



Leicester
Cathedral

May–August
2024

What's On



Welcome

This summer we will have exciting opportunities to explore and enjoy stories of Leicester, of faith, and of culture as we celebrate the new life our cathedral building is bringing.

Treat yourself to the beauty of choral evensong and recitals by talented young musicians. Bring a friend or relative to sing in the restored space of the Cathedral in Dementia Week. Laugh between the pillars at local Paul Gosling's *Dr Watson* comedy production. Reflect with us on Iain McKillop's extraordinary painting series *Stations of the Resurrection*. Explore the city's excavations with world renowned archaeologist Mathew Morris, and food growing in the heart of the city with Saffron Acres gardeners.

It will be great to see you.

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The Very Revd Karen Rooms
Dean of Leicester



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



We are open!

Monday–Friday

8.15am–6.00pm

Saturday

9.15am–6.00pm

Sunday

12.00pm–4.30pm

Occasionally there are special services or events which mean that our opening hours change. Admission to the Cathedral is free; some events have a separate charge.

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

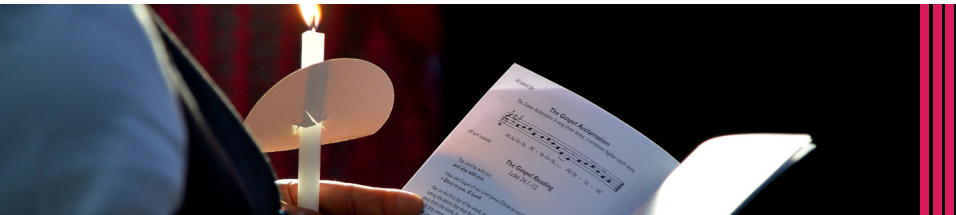
10.30am Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Evening Prayer/
Choral Evensong*

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

** Choral Evensong takes place during term-time.*





Special Services

Thursday 9 May | 5.30pm

Ascension Day Choral Evensong

Ascension Day comes forty days after Easter and celebrates Jesus' ascension into heaven. Join us for a special Evensong with music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Saturday 18 May | 3.00pm

Called Together Service

A Diocesan service of prayer and thanksgiving, celebrating the incredible variety and contribution of lay ministers in the Diocese of Leicester, with licensing of Associate Ministers.

Please note the Cathedral will be closed for general visiting between 2.00–4.15pm for the service.

Thursday 6 June | 5.30pm

Service marking the Anniversary of D-Day

On this date, the UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings in 1944, leading to the end of the Second World War and the liberation of Europe. All are welcome to join us for a special service with music sung by the Cathedral Choir.

Sunday 9 June | 3.30pm

Safeguarding Service

Praying for the Church as a safe space for all, and marking the work of safeguarding coordinators.

Sunday 16 June | 12.30pm

Final Service of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment

Please note the Cathedral will be open today between 1.30–3.30pm.



Saturday 29 June | from 11.00am

Armed Forces Day

On the last Saturday each June, the nation comes together to celebrate Armed Forces Day and show support for the men and women of our Armed Forces community, past and present. From 11.00am, all are welcome to follow the Parade from the Leicester Clock Tower, followed by an outdoor service in Jubilee Square at 11.20am.

Saturday 29 June | 4.00pm

Ordination of Priests

Sunday 30 June | 10.30am

Ordination of Deacons

Every summer the Church of England celebrates the ordination of new deacons and priests. Ordination is a church service that marks the beginning of a lifetime of service as a member of the clergy.

During the service, ordinands make lifelong vows, which include promises to share the gospel and serve their communities. Newly ordained clergy begin their ministerial life as deacons. After a year, most deacons are ordained again as a priest, while some choose to remain as deacons throughout their ministry. This newest generation of clergy will join others in leading churches through prayer, teaching, and worship.

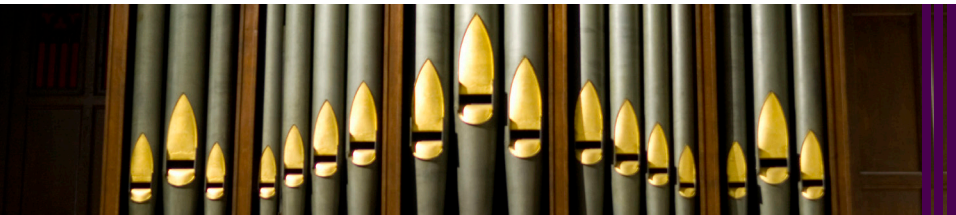
Please note on Saturday 29 June the Cathedral will be closed for general visiting from 3.00pm. On Sunday 30 June the Cathedral will open for general visiting at 12.30pm.

