



# September– November 2024 **What's On**





# Welcome

This autumn we are inviting you to pray with us certainly, and to hold solemn moments of remembrance and thankfulness.

We also wonder if you would like to come and be playful in this marvellous space?

Dance with us at one of our ceilidhs, sit on a giant swing, bring the children for a soft play adventure. Or join us for an adult craft evening or re-live forty years of The Smiths.

From the centring of a Quiet Morning or Sitar concert to an immersive Luxmuralis sound and light creation, you are invited to Leicester Cathedral as the days lengthen and the leaves fall.

We look forward to seeing you.

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The Very Revd Karen Rooms Dean of Leicester





Admission to the Cathedral is by a suggested voluntary donation of £5 per adult

Some events and activities have a separate charge

## **Visiting hours**

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Saturday 10.00am-5.00pm

**Sunday** 12.00pm-3.00pm

Occasionally there are special services or events which mean that our opening hours change.

The Tomb of Richard III can be visited between 10.30am–4.30pm from Monday to Saturday, and 12.00–3.00pm on Sundays.

## **Daily services**

#### Monday

8.30am Morning Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer/ Choral Evensong\*

#### **Tuesday-Friday**

8.30am Morning Prayer12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist5.30pm Evening Prayer/ Choral Evensong\*

#### Saturday

9.30am Morning Prayer 5.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist 3.30pm Evening Prayer/ Choral Evensong\*

Subject to change. Please check our website for up-to-date times. \* Choral Evensong takes place during term-time.





# **Special Services**

Tuesday 3 September | 5.30pm

Service to mark the closure of the Christian Resources Shop

Giving thanks for its contribution and work in God's ministry in the Diocese.

#### Sunday 8 September | 3.30pm Eucharist to mark the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood

Everyone is welcome to attend this celebratory service of Holy Communion. The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, Acting Bishop of Coventry, will preach.

#### Sunday 15 September | 3.30pm

#### Choral Evensong celebrating 50 years of Leicester Cathedral Girls' Choir

In 1974, Leicester Cathedral became the first Church of England cathedral to establish a separate girls' top line. This special Evensong celebrates its 50th anniversary, and includes a new anthem, commissioned for the occasion from acclaimed composer Cecilia McDowall. More info on page 7.



Sunday 22 September | 3.30pm

#### Service of Celebration with the Licensing and Installation of The Revd Dr Sarah Siddique Gill as Canon Missioner

Welcoming our newest member of clergy to the role of Canon Missioner.

Saturday 28 September | 3.30pm Civic Service

A special annual service to welcome the Lord Mayor of Leicester.



#### Wednesday 2 October | 5.30pm A service in lament of homelessness

In advance of World Homeless Day, a gentle occasion with prayers, music, candles, and silence – to remember those we have known who have died homeless on our streets and to stand in solidarity with all those who work to end homelessness.

#### Wednesday 9 October | 5.30pm A service to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week

For bereaved parents, whether recent or in the past, together with families and friends to commemorate their babies' lives and to help in raising awareness about the issues which surround baby loss.

#### Sunday 3 November | 10.30am Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints

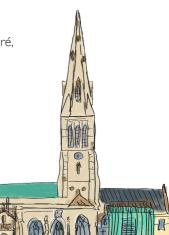
The Concert Trombone Quartette is the UK's first period instrument trombone quartet specialising in historically informed performance practice. To mark the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth, they will join forces with the Senior Girls and Songmen of the Cathedral Choir to perform movements of Anton Bruckner's *Mass in E minor* in the Cathedral Eucharist. *The Cathedral will open for visiting at 12.30pm following the service.* 

#### Sunday 3 November | 3.30pm Service of Remembrance

A performance of the *Requiem in D Minor* by Gabriel Fauré, with prayers and readings to remember loved ones. Sung by the Cathedral Choir.

#### Sunday 10 November | 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist with Act of Remembrance

A short Act of Remembrance will also take place at 11.00am on Monday 11 November.





