



Leicester  
Cathedral

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Lent and  
Easter 2024  
**What's On**



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# Welcome

Welcome to Leicester Cathedral. Whether you have travelled from near or far we hope you will find there is a place for you in our programme of services and events over this season.

For Christians this is the most holy time of the year. We invite you to journey with us as we follow the story of Jesus through the wilderness time of Lent and the pain of his death to the joy of his resurrection, celebrated on Easter Day and over the weeks that follow.

As well as our Cathedral services, including choral services with our Cathedral Choir, the artist Iain McKillop's *Stations of the Resurrection* will form a striking backdrop to our weeks after Easter. Also on offer throughout this season are recitals and concerts, activities for children and families, and tours where you can enter into the fascinating history of this Cathedral site.

All are welcome at any of our services and events. We hope you enjoy your visit here – bring your friends and family back!

Our building is free to enter, but we encourage a donation to help support our mission and work

**The Revd Canon  
Emma Davies**  
Canon Precentor

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# We are open!

## **Monday–Friday**

8.15am–6.00pm

## **Saturday**

9.15am–6.00pm

## **Sunday**

12.00pm–4.30pm

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# Daily Services

## **Monday**

8.30am Morning Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer/  
Choral Evensong

## **Tuesday–Friday**

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Lunchtime Eucharist

5.30pm Evening Prayer/  
Choral Evensong

## **Saturday**

9.30am Morning Prayer

5.30pm Evening Prayer

## **Sunday**

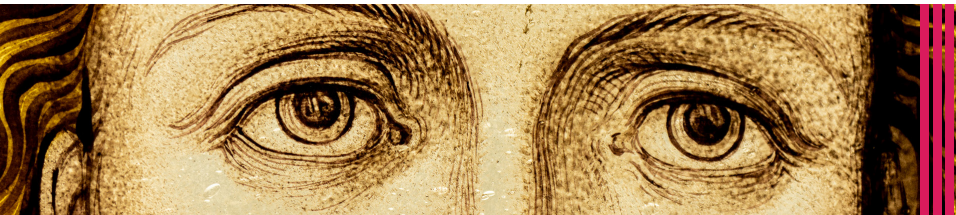
10.30am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer/  
Choral Evensong

*Subject to change. Please check our website for up-to-date service times.*







# Special Services

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**Ash Wednesday** 14 February

**Lunchtime Eucharist** | 12.30pm

Said in traditional language, with ashing, join us to mark the start of Lent in this said service of Communion. During the service, you will be invited to receive the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead as a symbol of penitence.

**Choral Eucharist** | 7.00pm

With choral music, hymn singing, and ashing, join us to mark the start of Lent in this sung service of Communion. During the service, you will be invited to receive the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead as a symbol of penitence.

Saturday 9 March | 2.30pm

**Service for the Installation of the Dean of Leicester**

A special service installing The Revd Canon Karen Rooms as the Dean of Leicester. Tickets on a first-come, first-served basis, available from Eventbrite.

Sunday 10 March | 4.00pm

**Choral Evensong Together with St Mary's Church, Anstey**

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong at St Mary's Church, as part of our *Together with Leicester Cathedral* project.

## *Holy Week*

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**Palm Sunday** 24 March

**Cathedral Eucharist** | 10.30am

Starting in Jubilee Square before travelling to the Cathedral.

**Service of Music and Readings for Passiontide** | 3.30pm

A reflective service as we enter Holy Week.





Monday 25, Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 March | 7.00pm

### **Holy Week Evening Services**

Reflective services as we journey through Holy Week.

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### **Maundy Thursday** 28 March

**Diocesan Chrism Eucharist** | 11.00am

With the Renewal of Ordination Vows, the Celebration of Ministries, and the Blessing of Holy Oils.

**Eucharist of the Last Supper** | 7.00pm

Remembering the Last Supper and re-enacting the washing of the disciples' feet, ending with a time of silent vigil.

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### **Good Friday** 29 March

**The Three Hours** | from 12.00–3.00pm

A three hour devotion with prayers, hymns, music, addresses, and silence. You are welcome to join us for all or part of the Liturgy for Good Friday.

