spans over 600 years of art history, making any visit a ‘pictorial tour through time’. The Gallery is located on Exhibition Square, three minutes walk from the Minster, opposite the main Tourist Information Centre. York Art Gallery is free to everyone. Open 10-5.
Browns’ Sandwiches: these are probably among the best sandwiches in the world. Amazing. Browns is located on Main Street in Heslington (check map in centre pages), and well worth a visit (or three).

Betty’s Tearooms (and Little Betty’s on Stonegate if full): expensive but highly recommended, Betty’s is a thoroughly pleasant experience, particularly if timed when the gentleman plays the piano as one eats and drinks. Great stuff.

JORVIK: A visit to JORVIK is the perfect way to discover Viking-Age York, one of the most fascinating periods of the city’s dramatic history. JORVIK is situated in the Coppergate Shopping Centre.

3. Other useful information

Banks: Barclay’s, Lloyd’s, HSBC and NatWest all have branches on Heslington’s Main Street. It is also possible to find most major banks in the city centre, a good number of which are located on Parliament Street (see map in centre pages).

Bookshops: Blackwells is located on campus (above Costcutter), but there are also plenty of bookshops in town. The largest are Waterstones on Ousegate and Borders which is on Davygate.

Bowling: York Megabowl is at Clifton Moor. Call 0871 550 1010 for booking enquiries.

Buses: The number 4 (a.k.a ftr) bus runs from uni to town. Talk to second and third years and you’ll find that they love it or hate it. It purple, long and bendy but you need exact change for single and return journeys.

Top tip: Get a season ticket or ten tickets for £11 at your:shop.

Cafes, Coffee Shops and Tea rooms: York offers many tea and coffee-drinking establishments. Those particularly worth a try include: Alley Cats on Coffee Yard, just off Stonegate Cappuccinos on the corner of Swinegate and Church Street Café Nero, Davygate Spurriergate Centre, located at the corner of Low Ousegate and Spurriergate
Chemists: There are plenty of chemists in York. A selection are:

- Boots; 5 St. Mary’s Square (635559), 1 King’s Square (671204)
- M. J. Roberts Chemist, 8 Boroughbridge Road (793440)
- Whitworth Chemists Ltd, 275 Melrosegate (410987)

Chinese Food: Available in both all-you-can-eat buffet and take-away formats. Restaurants with all-you-can-eat buffets include:

- Jumbos, 2-4 George Hudson Street (623656)
- The Willow, 37 Coney Street (654728)
- Yin Kin Restaurant, 56 Clarence Street (633228)

Take-aways:
- Golden Dragon, 3 King Street (621828)
- King’s Castle, 33 Swinegate (633668)

Cinemas:

- City Screen, 13-17 Coney Street; information (541155), bookings (541144)
- Vue, Clifton Moor (0871 224 0240)
- York Student Cinema, Recent and Classic films shown in the physics lecture theatre and run by Students. Only £2.50!

Clifton Moor: Catch the number 6 bus from Stonebow (on the number 4’s route) for a day out around the shopping centre, cinema and Megabowl.

Indian Takeaways: Fishergate Pizza and Balti House (659993)

- Garden of India, 5 Fawcett Street (645679) – also a restaurant
- Pronto Pizza Taj Mahal Balti House, 206 Melrosegate (414055 and 414918)
- Zaf’s, 33 Heslington Road (655655)

Karting: Visit karting club at freshers fair or ring 673555 for F1 Racing.

Monks Cross: Monks Cross boasts Asda, Sainsburys, PC World, BHS Home Store, Courtney’s Gym and Water World, and lots of other shops. You can get there taking the 4 bus into town and then catching the 13 bus.

Pizza (takeaway): Ali’s Kitchen, 71 Walmgate (629912)

- Marmaris Grill, 3 Lawrence Street (621622 or 655661)
- Papa John’s, 98/100 Fishergate (626555) – student discount
- Pizza Hut, Hull Road (422555)
- York Castle, 51 Blossom Street (622022)

Other takeaway booklets in porters lodges, usually with student discounts.
**Police Station:** located on Fulford Road (0845 60 60 247)

**Pubs:** It’s claimed that there is a pub for every day of the year in York. *The Charles* on Main Street in Heslington is a real student favourite as is *The Deramore Arms*, next door, which shows the important football matches. You can take your pick and find your favourites in town.