# **Music** & Events



## Autumn Season 2024

12.30pm | Free admission, donations encouraged

Monday 9 September Philharmoinia Fellow\*

Monday 23 September Simon Headley Organ

Monday 14 October Carys Barnes Viola\* (with the Slate Quartet)

Monday 26 October Jude Richardson Piano

#### Monday 25 November Jeremy Kimber Piano Tori Norman Cello



#### Philharmonia

#### \* with the Philharmonia Fellowship Scheme

The Philharmonia is a world-class symphony orchestra: based in London, resident in cities across England, and streaming online, the Philharmonia creates thrilling performances for a global audience.

Here at Leicester Cathedral, we're thrilled to welcome Philharmonia Orchestra Instrumental Fellows for a series of recitals in partnership with this acclaimed orchestra.



Leicester Cathedral Girls' Choir held its first rehearsal in September 1974 under the direction of the then Assistant Master of the Music, Geoffrey Carter, becoming the first Church of England cathedral to have a female top line independent of the boys. We're fiercely proud of that fact and want to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of this historic event in style!

With our celebrations taking place on 14 and 15 September 2024, if you have been involved with Leicester Cathedral Choir over the past 50 years, whether as a singer, choir parent, member of staff, or just an appreciative member of the congregation, we'd love you to join us.

From a celebratory concert compered by Katie Breathwick, to a special Choral Evensong and exhibition, this is a milestone that we can't wait to celebrate with you!

#### O Sons and Daughters, let us sing: A Celebratory Concert

Singers past and present join forces to perform a range of repertoire from the Choir's last 50 years. Compered by **Katie Breathwick**, Classic FM presenter and former Leicester Cathedral Chorister. **Tickets**  $\pounds 15/\pounds 12$  available from **Eventbrite**. *Doors open 7.00pm*.

#### Sunday 15 September | 3.30pm Choral Evensong

This special Evensong includes a new anthem, commissioned for the occasion from acclaimed composer Cecilia McDowall. Preacher: The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Dean of Chapel, St John's College, Cambridge.

#### 2 – 30 September Exhibition: The Voice of the Choir

As well as uncovering and celebrating the story of the first Church of England cathedral girls' choir, we will delve into the wider history of choral music and life as a chorister. The exhibition will take audiences on a journey through the life of the Cathedral Choir, with recollections and memories from past choristers up to the present day. No booking necessary. Open during our normal visiting hours.



#### Thursday 19 September | 7.30pm Leicester International Music Festival 2024 Concert I: British Chamber Music 1920–2022

The opening concert of the 2024 festival works by Bliss, Tippett, Madeleine Dring, Grace Williams, and leading contemporary composer Elena Langer. The concert will conclude with Warlock's moving setting of poems by W.B. Yeats, *The Curlew*, for tenor, cor anglais, flute and string quartet.

Artistic Director, Nicholas Daniel (oboe) has brought together some of Britian's leading musicians: Katya Apekisheva (piano), The Carducci String Quartet, Adam Walker (flute), and Hugo Hymas (tenor). *Doors open 7.00pm*.

Tickets: £20 available from www.leicesterinternationalmusicfestival.org.uk

#### Friday 25 October | 6.30pm / 8.00pm

#### **Ceilidh in the Cathedral**

Twirl away the half-term with music from local band **Moggy in the Wood**, drinks from Huxley's Bar, and a friendly caller to guide you through the dances!

The **Relaxed Ceilidh** is aimed at children, to be accompanied by an adult, with an earlier time and shorter session to be kind to little legs. Groups should include a minimum of one adult for every four children. Under fives must be partnered by an adult and may need guiding or carrying through the dances.

The **Ceilidh in the Cathedral** (16+) is the perfect autumnal evening activity, whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced Ceilidh dancer.

Book your tickets via our website for a memorable evening of dancing, music, and laughter. **Tickets**: £10 / £5 Child (3-16) / Concession £8 (Under 3 free). Relaxed Ceilidh for children up to 16 (accompanied by an adult): doors at 6.15pm, for 6.30pm start / Ceilidh for 16+ adults: doors at 7.45pm for 8.00pm start.

