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SILKEBORG 29. MAJ – 1. JUNI 2025

# HEAVENLY DAYS

## IN SILKEBORG 2025

# THE THEME OF HEAVENLY DAYS IN SILKEBORG

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in Silkeborg 2025



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## HEAVENLY DAYS LIFT YOUR GAZE...

### ... towards fellow humans

lift your gaze to see  
who you are with  
where you are going  
where you are heading and  
where you are needed

### ... towards creation

lift your gaze, raising you  
and stepping out  
where the sky is higher,  
the grass is greener  
and the earth is created  
to breathe freely

### ... towards God

lift your gaze  
and sees that we can believe  
in the same God  
in many different ways

The theme 'Lift Your Gaze' runs through all the activities and gatherings during Heavenly Days, so we create days with a focus on the community in its many facets. The community, where there is room for both regular churchgoers and people who are visiting for the first time. Heavenly Days, where opinions can meet, clash, inspire, and evoke wonder, curiosity, and faith.

# HEAVENLY DAYS

## "LIFT YOUR GAZE"

**Silkeborg is the best imaginable setting for Heavenly Days, the Churches' People's Meeting, that we could ever imagine! The city offers a fantastic city center with churches and excellent facilities, so all events, talks, concerts, and services can take place within a centrally located area. At the same time, Silkeborg has magnificent scenery just around the corner, perfect for relaxation and reflection.**

Heavenly Days is an ecumenical project which takes place during the Ascension holiday from May 29 to June 1, 2025 under the theme "Lift Your Gaze." We will lift our gaze towards creation, towards our fellow humans, and towards God, emphasizing that we are never alone but always in relation to the world around us, the people around us, and God – and how that relationship affects us. This reflection will run as a leitmotif through the many events, talks, concerts, and services that will constitute Heavenly Days, providing inspiration and contemplation not only during the event but also afterwards. Inspiration and contemplation for individuals and within congregations, churches, and the church organizations that are all contributing to creating Heavenly Days together. Heavenly Days will "Lift Your Gaze" – as our logo with the bird signals. The bird makes us lift our gaze and see life around us in new ways, regardless of who we are and our relationship with faith, church, and Christianity.

On behalf of the Local Committee, I hope you will experience a Heavenly Days in Silkeborg 2025 that lifts the gaze with inspiration, courage, and enthusiasm.

Jacob D. Krogh Rasmussen  
*Chairman of the Local Committee for Heavenly Days 2025  
in Silkeborg.*



# WELCOME TO SILKEBORG

**Silkeborg is a lovely city with traditions of welcoming guests warmly. So we look forward to warmly welcoming Heavenly Days to Silkeborg during the Ascension holiday in 2025.**



There is nothing better than visits from people who have something on their hearts. Visitors who invite us to a multitude of events about faith, society, and much more between heaven and earth. To debate.

Participants can look forward to visiting a pleasant city with a lively shopping life with many specialty stores. Numerous restaurants and cafes. And good accommodation options. A city rich in cultural and other attractions. A city that houses about half of the 100,000 inhabitants in Denmark's 9th largest municipality. And not to forget; Silkeborg is Denmark's Outdoor Capital, with all that it entails in terms of opportunities to enjoy life outdoors, regardless of age and abilities. Nature and city merge uniquely. The possibilities are many, and we look forward to presenting them.

We say; it happens in Silkeborg – Denmark's Outdoor Capital. And we look forward to showing it to Heavenly Days. Welcome to Silkeborg.

Kind regards,

Helle Gade  
*Mayor*  
*Silkeborg Municipality*

# WELCOME TO THE CHURCHES' PEOPLE'S MEETING 2025

**For more than 50 years, Danish churches and church organizations from a broad spectrum of the ecclesiastical landscape have gathered for Danish Church Days. It will happen again in May 2025 in the Aarhus diocese and Silkeborg, when they take place as Heavenly Days in the Lake Highlands. As a people's meeting of the churches, Silkeborg city and nature will frame conversations, concerts, and cultural events, as well as services and devotions in churches, squares, and plazas.**

Democracy, culture, nature, youth, and climate all have their own people's meetings. Now the churches will also get their own people's meeting under the title Heavenly Days.

A people's meeting is characterized by the opportunity for enriching meetings between people, and in Silkeborg, the ambition is that we can inspire each other and the world we are part of through dialogue, music, art, and worship.

Heavenly Days in Silkeborg will take place centrally in the city's squares and plazas, in schools, and churches. The settings are admirable, so I hope that curious participants from all over Denmark will join us in filling them, so we can inspire each other across traditions and church denominations.

I look forward to welcoming all of Denmark and participants from abroad to Aarhus Diocese and Silkeborg city for Heavenly Days 2025.

Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen  
*Diocese of Aarhus*



# The vision of Heavenly Days

Heavenly Days in Silkeborg is part of Danish Church Days. The vision behind Danish Church Days is to create a church people's meeting for interchurch events like Heavenly Days.

Danish Church Days aims to

- create space and community for people who inquire about Christian faith
- gather Christians and strengthen them in their faith
- encourage the church to take responsibility
- enable witness and engagement in society
- contribute to fellowship with Christians from around the world.

