Autumn 2023
Services & Events

On the Threshold
The layers of meaning behind the word ‘threshold’ are very apposite to where we currently find ourselves as a Cathedral. Just as our exodus in January 2022 began with our departure and the closing of the Cathedral door, so in late November this year we shall, collectively, literally, cross that self-same physical threshold and reclaim our newly restored and beloved building.

But a threshold is also, figuratively speaking, the point at which something begins to happen – when a new situation comes into being. Tax thresholds are an obvious example but, more creatively, think of, for example, sensual thresholds – when one is able to hear or see something hitherto unnoticeable. Or, in science, the threshold when something enters into a new state of being. These are also the thresholds we here are beginning to and certainly shall be crossing. While we have many ideas, how we occupy and utilise our reconfigured and wonderfully redecorated space remains, at the point of writing this, still an open question, informed by many creative ideas. We, as Cathedral, are indeed on the verge or cusp of something new and full of possibilities.

Language fascinates me, although I don’t know much about its history. However, whether entirely historically true or false, the association of the word ‘threshold’ with ‘threshing’ is worth exploring. By stamping on a threshing floor or, nowadays, driving a threshing machine, grain is separated from the stalks and husks – wheat from chaff. Given that we’ve used metaphors around sowing and growing of late in our shaping of the Cathedral programme and in our worship, it seems entirely appropriate now to be harvesting what is edible and life giving.

Our collective sojourn outside of and without a building to call home has challenged us to question many aspects of our community life, while also experimenting, playing and praying. What works? What inspires and draws us together as community? What would God have us do or be in this new scenario? We, the existing community, shall, of course, discover that afresh as we reclaim our building. And, as hinted at earlier, exciting planning is already in place.

But we also invite you, who may be new to discovering us, who have never set foot in our building before, who, while living in this our amazing city, have had hitherto no connection with the cathedral world, or who may be visiting us for just a little while – we invite all of you to join with us at this liminal moment to cross our threshold and let that experience take you where it will. There is here plenty to engage with!
Leicester Cathedral has left the building...

Our Leicester Cathedral Revealed project is well under way, and the extensive building works mean we have vacated the building until the end of November 2023 (see page 10).

The Cathedral building is closed, but Leicester Cathedral continues to flourish in its mission and work!

Our regular services are taking place nearby:

Every Sunday the Cathedral Eucharist is in St Martins House at 10.30am.

Choral Evensong, Lunchtime Eucharists, and Morning & Evening Prayer on weekdays are in St Nicholas Church.

On some Sunday afternoons we are visiting parish churches across Leicester and Leicestershire with our choirs, clergy and members of our community. This is the Together with Leicester Cathedral project and we are enjoying meeting new people and making new friends. More information about this project is available on the Cathedral website, along with details of how to get involved.

Join us in this exciting adventure!
Services

Sunday 3 September  |  4.00pm
**Civic Service to welcome The Lord Mayor of Leicester**
*Venue: Church of St Mary de Castro*

Sunday 3 September  |  6.30pm
**St Nicholas’ Church Rainbow Eucharist**
The annual service held by St Nicholas, with the Choir of All Saints with Holy Trinity Church, Loughborough. Preacher: The Revd Jide Macaulay, British-Nigerian Anglican priest, founder and CEO of House of Rainbow CIC, and a HIV+ activist. All are welcome. *Venue: St Nicholas Church*

Sunday 1 October  |  4.00pm
**County Civic Service**
*Venue: Church of St Mary de Castro*

Sunday 29 October  |  4.00pm
**High Sheriff’s Justice Service**
*Venue: Church of St Mary de Castro*

Sunday 12 November  |  10.30am
**City Act of Remembrance at Victoria Park**
Music sung by the Cathedral Choir. *Venue: The Arch of Remembrance*

All Souls Service with the Fauré Requiem
Join us in St Nicholas Church on Thursday 2 November at 6.00pm
Sunday 26 November | 10.30am

**Sunday Eucharist for Christ the King**
Join us for the first service back in the Cathedral building.
*Venue: Leicester Cathedral*

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**Together with**

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Sunday 17 September | 4.00pm

**Choral Evensong**
Join us at St Mary’s Church, Chamwood.

Sunday 24 September | 4.00pm

**Choral Evensong**
Join us at All Saints Church, Pickwell.

Sunday 8 October | 4.00pm

**Farmers’ Harvest in a Barn**
Join us at Brooksby College with St Michael’s Church.

Sunday 5 November | 6.30pm

**Durufle Requiem Service**
Join us at the Church of St James the Greater, Leicester.
Discipleship

Sundays 17 September | 15 October | 12 November

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. Each month will focus on a particular topic and will feature a guest speaker who will offer their own reflections on sharing faith. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book a place.

Taking place from 12.15–1.00pm after the Sunday Eucharist in St Martins House.