#### Saturday 26 October | 7.30pm

#### An Evening of Music & Light:

#### Annual Diwali concert of Indian Classical Music

Join us for the annual concert of Indian Classical Music, in partnership with the Sitar Music Society, for the Diwali Festival of Lights. A recital of instrumental music by Debasmita Bhattacharya playing the Sarod, accompanied by Sanju Sahai on the Tabla.

Tickets available from https://buytickets.at/sitarmusicsociety

Children need to be accompanied by an adult. Doors open 6.45pm.



#### Wednesday 30 October | from 6.30pm The Cathedral Autumn Dinner

A celebratory evening featuring a drinks reception with canapés, sumptuous three-course meal, live music, auction, and a talk from Mathew Morris. Presented in support of the work of the Cathedral's Guild of St Martin and The Guild of St Katharine. For more information contact **David.Pepworth@** LeicesterCofE.org or call 0116 261 5344.

#### Thursday 7 November | 7.00pm / 9.30pm The London Film Music Orchestra:

#### Tribute to Hans Zimmer and Film Favourites

An immersive tribute to Hans Zimmer and cinema's most iconic music with a live chamber orchestra illuminated by light! Including: *E.T., Jurassic Park, Jaws, Harry Potter, Star Wars* and much more...

**Tickets** from £37.06 available from **Eventbrite**. Early concert – doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Late concert – doors open at 9.00pm for 9.30pm.

#### Saturday 9 November | 7.30pm

#### London Concertante: The Four Seasons and The Lark Ascending by Candlelight

Experience astounding music by one of classical music's greatest composers performed by some of the country's best classical musicians all presented by stunning candlelight – promising to bring Vivaldi's iconic *Four Seasons* to life in an extraordinary musical journey through nature's beauty, strength, and grace.

Book now as a cherished gift for your favourite classical music lovers and for a night out truly like no other. *Doors open 6.45pm.* 

Tickets from £22.38 available from www.londonconcertante.com

#### Monday 11 November | 7.30pm

#### **Music for Remembrance**

Leicester Cathedral Choir presents a concert of music for Remembrance, including Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem* and his *Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain*, written in memory of the composer and organist Jehan Alain, killed in action in the Second World War.

Tickets £15 / £12 concession, available from Eventbrite. Doors open 7.00pm.



#### Saturday 16 November | 7.00pm Hans Zimmer's Interstellar

A special concert marking 10 years since the release of Christopher Nolan's ground-breaking blockbuster. Organist Roger Sayer, who featured on the film's official soundtrack, will bring Hans Zimmer's Oscar-nominated suite to life on the Cathedral Organ.

Hear highlights from the film's iconic score, alongside intergalactic favourites from A Space Odyssey and Holst's The Planets. Sayer will take the audience on a journey through time and space, including a discussion and Q+A about his experience working with Nolan and Zimmer. Doors open 6.30pm.

Get your tickets now for an out-of-this-world musical experience, suitable for all the family. Tickets  $\pounds$ 15 /  $\pounds$ 12 concession, available from **Eventbrite**.

#### Saturday 30 November | 7.30pm

#### An Evening of the Smiths

Let Me In presents 'An Evening of The Smiths' at Leicester Cathedral – a passionate, and gloriously pretentious ode to 40 years of The Smiths.

Tickets from £12.00 available from the link our website. Doors open 6.45pm.

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# Talks

#### Thursday 12 September | 6.30pm Leicester Uncovered: Leicester's lost medieval churches

In the medieval period there were seventeen churches and religious houses in the borough of Leicester. Today, only six survive. Join archaeologist **Mathew Morris** from University of Leicester Archaeological Services for a talk about the archaeological excavations over the past 40 years which have rediscovered the buildings and graveyards of seven of these missing sites, providing a unique insight into the lives of the people who used them.

Tickets: £5.50 Full / £3.50 Concession. Available from Eventbrite.

#### Thursday 26 September | Doors open 6.30pm Leicester Cathedral: a new phase in its history

Join us for an evening of discussion, building tours and insight into the history of Leicester Cathedral and its current process of upgrade and modernisation.

The Cathedral is undergoing an exciting project to transform the opportunities it can offer, through the reordering of the interior, upgrade of building services and a 3-storey Heritage Learning Centre extension.