**Post Office:** The nearest is on Main Street in Heslington. However, there are post boxes on campus; one at the bus stop near Derwent and one next to the SU centre. Internal mail boxes are situated near the porters lodge in each of the colleges.

**Racecourse:** I say old chap, fancy a day at the races? Visit that fancy new internet thing at [yorkracecourse.co.uk](http://yorkracecourse.co.uk) in the summer for a posh day out.

**Restaurants:** York offers a wide variety of restaurants. Try them out as a corridor or flat. Here’s a small selection of some student favourites.

- *ASK*, The Assembly Rooms on Blake Street (637254)
- *Bella Italia*, 89 Low Petergate (611221)
- *El Piano*, 15 Grape Lane (610676) *vegetarian restaurant*
- *Jinnah’s (aka saffron)*, Micklegate (659988)
- *La Tasca*, 21 Back Swinegate (521100)
- *Oscars*, 8 Little Stonegate (652002)
- *Pizza Express*, Museum Street (672904)
- *Zizzi*, 2 Lendal (644000)

**Supermarkets:** *Costcutter* is the campus-based supermarket. Good offers and convenient, but cheaper alternatives include: *Aldi* and *Iceland* on Fulford Road, *Somerfield*, only a short walk away from campus on Hull Road, *Sainsburys* on Fossbank, and *Netto*, situated on Layerthorpe.

**Top tip:** get together as a flat and shop online. Or go to the market in town. Fresh fruit and veg, locally grown, and sold the old-fashioned way.

**Taxis:** *A-Team* (643111) – 10% student discount

- *Ebor* (641441) – 10% off. The university’s preferred choice.
- *Fleetways* (645333)
- *Streamline* (638833)

**Theatres:** *Riding Lights*, Lower Friargate (613000) *ridinglights.org*

- *Grand Opera House*, Cumberland Street (671818), *livenation.co.uk/york*
- *Theatre Royal*, St. Leonard’s Place (623568), *theatre-royal-york.co.uk*
Subject Reps

If you have any questions specifically related to your course or would just like to meet up with somebody for a chat about the course in general, please feel free to email the contact in your department. They’ll be more than happy to buy you a coffee.

Archaeology: Ben Greene (bdg500@york.ac.uk)
Biology: Laura Fell (lef500@york.ac.uk)
Biochemistry: Elizabeth Thomas (@york.ac.uk)
Chemistry: Katrina Bakker (kb526@york.ac.uk)
Computer Science: John Poon (jyp501@york.ac.uk)
Economics: Ed Kendall (ek518@york.ac.uk)
Education: Sarah Watts (sw543@york.ac.uk)
Electronics: Michael Hailes (mih@york.ac.uk)
English (and Related Literature): Joe Marshall (jmm@york.ac.uk)
Environment: Carmel Parry (calp500@york.ac.uk)
Health Science (Nursing): Cathy Armstrong (ca507@york.ac.uk)
History: Emily McAllen (ehm@york.ac.uk)
History of Art: Beth Ridley (br504@york.ac.uk)
Language and Linguistic Science: Sarah Lester (sjl504@york.ac.uk)
Management: Toby Wade (tjww500@york.ac.uk)
Mathematics: Sarah Parry (sep501@york.ac.uk)
Medicine: Anna Stansfield (anna.stansfield@hyms.ac.uk)
Music: Becca Lattimer (rcpl500@york.ac.uk)
Philosophy: Ollie Bailey (ob505@york.ac.uk)
Physics: Rob Salmon (rjs509@york.ac.uk)
Politics: Dan Gladwell (dg509@york.ac.uk)
PPE: Sam Butterfield (sjb510@york.ac.uk)
Psychology: Kutchi Katto (kk518@york.ac.uk)
Social Policy and Sciences: Anna Cocks (amc504@york.ac.uk)
Social Work: Laura Brown (lb531@york.ac.uk)
Sociology: Hen Holford (hnfh500@york.ac.uk)
What is the Christian Union?

The Christian Union is one of the longest running and largest societies on campus, but is committed to the aim of sharing the truth and relevance of Christianity for everyone. It exists for one main reason – to tell people about the good news of God’s great rescue plan through Jesus Christ for each and every one of us. This works mainly in two ways. Firstly, we run different events and courses to give people the chance to hear this message fully and explore it further for themselves. Secondly, we meet together each week in college groups and as a whole society to learn, support, and help each other grow in our faith. People in the Christian Union come from all kinds of churches but have the same faith in Jesus Christ and the same desire to see our friends and fellow students consider the credibility of this Man who claimed to be God. Even if this has just a grain of truth in it, its surely worth considering.