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### **Holy Saturday** 30 March

**Easter Vigil** | 8.00pm

A journey from darkness to light, from the tomb to new life. With fire and incense, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

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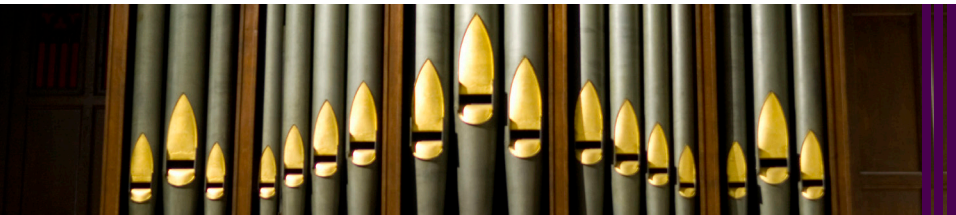
### **Easter Day** Sunday 31 March

**Easter Day Eucharist** | 10.30am

Join us as we celebrate the new life of Easter with the Bishop of Loughborough.

**Easter Choral Evensong** | 3.30pm

With music sung by the Cathedral Choir.



# Music & Events

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Monday 26 February | 12.30pm

**Lunchtime Recital: Rosie Vinter, Organ**

Free admission, donations encouraged.

Monday 11 March | 12.30pm

**Lunchtime Recital: Avalon Summerfield, Alto,  
and Jonathan Jarvis, Piano**

Free admission, donations encouraged.

Monday 25 March | 12.30pm

**Lunchtime Organ Meditation for Holy Week**

With music played by David Cowen, the Cathedral's Organist.

Free admission, donations encouraged.

## **The Full Final Sacrifice** Leicestershire Chorale and Cathedral Choir Concert

Saturday 23 March | 7.30pm

Epic Choral Anthems to include Stanford *For lo, I raise up*,  
Walton *The Twelve*, and Finzi *Lo, the Full Final Sacrifice*.

£15 Full / £12 Friends & Guild of St Katharine / £10 U19 / £5 U13

Tickets from [ticketsource.co.uk/leicestershirechorale](https://ticketsource.co.uk/leicestershirechorale)  
or from [tickets@leicestershirechorale.org.uk](mailto:tickets@leicestershirechorale.org.uk)





## *St George's Day*

**Saturday 20 April | 12.00–5.00pm**

As part of Leicester City Council's St George's Day events, visit Leicester Cathedral for special tours and a trail to mark St George's Day.

**Tours** will take place at 1.00pm and 3.30pm, tickets will cost £3.50. Find out more about St George's connection to Leicester Cathedral through the depictions of St George in the building and the history of past traditions and events that took place on St George's Day.

Our free **Children's Trail** will take you on a journey around the Cathedral. Discover the stories of St George and the other saints all over Leicester Cathedral by finding their pictures in our windows and statues. Follow the clues and complete our trail to get a little prize at the end.

Find out more about the wider day's events, visit the City Council's website.

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## *Talk: Stories from Sikh and Punjab History found in the Abbeys, Cathedrals and Churches of the UK*

**Thursday 25 April | 6.30–8.30pm**

Britain's streets are full of stories from Sikh and Punjabi history. Rav Singh brings these stories to life through *A little History of the Sikhs* – a community initiative he founded that works to translate research in modern-day Sikh history and heritage into walking tours in London, day trips in the South-East of England and annual study visits to destinations in the UK and across western Europe.

Rav will be presenting stories from Sikh and Punjab history that are memorialised in Abbeys, Cathedrals, and Churches across the South-East of England in this talk at Leicester Cathedral. The talk will be followed by a question and answer session and refreshments.

**Tickets:** Adults £5.50 / Concession £3.50, available from Eventbrite.



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# Iain McKillop's **Stations of the Resurrection**

Perspectives of  
Christ's resurrection

**3 April – 20 May**

Iain McKillop is a British painter and art-historian working mainly in the field of Christian religious art, with his work regularly touring British cathedrals and churches. He also produces paintings of architectural history and related subjects.

