



10
years

Events for
**The Tenth
Anniversary**
of the
**Reinterment
of King
Richard III**



Leicester
Cathedral







What do you remember of when we reburied King Richard III?

The crowds? The pageantry? The music? For some, the poignancy as his coffin was lowered into its final resting place. The soils from his birthplace, where he died, and his home. His prayer book, carried reverently by the Duke of Gloucester.

Or perhaps you are coming to this story for the first time – curious about the threads of history that tie us to a man who lived 500 years ago?

Whatever you remember or are keen to learn, to mark the tenth anniversary of the reinterment you are invited to join us for a spectacular three-week programme of services, events, and activities in March 2025.

There's something for everyone as we rediscover and remember King Richard's story – both the historical one and the events of ten years ago.

Do join us.

12–15 March | 6.30–9.00pm

Late Night Openings

Come and see **Light Up Leicester**'s amazing projections on the front of the Cathedral – and then pop-in to our late-night opening to hear a soundscape produced by De Montfort University students using recordings from our Richard III Oral History Project. A bar will be available.

Thursday 20 March | 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)

Talk – The Scoliotic Knight: Reconstructing the Real Richard III

The discovery of Richard's grave in 2012 raised new and interesting questions. How could such a diminutive person, suffering from a significant spinal condition, have excelled in armoured combat? How could he have even worn armour? What might the King's armour have looked like, and why was it so important that he personally led his knights into battle?

In this illustrated talk, **Dr Toby Capwell** discusses his work on several reconstructions of King Richard's martial apparatus, especially for Channel 4's *Richard III: The New Evidence* and the feature film *The Lost King*.

He also explores his contributions to the Greyfriars project and the reburial procession in 2015, as one of two armoured horsemen escorting the King's remains from Bosworth Battlefield to their final resting place in Leicester Cathedral.

Tickets £6–8 from Eventbrite. Refreshments included.

Saturday 22 March | 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)

Concert – Music for Kings and Queens

Leicester Cathedral Choir presents a programme of music for royal occasions.

A solemn first half, including music sung at the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Judith Bingham's *Ghostly Grace*, premiered at the Service of Reinterment on 26 March 2015, is followed after the interval by celebratory music from the Coronation of King Charles III.

Tickets £12–15 from Eventbrite. A bar will be available.

Sunday 23 March | 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)

Service – Service of Compline

A solemn and contemplative evening service of music and prayer honouring the memory of the last Plantagenet king.

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from the Latin *completorium* ('completion'). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day.



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Monday 24 March | 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)

Talk – Richard’s Women:

Their impact on his life, death and legacy

Whilst accounts of Richard’s life are dominated by the men of his time, his life was no less shaped by the women of his world. Powerfully political, often ruthlessly determined, their actions and ambitions shaped his character, determined his fate and – in so many ways – established his damnable reputation.

In this talk, acclaimed novelist **Annie Garthwaite** – author of *Cecily* and *The King’s Mother* – reveals the untold story of the women who loved Richard, the women who feared him and the women who brought him down.

Tickets £6–8 from Eventbrite. Refreshments included.



Tuesday 25 March | 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)

Talk – Dean’s Discussion

Join us for the return of our *Dean’s Discussions*, where The Very Revd Karen Rooms, Dean of Leicester, will hold a panel discussion on Sikh history linked with the *Medieval Women Forging the Way* exhibition in the Cathedral (see overleaf).

A free event – booking on Eventbrite will be available soon.

Wednesday 26 March | 5.30pm (doors 4.45pm)

Service – Civic Service on the Tenth Anniversary

A Civic Service for the city and county on the day of the tenth anniversary, with music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Following the service there will be light refreshments and the Cathedral Bell ringers will ring a Quarter Peal.

All are welcome. There is no charge for our services.

Thursday 27 March | 7.00pm (doors 6.30pm)

Panel – Revisiting the Discovery and Reinterment

The incredible discovery of Richard III’s skeleton in a council car park in Leicester in 2012 is a story that has captured imaginations around the world.

In this special panel discussion, our assembled experts from the worlds of archaeology, history, and the Cathedral, retell this amazing story from its concept to realisation. Expect lively conversation and new insights!

Tickets £6–8 from Eventbrite. Refreshments included.



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 & 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.



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Exhibition 12 – 31 March

Medieval Women Forging the Way

Influential Women of the Sikh World and Beyond



Medieval Banquet



Richard III Afternoon Tea



Recently displayed at Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, this exhibition explores the close historical links between the Battle of Bosworth and the beginnings of the Sikh faith in Punjab – and has been brought to life thanks to Leicestershire County Council's Culture Leicestershire team and a local Sikh women's group.

Whilst much is known about the powerful women of the War of the Roses, the group has used extensive research, stories, and images to explore their medieval peers in Punjab and the paths they forged for generations of Sikh women around the world, dating back to 1469.

Discover the stories of remarkable resilience, courage, and service throughout history, with ten portraits of Sikh women created by the local community, a timeline, and share your own reflections about inspirational women.

The exhibition forms part of a wider '*Sikh Herstories*' project, which sees Culture Leicestershire continue to work with local communities. This exhibition is a great opportunity for visitors to learn about local history and to show the depth and breadth of British heritage.

Free admission

Friday 28 March | 7.00pm

Join us for a majestic medieval banquet in the glorious setting of Leicester Cathedral.

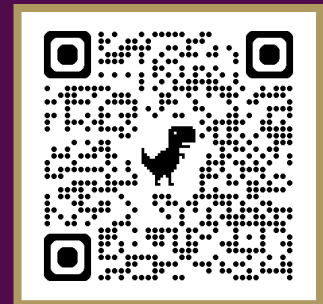
This exclusive event will transport guests back to late medieval England with feasting on four sumptuous courses, with live entertainment fit for a King.

The York Waites perform a repertoire of 16th century period European music

as well as their own arrangements of popular dance and ballad tunes.

The dress code for the evening is smart casual with medieval dress permitted.

Tickets at £90 from Eventbrite.



Saturday 29 March | 3.00pm

Have your cake and eat it at an exclusive Richard III-themed afternoon tea in our historic Cathedral.

Attendees will be sitting amongst specially invited VIP guests who were involved with the reinternment story ten years ago.

With a bespoke afternoon tea by **Cocco and Delilah** and live

entertainment, this commemorative event promises to be a memorable and unique experience.

Doors will open at 2.30pm.

Tickets at £55 from Eventbrite.



Visit us

Our building has been embedded in the public, economic, cultural and religious life of this community for over 900 years – gathering people together for worship, celebration, lament, debate, and service of the poor and vulnerable. The Cathedral is open daily and all are welcome.

Admission to the Cathedral is by a suggested voluntary donation of £5 per adult (some events and activities have a separate charge).

Monday–Friday Saturday

9.00am–5.00pm 10.00am–5.00pm

Sunday

12.00–3.00pm

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

Services



Scan the QR code for our daily pattern of worship.



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