This event is hosted by Leicester Cathedral, supported by RIBA East Midlands and Leicestershire & Rutland Society of Architects, and features a talk and building tour by vHH Architects.

An ideal event for anyone interested in history, architecture, the conservation of historic buildings, and how to reduce their energy output through careful, sensitive interventions.

**Tickets:** £5.50 Full / £3.50 Concession. Available from **Eventbrite**.







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# Plants and



A unique installation by artist Mandeep Dhadialla, this interactive artwork highlights the importance of play for our wellbeing.

Using the fun and familiar element of a garden swing, people of all ages are invited to take a seat and swing while surrounded by a stunning suspended paper garden with large, vibrant flowers, fruits, foliage, and wildlife.

The installation showcases how play can uplift spirits, foster community bonds, and encourage conversations about the environment.

Swing amidst this magical garden and see how play can bring us all closer together, while also reminding us of the beauty of nature and the importance of caring for our environment. Feel the joy of play and let it transform your visit into an extraordinary adventure.

## **Free entry**

## Art\_Reach

by Mandeep Dhadialla **12 – 31 October** 

Saturday 12 October | 7.00–10.00pm

#### Games Night at the Cathedral

We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate play than with a games night in the Cathedral! With music, drinks and plenty of games provided by Reroll. Get your tickets for a playful evening of fun and games, suitable for all the family.

A relaxed and drop-in format, feel free to arrive and leave at any time. **Tickets**: £10.00

Full / £8.00 Concession. From Eventbrite. Doors open 6.45pm.

#### Thursday 17 October | 7.00–10.00pm Craft Night at the Cathedral

Have a go at three craft making sessions, including one with the artist behind the installation, Mandeep Dhadialla. Relax in one of our cosy crafting corners and enjoy the music and bar. A creative evening of making. Aimed at 16+.

A relaxed and drop-in format, feel free to arrive and leave at any time.

Tickets: £15.00 Full / £12.00 Concession. From Eventbrite. Doors open 6.45pm.

#### Saturday 19 October | 10.00am–2.00pm **Open Play**

Transforming the Cathedral into a giant play space for babies, toddlers, and children up to 8, join us for an exciting multisensory open-ended play experience, including soft play, where children lead the way!

Open Play is an early years programme dedicated to child-led play in museums, galleries, and cultural spaces. They create inclusive and welcoming spaces through multisensory art and play.

#### Thursday 24 October | 7.00pm Cinema in the Cathedral: The Secret Garden

Experience the mystery and beauty at the heart of the 1993 classic *The Secret Garden* (PG), before enjoying the swing in the Cathedral amidst a magical suspended garden of large, vibrant flowers, fruits, foliage, and wildlife. The screening will be relaxed and is suitable for all ages. Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase at the venue. **Tickets** £8.00 / £5.00 concession available from

concession, available from Eventbrite.



# Creative Cathedral

#### **October half-term**

Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm Thursdays 10.00am-12.00pm

Pop into the Cathedral and join in our crafty and creative Cathedral fun – inspired by the installation all about play! Free drop-in activity.

# SPACE

For the first time in Leicester Cathedral – a new adventure awaits...

## 18 – 23 November

Visitors will experience Leicester Cathedral like never before as **Luxmuralis**' light and sound creation illuminates the inside of the building for the first time – telling the story of time and space, projected onto the building's stunning architecture in the heart of the city.

Visitors will wander through projections of galaxies, a rocket launch, and the universe beyond, all with immersive soundscapes.

Entry to the Cathedral is by timed tickets only. The experience will last approximately 40 minutes.

People are recommended to buy their tickets early, with special early bird tickets at a reduced rate launching on 5 August, and general sales available from 2 September. Accessible sessions with reduced sound levels will be on Tuesday and Wednesday from 4.45–5.45pm.

To find out more and book tickets scan the QR code to visit **leicestercathedral.co.uk/space** 

For all ages!





## LUXMURALIS



# Discipleship

#### Thursdays 12 September, 10 October, 14 November | 7.00pm Cathedral Book Club

Our Cathedral Book Club meets online once a month. In September, we will be reading *Jesus and the Powers* by Tom Wright and Michael F Bird, and in October we will be reading *Julian of Norwich's Teabag* by Martin Wroe.