The Christian Union isn’t only for people who call themselves Christians. We hope it’s a place where everyone feels welcome, able to ask questions and have the space to think things through.

Our aim is: We want to love and serve God
We do this by: Individually and corporately proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ to fellow students, and living lives that are consistent with the good news. Challenging and deepening our faith by teaching, prayer, Bible study and worship. Stimulating interest and involvement in missionary work at home and abroad. Encouraging members to be committed to a local church.

Our Hot Potatoes lunch bars and Alpha course are better designed for tricky or vexing questions and are “an opportunity to explore the meaning of life” while other events provide a relaxed environment with plenty of time for conversations. We work in the city of York helping out with a homeless project.

As a Christian Union, we have regular meetings on a Saturday night from 7pm until 8:30pm, either in Goodricke Dining Hall or L/028 (Langwith College, ground floor, room 28). During the Saturday meeting we gather to worship God with music, and a visiting speaker will explain a passage from the Bible. We also meet as smaller Christian Unions in each college on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday – you will find sections on the college Christian Unions later on in the booklet.

We welcome everybody, regardless of their beliefs, to all of our meetings absolutely free of charge!

Check www.uycu.org.uk for loads more details.
Overseas Students

Welcome to York! The Christian Union International Team is here to provide links with international students and British Students. We know that there are cultural and language barriers and so we aim to hold events which build relationships between people of all cultures. As Christians, we share our faith with all students from all corners of the world.

We put on events every Friday evening (we usually meet at Goodricke Porter’s lodge at 6:45 pm). Our events are varied but will often be based around a particular theme, for example a country, or an event of the year such as Chinese New Year or Easter. There is always some free food and drink available for people to eat. Recent events have included Ball room Dancing classes, an Indian event and an acoustic evening. Sometimes there is a talk about Christianity given during the event or a Christian has a few minutes to tell people about what their faith means to them. We encourage anyone to come along who wants to make new friends and have a really enjoyable time!

Here is an outline of our activities for the next couple of weeks, and other events that will be happening throughout the term. These are all open to anyone and everyone – we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you throughout your time here!

For more information or to sign up for any of the events, contact Hannah (hg507@york.ac.uk) or visit our website at http://www.uycu.org.uk/International

Events! – All meeting at Goodricke Porter’s Lodge unless stated otherwise

Goodricke Porters Lodge can be found by crossing the bridge nearest to Central Hall, turning right and following the lake until you pass the Physics building. You then turn left towards Goodricke and then take the first right into the building. Please ask someone if you do not know where it is!

Week 0

Tuesday: Supermarket trip - 11:00
Trip to The Charles / Wetherspoons – meal or drinks – experience an English pub! Meet at 7pm.

Thursday: English Evening: sit-down traditional British meal followed by an introduction to British culture and opportunity to meet people. Meet at 6:45.
**Week 1**

**Tuesday:** Red Bus drop in centre 2-4 pm: Chance to come and ask questions about anything.

**Thursday:** Trip into the city centre: walk the walls, visit an English tea-room to experience English ‘Afternoon Tea’, and have a tour of the city. Meet at 2:00

**Friday:** International Banquet and Ceilidh. Meet at 6:45 at Goodricke porters ldge or 7:15 at Heslington Church.

**Week 2 – Friday event:** York Photo Tour! Meet at 6:45.

The Christian Union has **international representatives** who put on the international events and are always contactable for all students wanting to know more about Christianity.
- Hannah Gale (hg507)
- Andrew Burkimsher (amb502)
- Joe Marshall (jmm504)
- Elizabeth Thomas (et507)
- Dean Vaz (dav501)
- Pippa Winterburn (pjw503)
- Joy Harris (jh563)

**YCCF: York Chinese Christian Fellowship**
Warm gathering of family of Christians, weekly Bible study for students on friday night in cantonese, mandarin and english.
For more details please look at our website http://www.yccf.org.uk/v4/
Contact: Winfred Wan at contact@yccf.org.uk
Look in the Churches in York section for details about the York Chinese Church.