Saturday 17 August | 5.30pm

Service marking the Anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth

All welcome to the annual service of remembrance for the fallen of the Battle of Bosworth, when Richard III was killed and succeeded by Henry VII. With music sung by Cantores Vagantes, the early music studio.





Music & Events

Wednesday 15 May | 2.00–3.00pm

Singing for the Brain

Part of Dementia Action Week, a special afternoon of Singing for the Brain with Kyle Newman – designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people in the early to moderate stages of dementia and their carers.

All welcome, no booking required!

Thursday 4 July | 7.30–8.30pm

From South to Vienna

For her 2024 UK tour, renowned concert pianist **Ida Pelliccioli** has been inspired by the forgotten music of Spanish composer Manuel Blasco de Nebra (1750–1784). Her performance will take audiences on a journey from Blasco de Nebra's recently discovered keyboard music and Scarlatti's keyboard sonatas, through to the Viennese Classic Style of Mozart and Schubert.

Tickets: £15.00 Full / £12.00 Concession.

Booking essential: tickets available from Eventbrite, the Cathedral Welcome Desk, or on the door.

Cathedral Music Showcase

Wednesday 19 June | 7.00pm

A celebration and showcase of the work of the Cathedral's Music Department – featuring members of the Choir past and present. Presented with the Guild of St Katharine – see more on the page *Supporting your Cathedral* or visit our website.



Lunchtime Recitals

Summer Season 2024

**12.30pm | Free admission,
donations encouraged**



Monday 13 May
Ellis Thomas Piano*

Monday 27 May
Philip Millwood Organ

Monday 10 June
Anna Crawford Cello (+ Duet partner)*

Monday 24 June
Osnabruck Youth Choir

Monday 8 July
Leicestershire Music Strings Ensemble
Students aged 13–18, performing a varied
programme of summer chamber music directed by
Phil Houghton.

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 a new partnership with this acclaimed orchestra.

Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 August | 8.00–9.30pm

Doctor Watson and The Teacups of Death

Crooked Hand Productions Presents: Doctor Watson and The Teacups of Death. A full-length comedy play by local author, Paul Gosling.

When Doctor Watson consults a noted hypnotist to cure his mid-life anxieties he appears to be cured. But not all is as it seems – he has become a pawn in a dangerous game that plans to bring down the Monarchy. Can his friend, Sherlock Holmes, save him and England from the evil plans of Professor Moriarty?

Tickets: £12.00 Full / £10.00 Concession. Age 7+

Booking essential: tickets available from Ticketsource or on the door.





Discipleship

Sundays 12 May, 9 June, 7 July, 11 August | 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!

In St George's Chapel after the Sunday Eucharist, no booking is required.

Thursdays 9 May, 6 June, 11 July, 8 August | 7.00–8.00pm, Zoom

Cathedral Book Club

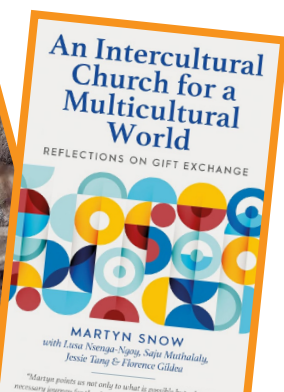
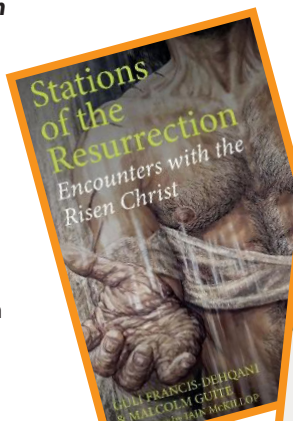
Meeting online once a month over Zoom.

In May, we will be reading **Stations of the Resurrection: Encounters with the Risen Christ** – reflections by Guli Francis-Dehqani and Malcolm Guite on artwork by Iain McKillop, to coincide with the exhibition featuring in the Cathedral during April and May.

In June, we've decided to read **An Intercultural Church for a Multicultural World** by Bishop Martyn Snow.

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

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





Saturday 15 June | 9.30am

Summer Pilgrimage Walk

Join us on a prayerful walk through the city and its surroundings. Over the course of 2.5–3 hours, we will journey together, guided through a series of reflections.

All are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult.
Register via Eventbrite – available soon!

Saturday 13 July | 9.30am

Following Christ: 'ACross Culture'

What is intercultural discipleship, and what does it mean to disciple people across different cultures?

What can we learn from understanding discipleship from the perspectives of people from around the world, and how can this positively challenge what discipleship and growing in faith with others looks like in our churches?