Join us to help choose what we will read in future sessions.

New members are always welcome – please email Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org.

#### Wednesdays 2, 9, 16 October

In person, St George's Chapel, 11.00am | Online, Zoom, 7.00pm Bible Together: Luke

In this new short course, we will journey through extracts from the extraordinary stories of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as told from the perspective of Luke. We will read, listen and wonder together, looking at spiritual practices such as Lectio Divina and Dwelling in the Word, in the hope that this will allow us to grow in faith alongside each other, whilst also encouraging us in our own individual discipleship beyond the course.

'Bible Together' draws on our 'Questions Together' model, rooted in our approach to discipleship here at Leicester Cathedral, which is centred around storytelling, conversation and wondering about God together.

This free short course is offered both in person at the Cathedral in the morning and online in the evening.

Please visit our **Eventbrite** page to book onto the online course.





#### Saturday 5 October | 10.30am-12.30pm

#### 'I Will Give You Rest' – a Quiet Morning for Autumn

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11.28)

Join us for our next seasonal quiet morning, an opportunity to reflect on the importance of rest in relation to our discipleship, and to practise resting with God and with scripture.

What does Christ's call to come to him in our weariness mean in the context of a society that often prioritises productivity and 'doing' over 'being', and how does this relate to living out our faith?

Through guided reflection, quiet time and permission to simply 'be' in the quiet comfort of the Cathedral, we aim to spend a morning reflecting and resting together.

For ages 11+ (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Register via **Eventbrite**.



# Exploring Faith?

Are you interested in journeying with others who would also like to know more about faith, discipleship, and church? All are very welcome – especially if you are new to church – to contact Jude (Jude.Taylor@ LeicesterCofE.org) to register your interest.



# Tours

Tours are subject to change so please check our website for up-to-date information.

#### **Richard III Tours**

Join us on a fascinating tour as our expert guides showcase the beautifully crafted tomb, the magnificent Tom Denny Redemption Windows, and the stunning funeral pall.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11.30am | Fridays at 2.30pm Saturdays at 11.30am and 2.30pm

£4.00 per person. Accompanied children under 16 free. Tours last about 40 minutes and can be booked via Eventbrite or at the Welcome Desk.

#### Themed highlight tours

All tours start at 11.30am and are £4.00 per person. Accompanied children under 16 free. Tours last about 30 minutes and can be booked via Eventbrite or at the Welcome Desk.

#### Cathedral Windows First Thursday of each month

Explore the beautiful windows of Leicester Cathedral in this illuminating windows tour. Find out more about the magnificent Great East window, the fabulous Richard III Redemption windows, the exquisite John Sarson memorial window and our James Thompson memorial window.

#### Evolution of Medicine Second Thursday of each month

Join us on an absorbing exploration of the evolution of medicine from the middle-ages to the Victorian era and its connections to the parish of St Martin.

#### Prayer and Pilgrimage Third Thursday of each month

Did you know that St Martin's church was on a pilgrimage trail in medieval times? Our enticing tour journeys back in time for an exploration of the act of pilgrimage and its evolution over time.

#### Carved in Stone Fourth Thursday of each month

Stone has many uses in our heritage buildings. Often grand and imposing but sometimes delicate and exquisite. Join us on our fascinating tour which takes us on an exploration of the stone in our beautiful Cathedral.



#### Walking tours

Led by our expert guides, these guided walks will delight anyone with an interest in local history. All tours start at 2.00pm and are £5.00 per person. Accompanied children under 16 free. Tours last about 1 hour and can be booked via Eventbrite or at the Welcome Desk.

#### Leicester Cathedral to St Mary de Castro

#### Saturday 7 September

Starting from the Cathedral and ending at the historically significant St Mary de Castro church via Castle Gardens, this walk explores the medieval history of both sites and the various historic buildings along the route.

#### Leicester Cathedral to St Nicholas Church

#### Saturday 21 September

Starting from Leicester Cathedral and ending at St Nicholas church, the oldest place of worship in the city, this walking tour explores the long history of both sites and the various historic buildings along the route.

