



Welcome
from the Dean



BRISTOL CATHEDRAL

Here with *You*
yesterday, today
and tomorrow



This Autumn, there is a wide range of things to see, do, and take part in. There will be a significant service to mark the end of Bishop Viv's ministry as Bishop in the Diocese on 30 August. The church has much to celebrate in Bishop Viv's ministry and we expect that many people will want to join us to mark this occasion.

After 18 months of disruption, we are delighted to be welcoming our newly restored organ back into service with a celebratory Rededication of the Organ at Choral Evensong on 21 September.

Throughout the Autumn, there are events that offer opportunities to engage with questions of faith, identity, and inclusion. Join us for the Beloved Community conference to hear provocative talks, meet others, and share worship.

Take advantage of our guided tours led by our knowledgeable volunteers. Explore 900 years of architecture and worship or pick up one of our interactive trails that encourage children to discover the Cathedral in new ways. Families are especially welcome at Crafty Cathedral during the school holidays with hands-on creative sessions inspired by the Cathedral's history.

Whether you're here to learn, listen, reflect, or explore, there's plenty to experience this season. Come on in!

Mandy

The Very Rev'd Dr Mandy Ford,
Dean of Bristol



Regular Services

Morning Prayer

8.15am Monday-Saturday

Lunchtime Eucharist

12.30pm Monday-Saturday

Choral Evensong or Evening Prayer

5.15pm Weekdays

3.30pm Saturday

Sunday Services

7.40am Morning Prayer

8.00am BCP Holy Communion

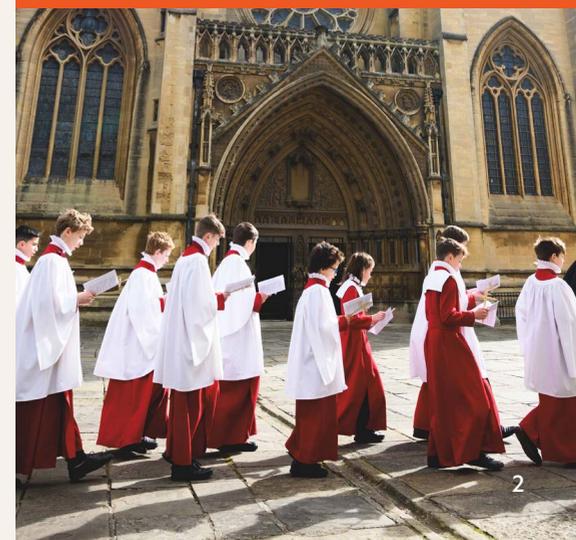
10.00am Cathedral Eucharist
(with BriCKs in term time)

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Standing at the heart of Bristol's vibrant city centre, Bristol Cathedral is one of England's great medieval churches. For almost 900 years the building has been a place of sanctuary, prayer and music.

With a rich programme of services and events, historic architecture and a peaceful garden, Bristol Cathedral is a wonderful place to visit.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Faith Highlights

For more information visit
bristol-cathedral.co.uk/whats-on



Farewell to Bishop Vivienne Faull

Saturday 30th August
3.30pm - 4.30pm

A service to celebrate and give thanks for Bishop Viv's long service as she retires from full-time ministry. She was one of the first women in the CofE ordained as a priest and the first to lead a cathedral, and has been our Bishop here in Bristol since 2018. This service of word and music concludes with Bishop Viv laying down her crozier on the High Altar.

Choral Evensong with the Rededication of the Organ

Sunday 21 September
3.30pm - 4.30pm

The Cathedral Choir and Consort unite in a joyous Choral Evensong to celebrate the triumphant return of the Cathedral's organ after an 18-month restoration. This special service will include a blessing of the organ by The Rt Revd Neil Warwick, Acting Bishop of Bristol.

There is no booking required and everyone is welcome to attend.