Resurrection Stations explore the accounts of witnesses who were convinced of Jesus' return to life – a further dimension of existence beyond death.

McKillop hopes to make us consider the evidence of the Gospel accounts, the implications of Jesus' resurrection, and what aspects might convince us to trust in God and Christ's teachings today.

**Free entry**









# Discipleship

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Sundays 18 February, 17 March | 12.15–1.00pm

## Questions Together

In the Gospels, Jesus asks 307 questions. He is asked around 183 questions, but only answers three. In fact, Jesus often responded to a question with another question! Asking questions can empower us to learn and grow in our faith, but it can feel challenging, and finding answers can also be difficult.

Our monthly discussion group aims to offer a friendly space to ask questions (and practise giving answers!) about faith and discipleship. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book a place. Join us as we ask, wonder, and share together!

Inside the Cathedral after the Sunday Eucharist.

Thursdays 15 February, 14 March | 7.00–8.00pm, Zoom

## Cathedral Book Club

Meeting online once a month over Zoom. In February, we will be reading **Tarry Awhile** by Selina Stone, the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2024 Lent book, while in March, we will be reading **Cuddy** by Benjamin Myers – a bold and experimental novel retelling the story of the hermit St Cuthbert.

New members are always welcome – please email [Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) or register on Eventbrite (links on our website!).





# Finding Hope in the Wilderness of the World

2024 Lent course

Wednesday 21 February (for five weeks) | In-person and on Zoom

## Lent Course: 'The Wilderness of the World'

What can we learn from examples of 'wilderness' in the Bible as we look to navigate the places, experiences and issues in our contemporary world where we feel a sense of isolation and struggle? Although we may feel hopeless in the face of some of the biggest issues facing our world today – the climate crisis, poverty, injustice, exploitation, exclusion – what practical things can we do to make a difference for those caught in places and situations that could be considered a kind of contemporary 'wilderness'?

During this year's Lent course, guided by the themes of wilderness within scripture, together we will reflect on the hope that God offers in situations that feel hopeless, and we will identify some of the practical things we can do to help make a difference in our world as part of our discipleship.

Join us for a 5-week journey through Lent as we listen, share and grow together. You can join us in-person for face to face meetings in St George's Chapel every Wednesday from 11.00am–12.00pm, and/or on Zoom from 7.00–8.00pm. Please contact [Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) for more information.



## *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](mailto:Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org)) to register your interest.



# Half-Term activities!

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## Junior Church

**Fun activity mornings for all the family!  
February, May and October,  
9.00am–12.30pm, Knighton Parish Centre**

Our half term activity mornings are an opportunity for the whole family to have fun together playing games, doing crafts, chatting, eating and reflecting, and much more!

In 2024, our activity mornings will take place 9.00am–12.30pm on...

**Tuesday 20 February**

**Tuesday 28 May**

**Tuesday 22 October**

Because these are family activity mornings, all grown-ups need to be accompanied by at least one person aged 16 or under! Conversely, all children aged 16 and under need to be accompanied by a parent or carer.

All activity mornings will take place at the Knighton Parish Centre, Church Lane, Leicester, LE2 3WG. The Parish Centre has a car park to the rear which is reached via Welford Road and Brinsmead Road.

For more information and to register your interest, please email Louise Davis, Leicester Cathedral's children and families worker ([Louise.Davis@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Louise.Davis@LeicesterCofE.org)).

*We would welcome a contribution of £5 per family towards the cost of running the morning, but we are committed to making our activities accessible to all, regardless of circumstance, so this is entirely voluntary.*





## **Family Friendly Richard III Tours**

**Tuesday 20 February | 11.00am**

**Thursday 22 February | 1.30pm**

Children free, Adults £2 (plus Eventbrite fee).

Join us for a special February half-term Family Friendly Tour about Richard III and the Cathedral. Hear from one of our guides about the exciting story of why a King is buried in the Cathedral.