## People of the Parish of St Martin

#### Saturday 14 September

#### FREE for Heritage Open Day

During a recent archaeological dig at Leicester Cathedral twelve named burials were uncovered. This walking tour explores the lives of three of those found, all of whom lived within the parish boundaries in the 19th century – each having a fascinating story to tell. Heritage Open Day Richard III Tours Saturday 14 September 11.30am and 2.30pm Free!



# **Out and About**

#### Tuesday 22–Thursday 24 October | 10.00am–4.00pm Haymarket Shopping Centre

Visit us as we take the Cathedral out and about to the Haymarket Shopping Centre. Have a go at our special space themed activities, find out more about the archaeological finds from the *Leicester Cathedral Revealed* project and discover all the exciting things to come at Leicester Cathedral.

#### Sunday 10 November | 10.30am

#### **City Act of Remembrance at Victoria Park**

The annual city act of remembrance with music sung by members of the Cathedral Choir at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park.



Come to our drop-in day in the Cathedral and find out about the range of volunteer roles available in our beautiful building. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, have a positive impact on the community, and have fun! Minimum age of 16.



# **School Visits**

#### EYFS – KS5

We welcome school visits from all faiths and denominations and our newly renovated space is fully accessible. Our brand-new learning programme is packed with topics covering Christianity, Richard III, art, music and much more! Our sessions can be adapted to meet SEND requirements and our workshops follow the National Curriculum and the Leicestershire Agreed Syllabus for RE.

For information about our workshops and school visits, please contact us via **Cathedral.Education@LeicesterCofE.org** – more details can be found on our website. **Please note: all school visits need to be pre-booked.** 

# Venue Hire

From Roman archaeological discoveries to the reinternment of Richard III, Leicester Cathedral is steeped in history.

Our restoration project has revitalised the building as we approach our centenary year in 2027. Having pushed boundaries over the last century as the first cathedral to have a Girl's Choir, a female Dean, and an all-female clergy team, we are committed to continuing our story of inclusion and accessibility.

The Cathedral is in the heart of the UK's first non-white majority city, and we strive to reflect this in our programme and welcome.

## Have you considered hosting your event or exhibition in the Cathedral?

We are a historical attraction, a performance venue, an exhibition space, and a working church. We are a reassuring resource for our local community alongside being a professional venue that delivers a high-quality visitor experience for people from across the world.

Our spaces available for hire are as multi-faceted as the Cathedral itself. Our dedicated team will work with the hirer to utilise the space according to your needs. If you would like bring the creative vision for your event to life in our historic building then

please do get in touch via the

booking form on our website.



# Supporting your Cathedral

#### Volunteering

We have a wide range of roles including assisting visitors, flower arranging, bellringing, to helping with our services.

To find out more please email Rebecca.Hale@LeicesterCofE.org or call 0116 261 5368.

#### Join a Guild

The Guild of St Martin supports our services and our outreach work, and The Guild of St Katharine supports our choirs and music in the Cathedral.

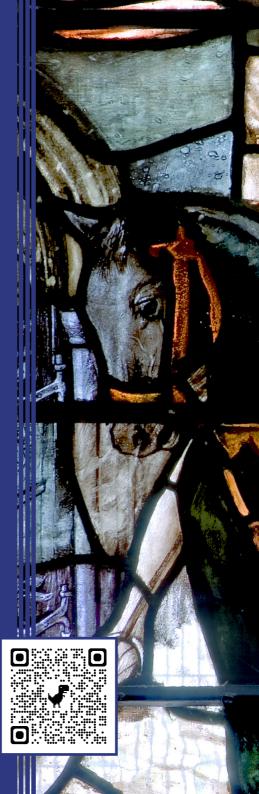
Find out about the benefits of becoming a member by emailing David.Pepworth@LeicesterCofE.org or calling 0116 261 5344.

#### **Donate regularly**

Your regular support however small or large helps us best plan ahead and best serve the city and county.

Email David.Pepworth@ LeicesterCofE.org, call

0116 261 5344, or scan the QR code to find out the options to give regularly.









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