**Introduction to Jesus Christ and the Bible**
An eight-week course exploring the basics of faith in Jesus Christ.
Informal atmosphere, informative talks, group discussion. Meet with people from diverse cultures and learn why millions of people across the world today are followers of Jesus.
Desserts and drinks provided.
Visit http://www.uycu.org.uk/International for details
College Christian Unions

The college you are in will make up part of your identity on campus. By the end of this week you’ll be saying your name, your subject, and your college to strangers automatically. York’s college system is unique, and the Christian Union are represented in each of the colleges. The college Christian Unions meet weekly for Bible study, encouraging chat, building friendships and lots more. There will be college events in the first few weeks of term. Look out for flyers and posters. There may even be one in the back of this booklet. Email the college representatives for more information using the emails provided.

Derwent: Owen Wright (derwent@uycu.org.uk) (thinks Derwent rules!!...)
Derwent CU meets every Wednesday evening. We usually gather for tea/dinner in Derwent Canteen at 6:00. If you can’t make that then just come to Derwent Porter’s lodge at 6:30 where we split off into small groups for Bible study. We all meet up again briefly afterwards to get some feedback and pray together, and then we usually end up in Derwent bar. We also meet once a week to pray together for each other and for our college.

Langwith: Samah Massalha (langwith@uycu.org.uk) (...Knows they don’t!)
We are a bunch of people who love Jesus and are passionate about serving God in University. We meet every week at 7pm in Langwith Porter’s lodge to discuss issues that interest us before looking at a Bible passage in small groups and praying for each other. We’d love to meet you, Christian or not.

James: Anna Cocks (james@uycu.org.uk)
James College Christian Union get together every Tuesday evening to explore the Bible and think about its relevance for us today. Whether you have questions, want to find out more or would already consider yourself a Christian, we would love to meet you. Watch out for details about the Grub Crawl happening soon! And for more info check out our website www.james.uycu.org.uk or feel free to contact me at james@uycu.org.uk.

Wentworth Natalie Russell (wentworth@uycu.org.uk)
Wentworth College Christian Union is a small group of national and international students. It is targeted at postgraduates but undergraduates are welcome! We meet on Thursday evenings at 6pm in Wentworth Edge Bar to have dinner together before going to a nearby classroom for the Bible study at 6.45pm. Each term we have social events such as pudding parties.
**Halifax** Michelle Garner (halifax@uycu.org.uk)
Halifax has a large, friendly and active Christian Union, meeting weekly for Bible study and frequently for extra things like socials, outreach events, prayer and praise evenings and even our very own weekend(s) away! You’re very welcome to join us at any time, whatever your beliefs or background. We aim to support you in your university life and, if you’re interested, to help you explore the relevance of Christianity today.
Generally we meet at 7pm outside the porters’ lodge on Wednesdays and leave together from there (check facebook for details). We look forward to seeing you!

**Alcuin:** Camilla Bevan (alcuin@uycu.org.uk)
Alcuin Christian Union would love to welcome you and get to know you! We are a friendly bunch of people of many different nationalities and backgrounds, who meet regularly, encouraging one another, learning more about Jesus and seeking Him together. We also aim to reach, serve and love our college, striving to make an impact within the lives of those around us. We meet on Wednesdays at 5pm in Alcuin for a time of worship, prayer and discussion, followed by small group Bible Study in people's rooms. Feel free to get in touch – it would be lovely to hear from you!

**Goodricke:** Alex Chart (Goodricke@uycu.org.uk)
If you're in Goodricke College, and thinking about joining the Christian Union at York, then there is also a college Christian Union that you can come along to. Goodricke Christian Union meets on Wednesdays at varying times (but usually at about 17.30) for fellowship, worship, Bible study, and lots of fun. A typical evening will consist of some dinner together, big group activities (such as sung worship, prayer and discussion), and small groups (Bible study). If you want to know more, subscribe to the mailing list: www.uycu.org.uk/colleges/goodricke

**Vanbrugh:** Ed Wright (Vanbrugh@uycu.org.uk)
Vanbrugh Christian Union meets weekly on Tuesday evenings. Some of us usually meet beforehand at 6.30pm in Vanbrugh dining hall for some dinner. If you can't make it for food then do come along to Vanbrugh stalls at 7pm where we split into smaller groups to study God's word together and then later on we all get back together and often have a time of worship, prayer and fellowship together. After this we usually head down to the bar for a chill and chat. So if you're a Christian, or just interested in finding out more about what we believe then do come along. You're very welcome!
Churches in York

Finding a church at university can seem something of daunting task, particularly if you’re coming from a church at home which you’ve attended for many years. This section provides some useful information about eleven of York’s key student churches, aiming to supply a glimpse of what each of them are about and also some contact information if you want to get in touch with them. It’s certainly worth having a look at a few different churches before you make your decision.