While you are at the Cathedral have a go at designing your own coat of arms inspired by the special one on the tomb of Richard III. Get creative and make your own shield in this fun free activity.

**Book now on [Eventbrite!](#)**



## **Make your own Coat of Arms**

**All half-term while the Cathedral is open – drop in and do!**

Drop in to Leicester Cathedral this half term and have a go at designing your own coat of arms inspired by the special one on the Tomb of Richard III.

Get creative and make your own shield in this fun free activity.







# Tours

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## **Richard III**

Join us in a Richard III tour taking in the beautifully crafted tomb, the magnificent Redemption Windows, and the stunning pall.

Every Wednesday at 11.30am

Every Saturday 11.30am and 2.30pm

Tickets cost £3.50 per person with accompanied children under 16 admitted free, and can be booked on the day by visiting the welcome desk. The tour lasts approximately half an hour.

## **Carved in Stone | Evolution of Medicine | Prayer & Pilgrimage**

Find out more about some of the stories of the Cathedral through our special bitesize tours.

Every Thursday 11.30am (the tours listed above will run on a rotation basis each week).

Tickets cost £3.50 per person with accompanied children under 16 admitted free, and can be booked on the day by visiting the welcome desk. The tour lasts approximately half an hour.

Tour times or subjects are subject to change so please check our website for up to date information.

## **Full Cathedral Tours: Group Tours**

A full tour taking in all aspects of the Cathedral's rich and varied history is available for group visits.

Tours last approximately one hour and cost £5 per person with accompanied children under 16 admitted free. The Richard III tour can also be made available for group bookings.

Full tours must be booked in advance. To find out more about our pre-bookable group visits please contact [cathedralbookings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:cathedralbookings@leicestercofe.org)

## **Talks**

Did you know we give talks to local groups?

If you would like to find out more about the Cathedral and are interested in booking one of our speakers to come to your group meeting or event, please contact [cathedralbookings@leicestercofe.org](mailto:cathedralbookings@leicestercofe.org)



# The Friends



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## Who are the Friends of Leicester Cathedral?

Each year The Friends contribute to the Cathedral's ongoing work in conservation, enhancement, restoration, and music.

Friends are people from all over the Diocese and beyond, who seek to support the Dean and Chapter by bringing together those who love the Cathedral and wish to play a part in maintaining and enhancing its fabric – and by supporting opportunities for present and future generations.

## How to join

If you would like to help support the Cathedral and become a member of The Friends, fill out a membership form – available from the Welcome Desk.

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# Venue Hire

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

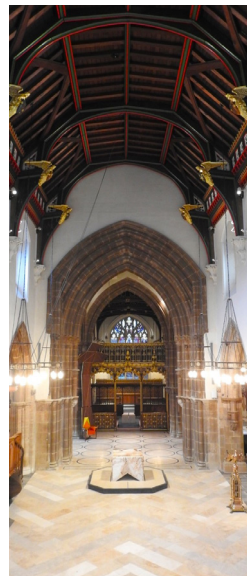
Leicester Cathedral is a city centre attraction and an iconic symbol of the county. We are excited to invite visitors back into the revitalised space and host a diverse programme as part of our mission to be a beating heart for city and county.

The Cathedral is now a fully accessible, versatile space that can achieve its potential as a cultural

venue and be adapted to suit your booking request – accommodating concerts, performances, dinners, talks, and exhibitions.

Our Events Development Policy will inform our programming decisions alongside the nature of the site and our schedule of worship.

For more information please visit our website.



# Leicester Cathedral Revealed



*Leicester Cathedral Revealed* is renewing the Cathedral so it can be its very best as a place of worship, heritage, pilgrimage, hospitality, learning, sanctuary and celebration.

The project has completed repair and restoration of the Cathedral building to secure the fabric for the long term, including:

- *Conservation of external stonework*
- *A new stone floor, level throughout, with energy-efficient underfloor heating*
- *Replaced failing infrastructure such as boilers, electrical system*
- *Installed new lighting and AV*
- *Plaster repairs and redecoration*
- *Created a new ramped access from Guildhall Lane to the North Porch*



The project is also constructing a new Heritage & Learning Centre, a striking extension to the Cathedral that will open in late summer 2024. This will provide an exhibition gallery with immersive interpretation, a flexible learning space for school children and community groups, and WCs.