Backpack Sunday

Sunday 7 September
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Whether it's a backpack, a briefcase, a laptop bag, a satchel, a tool bag, a change bag, or a double bass case, bring the bag you use for work or school to this special Eucharist and have it blessed for the year ahead. *Suitable for all ages.*

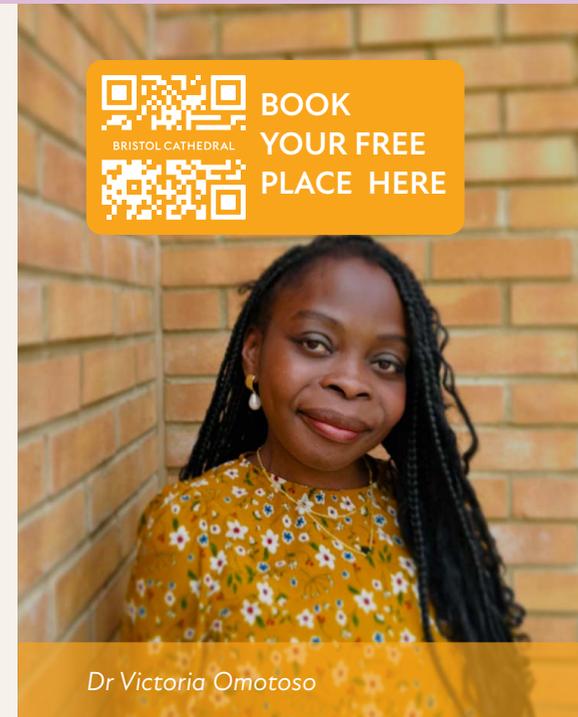
But Who Do You Say That I Am? *Imag(in)ing Jesus Through Film and Context*

Wednesday 15 October
6.30pm - 8.30pm

A seminar with theologian Dr Victoria Omotoso, exploring how film, culture, and race shape our understanding of Jesus today. Thought-provoking and insightful, this talk invites fresh perspectives on faith and identity.



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Dr Victoria Omotoso

Lunchtime Recitals

Join us from 1.15pm - 2.00pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays for a range of wonderful musical performances. In any given week you could hear guitars, clarinet, piano, voice or more.

Find out more about future seasons by scanning the QR code or visit:

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August

5
DaBraccio Quartet STRING QUARTET

19
James Kirby PIANO

26
Jacob Parker TENOR

September

9
Iuno Connolly LYRIC SOPRANO
Rebecca Cohen PIANO

16
Luca Luciano CLARINET

23
Harrison Williams PIANO

30
Merlin Shakaj FLUTE

October

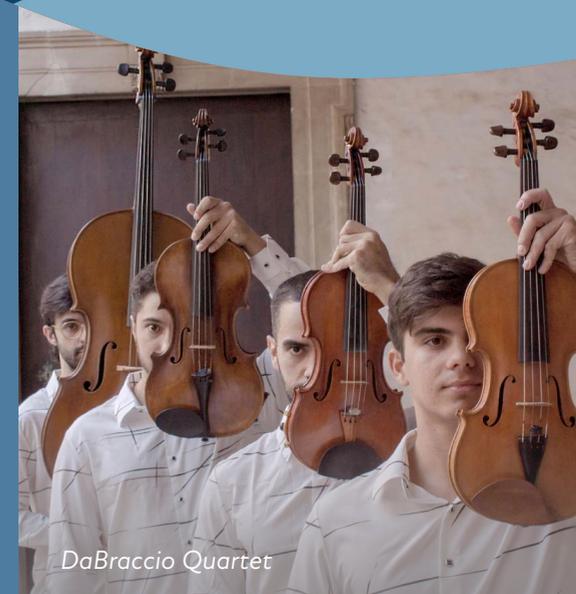
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Dominic Beeton THE SANCTUS PROJECT

14
Charlotte Whittle SOPRANO
Rupert Fell PIANO

21
Paul Taylor PIANO

28
Emily Jennings & Cassie Mathews GUITAR DUO

There is no charge or booking required, but we are grateful for any donations you can make.