Church reps will be introducing their churches at our meeting on Saturday Week 1 (14th October) and will be around to chat to afterwards. On Sunday, they’ll be walking to their church from campus – details at the Saturday meeting, or feel free to email the church rep.

**Calvary Chapel**

**Address:** Fishergate School (morning) Fellowship Hall, Barbican Road (evening)  
**Contact:** Laura Brown (lb531@york.ac.uk)  
**Sunday service times:** 10:30am and 7:00pm  
**Website:** [http://calvarychapel.com/york](http://calvarychapel.com/york)

Calvary Chapel places strong emphasis on teaching the Bible and worship & has an active interest in missions. The church is striking in its international mix, and there is always an opportunity to talk to those you are sitting beside, which means you begin to get to know people quickly. There is a student programme, a once a fortnight Sunday get together with food! & random sports activities. The home baking after the service are merely the icing on the cake!

**Gateway Church**

**Address:** The Gateway Christian Centre, Front Street, Acomb. Tel 01904 781983. office@gatewaychurch.co.uk  
**Contacts:** James Ross (wjr500@york.ac.uk) Katy Taylor (kst500@york.ac.uk)  
**Sunday Service Times:** 10.30am. Website: [http://gatewaychurch.co.uk](http://gatewaychurch.co.uk)

We are a group of people who are interested in getting to know who God is, loving him, and discovering the impact this has on our lives. If you like church that’s lively, has a family feel and loads going on then take the trip to Acomb any Sunday and see what there is for you to get involved in. You can get the 'ftr' bus from uni at 9.40 that goes outside our building on Green lane at 10.20, they leave every 15 mins, if you’re late! Wherever you are on the journey that is life, you’ll find Gateway is a friendly church that will help you take the next step.
York Community Church

**Addresses:** Osbaldwick Primary School and Tang Hall Community Centre

**Contacts:** Danni Westbury (dw531@york.ac.uk)  
David Butler (dpb500@york.ac.uk)

**Sunday service times:** Communion service is at 10am and Family Service at 11:15am at OPS. 'Worship, Communion, Teaching' service at 10.30am at THCC. We are an independent, Bible believing church, seeking to share God's message and love with the local community.

Every Sunday in term-time there is a Student Lunch after the family service at Tang Hall, students from Osbaldwick are also very welcome - please ask someone at church to find out where it is that week. There are also house groups in people's homes around York throughout the week. They are a great time for Bible study and fellowship. FMI see: www.yorkcommunitychurch.co.uk.

Global

**Address:** Askham Bryan Conference Centre – Free coach picks up from Roger Kirk Centre @ 4:20pm every Sunday, and 7:20pm for Wednesday’s Service.

**Contacts:** Andy Nimmo (an511@york.ac.uk), Ben Walker (bw511@york.ac.uk)

Global is a growing church, full of Life, Passion and solidly built on Biblical Truth. We are a dynamic and fast moving church, passionate about God, people and life with powerful and challenging teaching, inspiring worship and a great atmosphere. Global carries out work across the city, doing community action, business coaching, leadership training, providing youth work and hold talks for students. Want to be involved? Come down on a Sunday and ask about joining a team. Visit www.globalyork.com

York City Church

**Contact:** Emma Doxat-Pratt(ejdp500@york.ac.uk)

Sunday service times: 10.30am

Website: http://yorkcitychurch.org.uk

The Church meets together for excellent Bible-based teaching and lively worship. The atmosphere at York City Church is one that is particularly welcoming, friendly and inclusive, and students are encouraged to get involved in the church as valuable and active members. The Church also runs a number of mid-week cell groups which are a great place to form really good friendships and find the support that is so important for those of us at university.