*Leicester Cathedral Revealed* will realise our vision to restore the Cathedral building, renew its sacred spaces, and reaffirm the Cathedral's place at the centre of a resurgent City and County.





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# Supporting your Cathedral

## **Leicester Uncovered**

Help us tell new and exciting stories about Leicester's past by donating to this exciting project born out of our recent archaeological excavations. Visit [leicestercathedral.org/leicesteruncovered](http://leicestercathedral.org/leicesteruncovered) to find out more.

## **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](mailto:rebecca.hale@leicestercofe.org) or call 0116 261 5368.

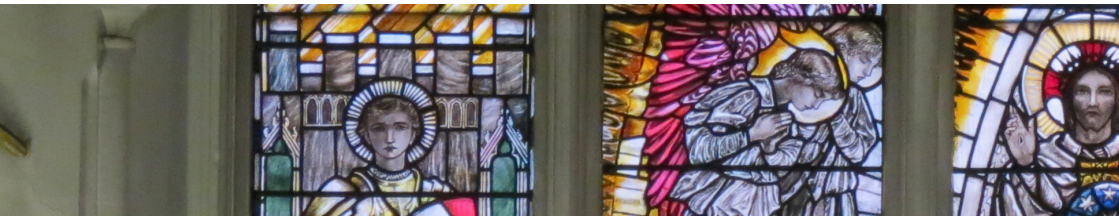
## **Join a Guild**

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](mailto:david.pepworth@leicestercofe.org) or calling 0116 261 5344.

## **Give 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](mailto:david.pepworth@leicestercofe.org) or call 0116 261 5344 to find out the options to give regularly.





# Planning your visit

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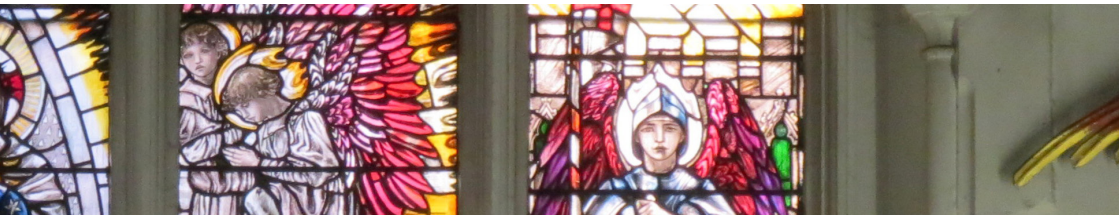
You are welcome to take photos, except during services, concerts, school events, or when our Choir is rehearsing. Contact [Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org](mailto:Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org) for more info.

## Café & Shops

Leicester Cathedral has an **outlet** in the building selling gifts and souvenirs.

Next door in St Martins House, stop by **CAFÉ NO:7** for drinks and food: open Monday to Saturday (8.00am–3.00pm).

**Christian Resources Leicester**, for books, gifts, church resources, and more, is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9.30am–4.00pm, also based in St Martins House.



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## Toilets & accessibility

The entrance is currently on Guildhall Lane where you can find stepped and ramped access to the building. Our restoration project has installed a new level stone floor throughout the Cathedral.

Lighting in the Cathedral may be dim for certain events and during the evening.

There are currently no toilets in the building, but access to the toilets in St Martins House will be available to all Cathedral visitors. The facilities include baby changing and an accessible toilet.

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## School Visits

We welcome visitors and learners of all faiths and none, all ages and backgrounds, to experience what Leicester Cathedral has to offer – encouraging learners to explore and grow in understanding of our ancient and vibrant churches.

Details of our programme for Primary and Secondary Schools will be available soon.

All school or group visits to the Cathedral need to be pre-booked. Please do get in touch via **CathedralBookings@LeicesterCofE.org**





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