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## News release

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### Shortlist announced for contemporary reordering of St Michael le Belfrey Church in York

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is pleased to announce the five practices shortlisted to participate in the design phase of the contemporary reordering of St Michael le Belfrey Church in York.

The shortlisted practices, who will now begin working on their design proposals, are:

- Dow Jones
- LDN Architects
- Purcell
- Simpson & Brown
- Steyn Studio and Anthony Grimshaw Associates

A public exhibition of the 5 shortlisted designs will be held at St Michael le Belfrey Church on the 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May. An online exhibition of the proposed schemes will also be available to view at <http://ribacompetitions.com/belfrey/>.

**Reverend Matthew Porter**, vicar at St Michael le Belfrey Church, said:

*“We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with these experienced and creative architect-led teams and look forward to seeing how they interpret our requirements as a contemporary, faith-filled church family, worshipping in our Grade 1 listed building. We are excited to see how they might create a beautiful, flexible, modern space which blends thoughtfully with the church’s architecture and history.”*

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