Please contact the City Church student team at annacharlesworth@gmail.com for further details.
King’s Church
Address: The Priory Street Centre, Priory Street, off Micklegate
Contact: students@kcy.org.uk
Sunday service time: 10:30am
Website: http://www.kcy.org.uk
King's Church is an ultra-friendly group of people who get together on Sunday mornings for lively, evangelical and charismatic meetings. The church really is one big family. There are always the good ol’ regular student lunches, weekly cell groups and yummy prayer breakfasts to keep you ticking along nicely. The church is affiliated to an international organisation called Ministries Without Borders and we seek to communicate Jesus to those around us in a relevant, inspired and above all, Biblical way.

York Evangelical Church
Address: Millthorpe School, South Bank
Contacts: Elizabeth Thomas (et507@york.ac.uk), Sarah Lester (sjl504@york.ac.uk)
Sunday service times: 10:45am and 6:30pm
Website: http://yorkec.org.uk
YEC is a warm-hearted, independent, growing family church which truly seeks to serve, love and glorify Jesus Christ in all that is done. We passionately believe in the relevance and authority of the Bible. This is reflected in the teaching, outreach and ministries of the church, seeking to take the gospel into York and practical concern through BESOM projects, see www.thebesominyork.co.uk
YEC is very welcoming and hospitable to a good number of students (lunches every week!), encourages mixing amongst all age groups, and is very supportive of the Christian Union.

Holy Trinity Heworth
Address: Melrosegate/East Parade corner
Sunday service time: 10:30am
HTH is a wonderful family church which has a great mix of classic hymns on the organ, uplifting praise and familiar liturgy. This Anglican parish church is attended by young and old, helping to form the church’s strong family atmosphere. HTH provides students with faithful Bible teaching and the opportunity to become involved with church activities and to engage with the local community. Offering a great traditional/modern blend, it is ideal for those living in Tang Hall and is only a 25 minute walk from campus.
Elim Pentecostal Church

Address: St Lawrence’s Primary School, Heslington Road
Contact: Beth Ridley (br504@york.ac.uk)
Sunday service times: 10:30am and 1:00pm
Website: http://york-epc.org.uk

Elim is a warm and welcoming evangelical church, and has a huge variety of age groups and nationalities. It is an unusual church in that meetings are so informal you get a coffee on arrival to take to your seat and there is a break half way through the main Sunday meetings! There are loads of opportunities to serve in the church in many ways including music and kids work. Students even get to preach and lead meetings. There are home groups you can get involved in too. Everyone’s welcome, check out http://york-epc.org.uk or http://yorkstudents.org

St Hilda’s Church

Contact: Bethan Davey (brd502@york.ac.uk)
Sunday Service times: 8am Holy Communion, 10:30am Eucharist, 6:30pm Shared worship OR Evensong.
Website: www.freewebs.com/sthildayork

St. Hilda’s is a tiny parish church in Tang Hall with a congregation of between 25 and 30 each week. The atmosphere of the church is friendly and open. There is a family service once a month.

St Oswald’s Church

Address: Fulford Road, just by junction with Heslington Lane
Contact: Chris Bryan (cb533@york.ac.uk)
Sunday service times: 8am, 9:15am, 11am and 6:30pm

If you’re looking for an Anglican church with a really friendly congregation and a mixture of different styles of worship, then St Oswald’s is the place for you! There are two main services: the 9:15am includes traditional worship. The largest service is ‘Morning Praise’ at 11am which has an informal style. The 8am and 6:30pm services have a more meditative feel. St Oswald tries to mix Bible-based preaching and a stress on evangelism with lots of work with the local community and something for all people. If you’d like a mix of different styles of worship, lots of opportunities to be involved with the local community and a chance to get to know people of all ages, then come along and give it a go.
**St. Michael-le-Belfrey**

**Address:** Between High Petergate and Minster Yard  
**Contact:** Pippa Winterburn (pjw503@york.ac.uk)  
**Sunday service times:** 9am, 11am, 2pm, 8pm  
**Website:** [http://st-michael-le-belfrey.org](http://st-michael-le-belfrey.org)

St. Michael-le-Belfrey is a large Anglican church situated in the centre of York next to the Minster. Many students from the University attend, especially the 7pm Sunday evening service, which is informal, has lively band-led music and regular visiting speakers. Students meet before the service at The HUB (5:15pm, Belfrey Hall, 52 Stonegate). Chilled atmosphere and good, cheap meal, – the HUB is a good place to meet people and bring friends. The 11am service is all-age family worship, and the 9am service (if you can get up that early) is more contemplative. There is a student-family link-up scheme, and students are encouraged to develop their gifts by getting involve in all aspects of the fellowship's life – including music, youthwork, and Alpha. St Mike's co-ordinates an annual students' mission to the city of York, in the first two weeks of July.

