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# Yorkshire Church on Show

*A GREAT Christian Presence  
At the GREAT Yorkshire  
show*



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As I write this message, I can see the new shoots of growth pushing through the soil in our garden – a perfect reminder of the theme for this year's display: "All things are possible with God".

The design team are planning another creative display which will offer a variety of opportunities for interaction, plenty of food for thought and space for reflection on the bounteous and abundant love of God for all of creation, as we reflect on the parable of the sower and the seed.

In recent months we've been reminded of the power of God and the powerlessness of humanity against the forces of nature in earthquakes, tornadoes and volcanoes. It would be easy to focus on the negative aspects of these events but as always the clouds have a silver lining and we see the love of God being shown in the generous responses to natural disasters and the way in which God brings forth shoots of hope on what seem to be the deadwood of disaster.

I hope that the Church on Show display this year will shine as a beacon of hope to all who engage with it, and that the message that all things are possible with God will remain long after the three days of the show.

# 2010 Dates

Tues 13th July

Wed 14th July

Thur 15th July

*Further details can be  
found on the official  
Great Yorkshire Show  
Website*

[www.greatyorkshireshow.com](http://www.greatyorkshireshow.com)

**Don't forget to take a peek at on our own site**

**[www.yorkshirechurchonshow.org.uk](http://www.yorkshirechurchonshow.org.uk)**

**Can you help as a steward?**

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# THE YORKSHIRE CHURCH ON SHOW DISPLAY 2010

## ***All Things Are Possible With God***

This year the design team are developing the display around Jesus' parable of The Sower and the Seed picking out three particular aspects:

(Matthew 13)

- **God Creates**

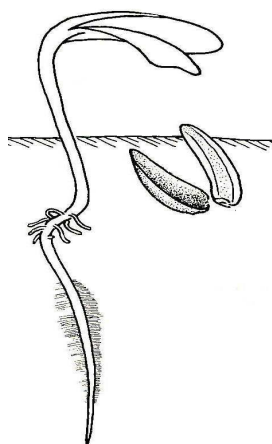
Sowing seed in each one of us is an act of God's faith in our potential.

- **God Sustains**

Some seed falls in hard places but even so God reveals great possibilities in hard times.

- **God Redeems**

The harvest is never a foregone conclusion, yet with God, the bounty can be surprisingly great.



### ***God's Potting Shed!***

One of the activities we plan to offer visitors this year is the opportunity to plant and take home their very own sunflower. Maybe wishful thinking that a sunflower seed planted in July might actually flower this year, but it might, and we are using a late hardy variety which has some chance of making it through to the following year.

Some seeds may go on to produce many thousands more. The witness of God's love can have far reaching effects way beyond our expectations.

### ***Your Prayers Please...***

Over the years the task of stewarding the display has grown considerably as we have endeavoured to make the display more interactive. A morning or afternoon welcoming and involving visitors can be hard work requiring a sensitive approach, but most would say greatly rewarding and often good fun.

*Please pray for all the preparations, the stewards and all involved in sowing seeds at this year's show, that by God's grace the harvest may be plentiful.*

*Useful rural links:*

**Arthur Rank Centre** (the Church's national rural resource): [www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/](http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/)

**Rural Churches Support Network** (support for local churches): [www.crc-online.org.uk/rcsn.asp](http://www.crc-online.org.uk/rcsn.asp)

**Rural Stress Helpline** (confidential support for country folk) : [www.ruralstresshelpline.co.uk](http://www.ruralstresshelpline.co.uk)