

YORK MINSTER

A Living Legacy

FROM THE DEAN'S INTRODUCTION

York Minster is a prodigy of a place. But while the splendours of the architecture, glass and treasures of the Minster are often recorded, in this book we want to complement those dazzling images with a record of the people of the institution. Each generation of clergy, musicians, craftsmen, worshippers and servants may seem to be ephemeral, but an English cathedral represents a surprising and important continuity of life, so that even now we cannot understand its purpose and way of working without reference to its history and the vision that inspired our predecessors here.

This living legacy is something of infinite value that we want to hand on now. Every day we try to reveal the life that has, unbroken, been expressed at York Minster. It is a harmony of human and divine lived out in a building made by human hands and minds that we show to the world.



Keith Jones

The Very Rev. Keith Jones, Dean of York



CHAPTER 1
THE LIVING MINSTER

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A tribute to the people who have made this a living place of faith and creativity, *York Minster: A Living Legacy* tells the Minster's 1500-year story in words and colour images, bringing the past to life, and revealing, as well as the beauties of its structure and glass, the many hidden corners of the Minster today.

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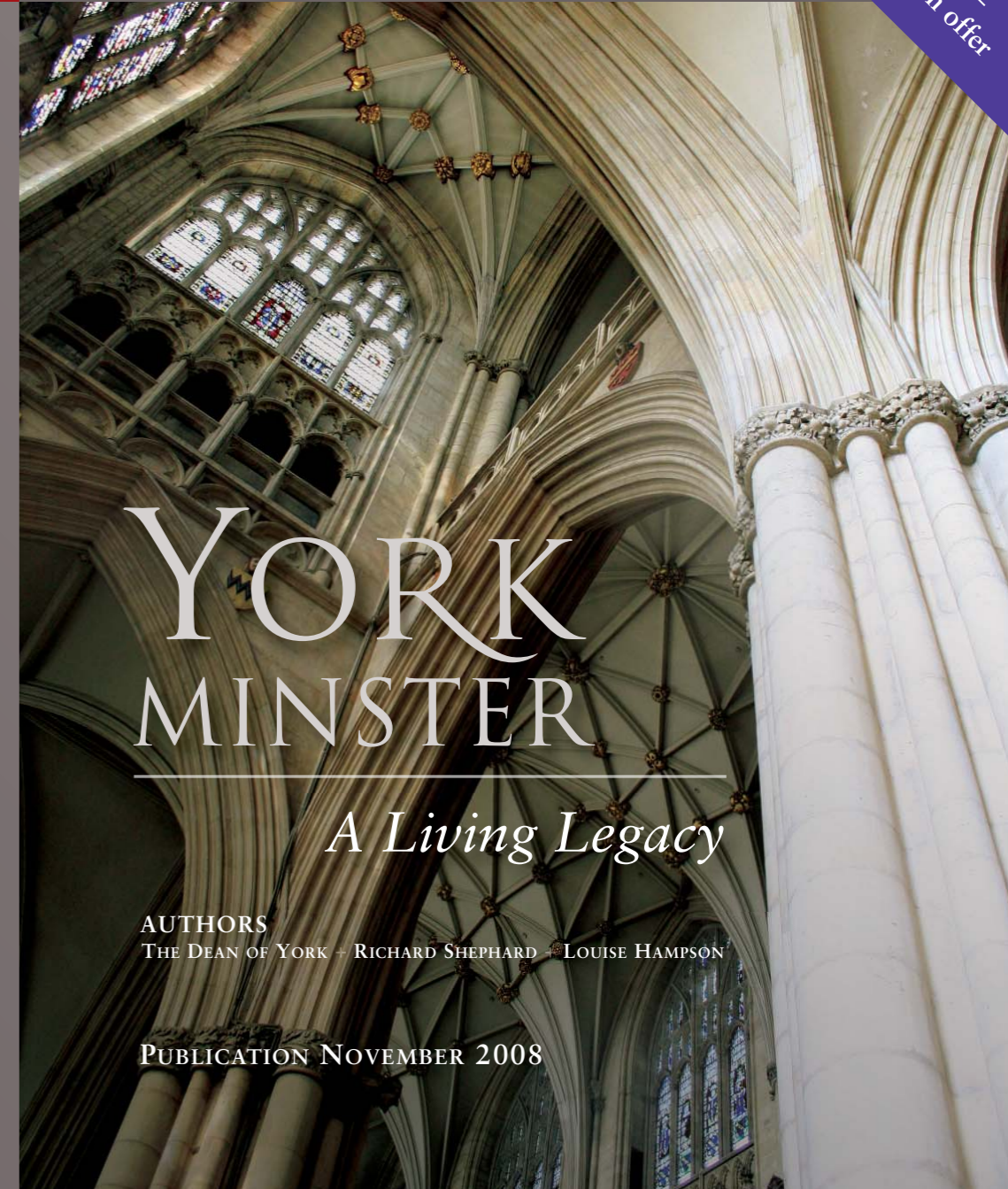
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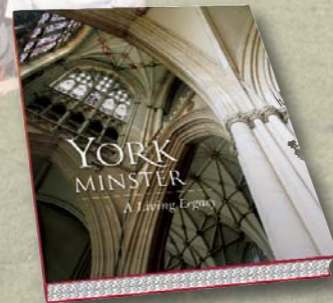
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