See website for details of the G2 church at Next generation Gym.  
The Chinese service starts at 2pm every Sunday. It's in Mandarin and English, rarely cantonese.  
Email gabbie@yorkchinesechurch.org for more details, and see [www.yorkchinesechurch.org](http://www.yorkchinesechurch.org) for their website.

**York Baptist Church**

**Address:** York Baptist Church, Priory Street, off Micklegate  
**Contact:** Samah Massalha (esm500@york.ac.uk)  
**Sunday service times:** 10:45am and 6:30pm. Meet at Vanbrugh Porters Lodge at 10am and 5:45pm.  
**Website:** [http://yorkbaptist.org.uk](http://yorkbaptist.org.uk)

York Baptist is a well-established church in the city centre, with a strong and continuing history of solid Biblical teaching coupled with warm fellowship. The church's vision is to see all in the fellowship hear and obey the word of God, bring everything to God in prayer and show that the Gospel is relevant to life in the 21st Century. The church is a committed supporter of the Christian Unions in York, and is always seeking to involve students in its church life, which is a great encouragement to students and the church alike. Student Bible studies, lunches and days out are some of the ways that students can get to know each other and God's word in York Baptist Church. If you're church hunting at the beginning of your university life, put a visit to York Baptist Church on the list!
Other Christian Organisations

There are a few other organisations on campus existing because some students in York believe the message of Jesus is relevant for everyone today. Everyone is very much welcome to all the Christian societies on campus. They’re all different in style, hopefully providing something for everyone.

**Christian Focus**

Christian Focus is a non-denominational society, which warmly welcomes members of any faith or none, and exists to further its members' understanding of Christianity and the impact and relevance of its teachings in our world. In all our meetings, we hope to provide an open, friendly and non-judgemental environment in which those who attend are able to discuss their beliefs, opinions and feelings, whatever they may be. We have regular speakers on a variety of topics, and also organise worship, social action, Bible studies, prayer sessions social events and an annual weekend away.

Email - socs161@york.ac.uk
Website - http://cf.brandaris.org.uk

**Christis**

What is Christis? Christis is the university's free, student-led, Christian magazine. Do you like writing? Get your name in print! Artsy stuff? Computers and tech? We can use your talents. Do you want an insight into the world of publishing? Get it here! Are you into making God's name known on campus? We definitely need you! Appearing up to six times a year, our magazines include humour, reviews, poetry, artwork, Christian debate, and lots more. Look for our magazines round campus and visit our website www.christis.org.uk to see what we’ve done in the past. Then, turn up to our meetings in Langwith L/049. Whatever your background or faith, we promise you won't regret it. Email: socs90 fmi

**York Revelation Rock-Gospel Choir**

Revelation Rock-Gospel is SO much more than your average choir! We’re a Christian based group that puts the forming of friendships first and we try to draw out the hidden abilities and talents of our members. There are no auditions and absolutely everyone is welcome, no matter what their musical skills, gifts or beliefs. We cover all kinds of music and perform regularly but ultimately we’re not about perfection, stress or pressure for a concert; we’re here to support one another. We meet every Tuesday at Heslington Church from 7-9pm, you’re welcome to come along whenever you’re free...It would be great to see you!

Email: socs437@york.ac.uk
More Christian Organisations and the Chaplaincy Service

Cassoc
Cassoc is the Catholic Students Society and we are an extremely friendly bunch of people. Cassoc aims to promote a sense of community within the university, and everyone is welcome to the society whether Catholic or not. We look at issues that affect us as students and as Christians, and aim to explore and expand our knowledge of our faith and its relationship to what we do and who we are. We also recognize the importance of having fun! We meet every Thursday evening at 8pm in More House, Heslington Lane, and before the main meeting there is a rosary group that meets at 7.30pm. There is a mass on campus, Sundays at 11:00 in D/056. Feel free to join us any time at the main meeting, mass, rosary, or all of them! Contact us via email: socs532