Thursdays 21 September | 19 October | 16 November

Cathedral Book Club

Our Cathedral Book Club meets online once a month over Zoom. In September, we will be discussing In God’s Hands by Desmond Tutu, whilst in October and November we will we will start and continue to discuss At the Gates by Naomi Lawson Jacobs and Emily Richardson.

New members are always welcome – please email Jude (Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) to be added to the Book Club mailing list.

Taking place from 7.00–8.30pm on Zoom.

For more details of all our Discipleship workshops, activities and events, contact Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org
What is Discipleship?

Here at Leicester Cathedral, we invite you to journey with us as we explore what it means to follow Christ and grow in faith together. Our Discipleship programme is guided by three movements:

1. Moving Up – listening to God’s love and letting who we are be shaped by this love;
2. Moving In – deepening God’s love by learning together and from each other as a community;
3. Moving Out – sharing God’s love by engaging the world around us and recognising God’s presence within it.

We offer a range of seasonal courses, events and activities, including workshops and quiet mornings. Contact Jude, our Discipleship Officer (jude.taylor@leicestercofe.org) for more info!

Re:Connecting

a Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 30 September
Starting from 9.30am

As we anticipate the reopening of the Cathedral building and look forward to the future, join us on a prayerful walk through the city and its surroundings, re-connecting with our communities, our heritage and our faith.

For about 2.5 to 3 hours, together we will be guided through a series of reflections as we take a closer look at Leicester – connecting or reconnecting with its history and continuing developments. We will get to explore its past, present, and future - taking in everything from canals, Abbey Park, and Cultural Quarter.

All are very welcome! Please contact Jude (Jude.Taylor@LeicesterCofE.org) if you would like to attend.
Events

Saturday 9 September | 11.30am & 2.00pm
**Heritage Open Day Walking Tours**
Two free walking tours from Leicester Cathedral to St Mary de Castro at 11.30am and 2.00pm, plus the Ride and Stride event which always coincides with this event. Book your places now on Eventbrite!

Sunday 10 September | 12.00pm
**Bring and Share Lunch**
Join the Cathedral Community in celebration and thanksgiving of the work of those in the community who have given their time and effort, and those who have laid down their roles in the past months. In the Grand Hall of St Martins House after the Sunday Eucharist. Everyone is welcome. Bring food to share!

Saturday 23 September | 10.00am–4.00pm
**Volunteer Recruitment Open Day**
Leicester Cathedral reopens later this year! At this exciting time, we need volunteers to help with a wide range of roles, including visitor welcome & hospitality, guided tours, flower arranging, Choir chaperones, school visits, bell ringing, helping at services, caretaking and more.

Taking place at St Martins House, this is a drop in event. For further information email Rebecca.Hale@LeicesterCofE.org

**Walking Tours** Fortnightly from 16 September to 29 October | 2.00pm
Starting outside the Cathedral, take in the external aspects of the building, learn about the Greyfriars Friary and the discovery of Richard III, then wander through Castle Gardens before ending with a tour of the Church of St Mary de Castro.

**Tickets:** £5 per adult
**Booking essential from Eventbrite**
Help the Cathedral Community raise the funds to twin all 11 toilets in the new Chapter House with communities in the developing world, and enable them to have access to their own loos.

Be at the 10.30am Sunday Service on 17 September to hear Spyros Tacticos, from Tearfund, talk about their work in the field.

Fund Raising will finish appropriately on World Toilet Day, 19 November. At that day’s Eucharist, we will receive all the funds that have been so generously raised.

For further information and some fundraising ideas (for e.g. Blue for the Loo, Bake Sale, Big Squat), please contact David Dewdney at David.Dewdney@LeicesterCofE.org
We are delighted to announce that the Cathedral building will reopen on **Sunday 26 November 2023**.

From the 10.30am Eucharist onwards, the building will be open for services, events and general visiting, including the Tomb of King Richard III.

**Sunday 26 November**
- 10.30am  Eucharist
- 12.30pm  Open for general visiting
- 3.30pm   Choral Evensong

**Daily Opening Times (including services)**
- Monday–Friday: 8.00am–6.00pm
- Saturday: 9.00am–6.00pm
- Sunday: 10.00am–4.30pm

*Further information will be announced. To keep up to date, follow us on social media or visit leicestercathedral.org*
Services

**Monday 27 November**
8.30am   Morning Eucharist
5.30pm   Choral Evensong

**Tuesday 28 November**
8.30am   Morning Prayer
12.30pm Lunchtime
      Eucharist
5.30pm   Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 29 November**
8.30am   Morning Prayer
12.30pm Lunchtime
      Eucharist
5.30pm   Evening Prayer

**Thursday 30 November**
8.30am   Morning Prayer
12.30pm Lunchtime
      Eucharist
5.30pm   Choral Evensong

**Friday 1 December**
8.30am   Morning Prayer
12.30pm Lunchtime
      Eucharist
5.30pm   Evening Prayer

**Saturday 2 December**
9.30am   Morning Prayer
5.30pm   Evening Prayer