With this goal in mind Heavenly Days and other open forums are held, where people with widely different vocations, church traditions and confessions, theology and forms of expression come together across generations, cultures, and ethnicities, and where thoughts and opinions meet and are exchanged. Here, they celebrate worship together, seek a deeper understanding of faith, become aware of their responsibilities in and for society both near and far, and commit to the church's unity and ecumenical breadth locally and globally. Here, renewal of the church is encouraged, and renewal initiatives are promoted.

Read more at [www.kirkedage.dk](http://www.kirkedage.dk)

Heavenly Days in Silkeborg is the Churches' People's Meeting, open to a broad audience using the streets, the churches, and other local meeting places.

## Heavenly Days takes place in Silkeborg

Heavenly Days in Silkeborg is centred on the stretch from Silkeborg Church along the pedestrian street to the RC Church of Our Lady and on to Lunden. The area around Skoletorvet and Bindslev Plads with the library, schools, the senior high school, and the community centre is host to the 'Marketplace of Opportunities', various activities, talks, and debates. Concerts take place at various venues, such as Kedelhuset. Silkeborg Station is close by as a hub for travellers by train, bus, or car.

Church of Our Lady: Worship and music



The square and Silkeborg Church: The joint arrangements and worship



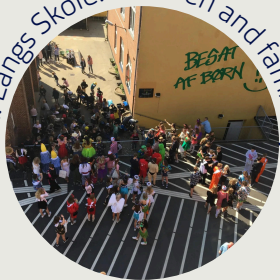
Kedelhuset: Concerts and theater



Bindslers Plads: The 'Market of Opportunities'



Th. Langs Skole: Children and families



Kormod Realskole: Revue + The volunteers' base



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Community centre: Existence and faith + Theology



College360: Young people + the Green Church and pilgrim centre



Silkeborg's hub



Th. Langs School: Diaconia and society + The Global Church



Silkeborg Library and Campus: Media Centre



The Creative School: Music, singing and concerts



**Did you know that...**

Heavenly Days is the event in Silkeborg, and Danish Church Days is the ongoing and nationwide work.

Danish Church Days has been held every three years since 1971, and Heavenly Days in Silkeborg marks the 20th time Danish Church Days are being held.

Silkeborg hosted Danish Church Days in 1983. At that time the event took place at Silkeborg Højskole.

**PROGRAM FOR HEAVENLY DAYS**

THURSDAY May 29th	FRIDAY May 30th	SATURDAY May 31st	SUNDAG June 1st
	<b>9.00-9.45 AM</b>  Morning devotion	<b>9.00-9.45 AM</b>  Morning devotion	
	<b>10.00 AM -12.00 PM</b>  Events Market of Opportunities	<b>10.00 AM -12.00 PM</b>  Events Market of Opportunities	<b>10.00 -11.30 AM</b>  Worship
<b>14.00 -15.45 PM</b> Opening ceremony  <b>16.00 -18.45 PM</b> Events Market of Opportunities	<b>13.00 -18.45 PM</b>  Events Market of Opportunities	<b>13.00 -18.45 PM</b>  Events Market of Opportunities	
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# We support Heavenly Days

The following churches and organisations are Friends of  
**Danish Church Days**  
**NB DLC = Danish Lutheran Church**

- Alpha Denmark
- The Apostolic Church of Denmark
- Areopagos
- Work annobles
- The Assisi Circle
- The Baptist Church of Denmark
- The Bible Society of Denmark
- Blue Cross Denmark
- DLC Sunday Schools
- DLC Media Center
- Danmission
- The Danish Mission Council
- Danish Oasis
- The Danish Baptist Church's Women's Network
- Danish Church Abroad/Danish Seamen's Church
- The Danish Deaconess Foundation
- The Roman Catholic Church of Denmark
- The Reformed Synod of Denmark
- The Ecumenical Retreat 'Skovhuset'
- The Diaconal College of Denmark
- Eksistensen Publishing House
- The Evangelical Free Church of Denmark
- The Voluntary Boy and Girl Association
- DLC Schools of Music
- DLC Interchurch Council
- DLC Education and Knowledge Center
- Folkekirkens Uddannelses- og Videnscenter
- The Salvation Army
- The Free Church Network
- Diocese of Funen
- Diocese of Haderslev
- Diocese of Helsingør (Elsinore)
- Inner Mission/Home Mission
- YMCA & YWCA Denmark
- YMCA-scouts in Denmark
- YMCA's Social Work
- The Church Fund
- DanChurchSocial
- KLF Church and Media Association
- DLC's Choir Organisation
- Diocese of Copenhagen
- National Association of Church Councils
- Diocese of Lolland-Falster
- Congregational Care in Denmark
- The Methodist Church of Denmark
- Mission Africa
- Mosaic (Network of Evangelical and Penteostal Churches)
- Diocese of Ribe
- Diocese of Roskilde
- Pastors to Students in Aalborg
- Theology for Laypeople
- Faith and Light (RC Org, supporting people with intellectual disability)
- Diocese of Viborg
- The Church of Our Lady/Copenhagen Cathedral
- Y's Men Region Denmark
- Diocese of Aalborg
- Diocese of Aarhus



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