Speak
York SPEAK is a group which campaigns and prays on issues of justice. We meet weekly as a community, to encourage each other in our faith and onto greater activism. Past events include raising awareness and collecting signatures for 'stop the traffic' and an open prayer event for the 2007 G8 summit. You don't have to be a Christian or to be knowledgeable about these kinds of issues to come along, everyone is welcome! We usually meet on Thursdays at 5pm, venues vary, but for weeks 2-4 we'll meet at Goodricke porters lodge to go to where we'll be. Want to know more: contact me (Anna) at amc504@york.ac.uk

Chaplains
A great resource available for absolutely everyone, the chaplains support the work of all the organisations and are readily available. The ‘full-time ones’ are: Rev Stephen Nicholson sln502@york.ac.uk, Fr. Elias O’Brien eob500@york.ac.uk Bro. Paul de Groot pdg501@york.ac.uk, Rev Rory Dalgliesh rjd504@york.ac.uk Check www.uycu.org.uk/chaplains for more details and the ‘part time ones’!

And Finally… My Top tips for enjoying Uni
My advice has no basis more reliable than my own meandering experience.

Make lots of friends. Everyone’s in the business of making friends at uni.
Help out your college JCRC. Play college sport, or help recycle.
Make friends from different countries and cultures. Learn about them.
Learn to cook healthy food. (see opposite page for cookery courses)
Take time to look around the beautiful city of York. Go to the countryside.
Join societies -Take up something new -something you’ve never heard of before.
Events Happening throughout Weeks 1 and 2!

Week 1:

Red Bus
Open 24/7, refreshments available. Located near the Roger Kirk Centre. **Bus tours** on Wednesday and Friday. **Brunch on the bus:** Friday 11:30-1

Come along to find out more about the Christian Union.

Church fair
Saturday 13th, during freshers fair. Ask at stall for details.

A chance to chat to church contacts providing info about churches in York.

Cooking Course
Friday 12:00—Want to be the next Jamie or Nigella - but can’t figure out why the oven doesn’t seem to work? Help is on hand– and there’s more free food! See [www.uycu.org.uk](http://www.uycu.org.uk) for details.

Sport
Every day 11:00-12:00, Footie on the astro, followed by 12:00-1:00, Badminton/Table tennis etc... in the main sports hall.

Main Meeting
Saturday (13th October), 3:30pm in V/045

Find out what the Christian Union is. You’ll be sure to get a warm welcome!

Refresh
Trying to love and serve campus by means of free drinks at late night events. A chance for students to meet Christians students and vica versa

Week 2:

Hot Potatoes
Monday to Friday, 1:15pm, Langwith Upper JCR

Talks on topical issues from a Christian perspective with a chance to ask questions and a free lunch. See back cover

Main Meeting
Saturday (21st October), 7pm in V/045 or L/028

An exploration of what the Christian Union is, answering questions such as: why Jesus, why we pray and worship?

Look out for our posters in your kitchens or visit our website at [http://www.uycu.org.uk/WhatsOn](http://www.uycu.org.uk/WhatsOn) for more details!

Thanks for reading this booklet! Hope it helps.
Hot Potatoes Talks

Free lunch, talk, followed by questions and answers.

**Every Weekday Lunchtime week 2:**

**Wed:** Does Science disprove God? With Andy McIntosh, Professor of thermodynamics at Leeds University.

**Other topics tbc- but they will be HOT!**

Look at www.uycu.org.uk/hotpot for times and locations.

**Look out for more Hot Potatoes talks during the term!**

Everyone is welcome at Hot Potatoes events – There’s no praying, no singing and we hope no pressure. It’s your chance to grab a free lunch, listen to what Christians believe and ask questions.

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**Talk and thought Café** - just a chilled-out opportunity to discuss current affairs, literature and philosophy over a cup of coffee. Details @ www.uycu.org.uk/bookcafe

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**The Alpha Course with York Uni Christian Union**

Have you ever found yourself wondering about the bigger questions, such as – Why am I here? What’s the point in life? Is there really a God?

Alpha is a world famous course, which seeks to explore the meaning of life from a Christian perspective, conducted in an open and friendly environment. Each session covers a different topic, with a short talk and plenty of time to discuss these issues, in smaller groups. It will usually last around 2 hours.

Food, refreshments and of course dessert are provided and there is no charge. The termly course at the university, has seven sessions, one each week, from week 4. Look out for confirmations of exact times and location on the website www.uycu.org.uk