Join us for an interactive day of workshops, guest speakers, reflection, networking, and worship as we practically explore how we can more inclusively journey in faith together. Taking place in both Leicester Cathedral and St Martins House.

This event is delivered in partnership between Leicester Cathedral and Leicester Diocese's Intercultural Worshipping Communities.



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.

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

Perspectives of
Christ's resurrection

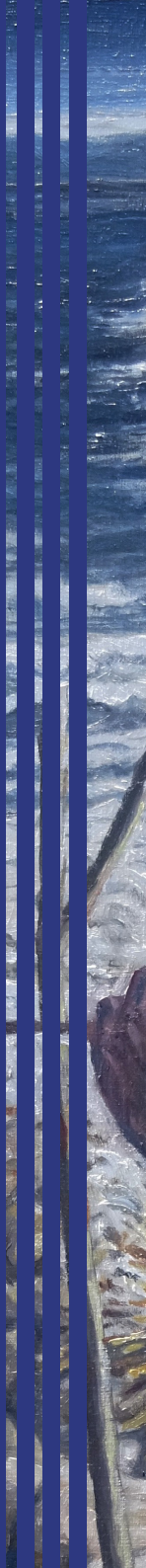
3 April – 20 May

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





SPACE LUXMURALIS

Coming
soon!

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

18 – 23 November

Journey through the Cathedral as we tell the story of space and creation through a fully immersive light and sound show.

Space asks visitors to think about what humans have achieved and our place in the world.

Early Bird tickets launch on 5 August

General sale from 2 September

*Sign up to our
Newsletter to be
the first to hear
about early bird
tickets*







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

£3.50 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 £3.50 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 the 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

Saturdays 6 July, 27 July, 17 August, 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.

People of the Parish of St Martin

Saturdays 13 July, 3 August, 24 August, 14 September

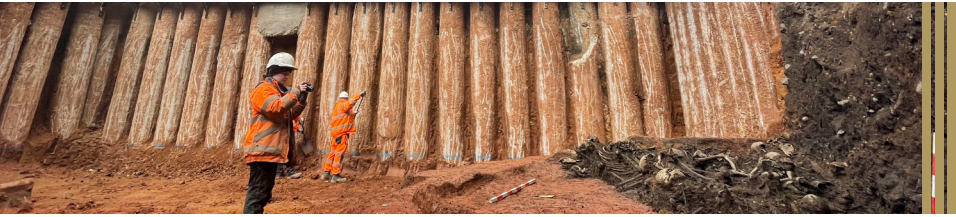
During a recent archaeological dig at Leicester Cathedral twelve named burials were uncovered. This walking tour explores the lives of three of those found, all of whom lived within the parish boundaries in the 19th century – each having a fascinating story to tell.

Leicester Cathedral to St Nicholas Church

Saturdays 20 July, 10 August, 31 August, 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.





Talks

Thursday 9 May | 7.00–9.00pm

Leicester Uncovered: The Most Excavated City in Britain

Leicester is an ancient city which has been continuously occupied for over 2,000 years. It was here before the Romans, an Iron Age tribal centre which grew into the Roman town *Ratae Corieltavorum*, which became the Mercian bishopric of *Legorensis*, which became the borough of Leicester. Royal site, market town, industrial metropolis, modern multicultural city; every facet of Leicester's rich history survives to some degree beneath the city's streets waiting to be rediscovered.

Join archaeologist **Mathew Morris** from University of Leicester Archaeological Services for a talk about the city's archaeology and why, today, Leicester is one of the most excavated cities in Britain.

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

Thursday 13 June | 6.30–8.30pm

Leicester Uncovered: Leicester Cathedral Revealed

The construction of Leicester Cathedral's new heritage learning centre has revealed a fascinating snapshot of life in Leicester over the past 2,000 years, including a possible Roman shrine, an Anglo-Saxon building and a burial ground in use from the late Saxon period to the 19th century.

Join archaeologist **Mathew Morris** from University of Leicester Archaeological Services for a talk about the recent archaeological excavations at Leicester Cathedral and what they tell us about the lives of the people of St Martin's parish and the story of Leicester.

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



Support us

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 to find out more.



Thursday 27 June | 6.30–8.30pm

Saffron Acres: A history and overview of a community food-growing and environmental project in the heart of Leicester

Saffron Acres is an award-winning open space in the centre of the Saffron Lane estate, managed by Saffron Lane Neighbourhood Council for the benefit of local people. Disused land was taken over in 2006 and quickly revitalised to provide funded work placements and volunteering opportunities, enabling local people to learn how to live more sustainably; grow their own produce, generate green energy, and live healthier lifestyles.