DaBraccio Quartet



Merlin Shakaj

Get ready for fun and creative sessions this Autumn.

Each week, explore uplifting themes and make your very own craft to take home, all in the beautiful surroundings of *your* Cathedral. There will be time to reflect, relax, and let your imagination run wild.



Crafty Cathedral

Thursdays

All sessions will take place from 10.00am - 12.00pm

August

- 7 Saints & Heroes
- 14 Journeys & Pilgrimages
- 21 Features of Bristol Cathedral
- 28 Saints & Heroes

October

- 30 Our Precious Planet

All craft materials are provided.

There is **no charge** and booking is not required, but we are grateful for any donation you are able to make. Thank you.

Explore *your* Cathedral in a fun and interactive way with specially designed activity trails for children.

Available during visiting hours, these themed trails invite young visitors to engage with the building through creativity, music, sensory discovery, and moments of quiet reflection on worship.

Children's Trails

Pick up a trail from the Welcome Desk and start *your* adventure!



Guided *Tours*



To book a tour please scan the QR codes or visit: bristol-cathedral.co.uk



All tours involve uneven floors and steps. If you have any accessibility requests or concerns and you would like to go on a tour, please contact visitorexperience@bristol-cathedral.co.uk before booking your tickets.



Cathedral Highlights Tour

Embark on a captivating journey through 900 years of history, heritage, and stunning architecture with one of Bristol Cathedral's expert tour guides.

A Highlights Tour offers an unparalleled opportunity to explore one of Bristol's most iconic and majestic landmarks.

Tours last 45 – 60 minutes and your guide will meet you inside the Cathedral at the Welcome Area.



Booking is required:
£6.00 Adult
£3.00 Child under 16



Cathedral Tower Tour

Ascend the 172 steps of Bristol Cathedral's Tower on a guided tour that unveils the remarkable evolution of this architectural masterpiece and discover the engineering marvels that have shaped the Cathedral into the stunning structure it is today.

Get up close to some of the world's finest medieval bells, hear captivating tales of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and delve into the mysteries of the original 12th century abbey.

Tours last 45 – 60 minutes and your guide will meet you inside the Cathedral at the Welcome Area.



Booking is required:
£15.00 Adult
£10.00 Child aged 12
Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult



The LORD MAYOR'S CHAPEL



bristol-cathedral.co.uk/lordmayorschapel



Discover The Lord Mayor's Chapel

The Lord Mayor's Chapel is one of the city's most remarkable yet little known historic buildings. Built around 1230 as part of the hospital of Saint Mark, it has witnessed centuries of civic and religious life.

Step inside to explore centuries of faith, civic life, and artisanry – including carved woodwork, stained glass, and memorials.



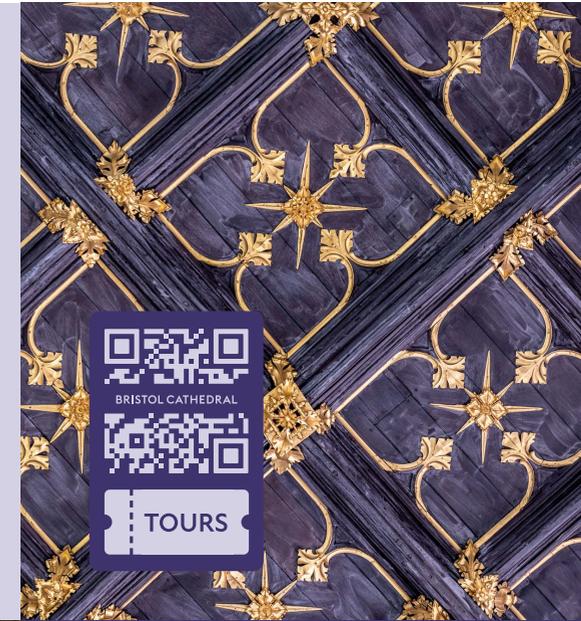
Highlights Tours

Unlock the secrets of The Lord Mayor's Chapel on a guided tour spanning 800 years of civic and religious history – from medieval origins, royal intrigues, historic graffiti, and distinctive design features. Book your tour today to experience a remarkable collection of artefacts and stories.