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



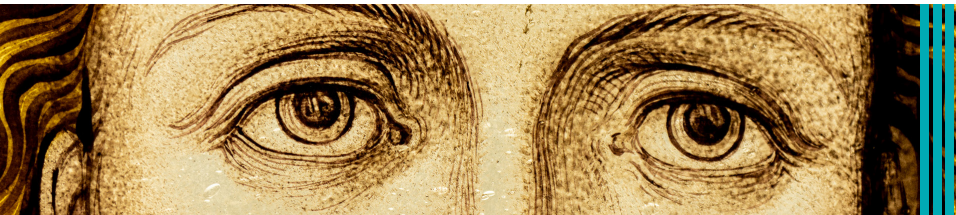
Family Archaeology Days

Wednesdays 17 and 24 July
10.00am – 4.00pm

Calling all budding archaeologists (or those that just love digging and making things)!

Join us for this special drop-in event, to make a mosaic, excavate a dig box, design you own Roman altar, and more!

A Cathedral event in partnership with University of Leicester Archaeological Services.



Out and About

Sunday 12 May | 3.30pm

Choral Evensong Together with St Ursula's Chapel, Wyggestons

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

Sunday 9 June | 4.00pm

Choral Evensong Together with St Nicholas and St Hughes Churches, the Parish of The Transfiguration

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong at St Nicholas and St Hughes Churches, in the the Parish of The Transfiguration in Market Harborough, as part of our *Together with Leicester Cathedral* project.

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 July | John Lewis, Leicester

Festival of Archaeology at John Lewis

Join the Leicester Cathedral team and the University of Leicester Archaeological Services as we take the exciting finds from *Leicester Cathedral Revealed* out and about to John Lewis in Leicester. See our pop up exhibition about the discoveries, find out more about the objects, and speak to the team about what we have uncovered.

Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 August

Greenbelt

The communities of Leicester Cathedral and St Nicholas' Church will be at Greenbelt Festival at Boughton House Northampton this year.

Join us for the weekend or for just a day.

For more information talk to

Bev.Collett@LeicesterCofE.org





The Friends



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.

Creative Cathedral

Tuesdays 1.30–2.30pm
Thursdays 10.00am–12.00pm

**Pop into the Cathedral and
join in our crafty and creative
Cathedral fun.**

Free drop-in activity!



Sign up to our Newsletter

Keep up to date with news from Leicester Cathedral with our weekly newsletter *Cathedral in Touch*.

To subscribe, scan the QR code or email Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org

The newsletter is emailed out to subscribers via Mailerlite. If you do not see it in your inbox, please check your spam/junk inboxes or filters.

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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.



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 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 or call 0116 261 5368.

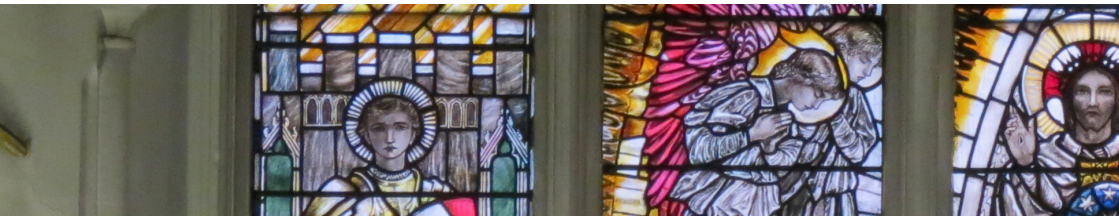
Join a Guild

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.

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 or call 0116 261 5344 to find out the options to give regularly.





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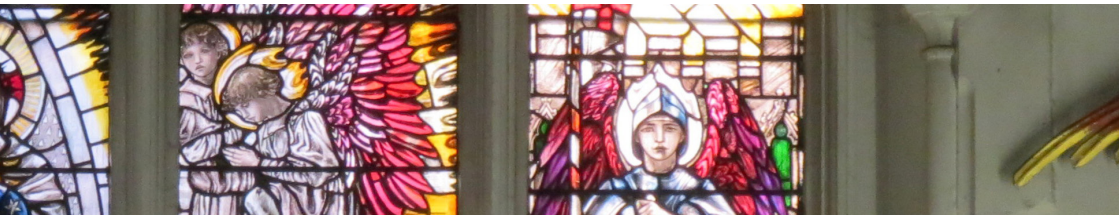
You are welcome to take photos, except during services, concerts, school events, or when our Choir is rehearsing. Contact Cathedral@LeicesterCofE.org for more info.

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.



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.

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 **Cathedral.Education@LeicesterCofE.org**



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