Booking is required:

£6.00 Adult

£3.00 Child (16 and under)



Open Thursdays & Saturdays

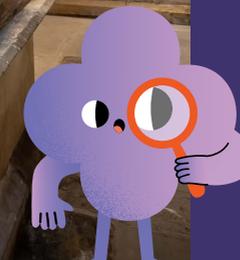


Now Entry by Donation



Level access available with notice, please email:

visitorexperience@bristol-cathedral.co.uk



Spotters' Trails

Welcome, keen-eyed spotters! What secrets can you uncover at The Lord Mayor's Chapel? Discover fascinating stories and solve puzzles as you explore. This trail is perfect for visitors of all ages, especially young people, and families eager to delve deeper and uncover hidden treasures within the Chapel.





Beloved Community

Saturday 4 October
9.30am - 4.15pm

Join us for a full-day conference dedicated to exploring Christian faith, identity, and belonging in today's world.

The event features a rich programme of keynote talks, panel discussions, and interactive workshops designed to engage and inspire.



We are pleased to welcome The Revd Azariah France-Williams, Anglican priest at Ascension Church Hulme and author of *Ghost Ship: Institutional Racism and the Church of England*. Azariah is a well-known public speaker and broadcaster, regularly contributing to BBC Radio's *Pause for Thought* and *Daily Service*. Their insights on faith, justice, and identity will add a powerful voice to the day's conversations.



ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Explore the impact of the trade of enslaved people on Bristol Cathedral's life, past and present. This exhibition presents extensive research and invites visitors to reflect on the past and engage in meaningful conversations about love and justice.



There is no charge to visit the exhibition, and it is available whenever the Cathedral is open. Donations are welcome.



Booking essential



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Thomas Gullan, an African servant in Bristol

Thomas Gullan was a British merchant who captured a young man from the West Indies and brought him to Bristol in 1783. Gullan was a member of the Bristol African Association and was instrumental in the establishment of the Bristol African School. He was also a member of the Bristol African Society and was instrumental in the establishment of the Bristol African School. He was also a member of the Bristol African Society and was instrumental in the establishment of the Bristol African School.



Enjoy fresh bakes, artisan coffee, and a delicious menu featuring seasonal salads, focaccia sandwiches, and sweet treats. [en](#)



Pinkmans

Relax in the sunny courtyard, tucked away from the bustle of the city. Find sanctuary in our award-winning garden, lovingly tended by our dedicated volunteers.

Located at the end of the Cloister, which is accessible from the Nave, College Square or Trinity Street entrances.



 **Opening Hours**
Monday - Saturday
8.30am - 4.00pm

Sunday
9.00am - 4.00pm



Host *Your* Event at **BRISTOL CATHEDRAL**

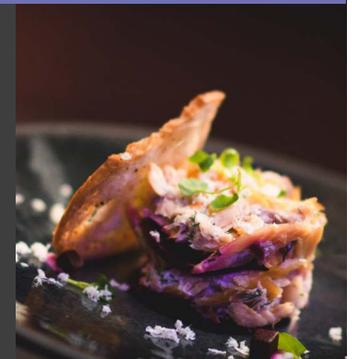
In the heart of the city, Bristol Cathedral offers a truly unique setting for your special occasion.



Enquire now: events@bristol-cathedral.co.uk



From concerts and exhibitions to fine dining and receptions, our historic spaces provide an unforgettable backdrop for events of all kinds.



Cathedral Calendar

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August

1	Cornwall Youth Choir Concert	Join Cornwall Youth Choir for a joyful morning performance.	10.00am - 11.30am	
5	Lunchtime Recital	DaBraccio Quartet (String Quartet)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	
7	Crafty Cathedral	Family friendly craft activities reflecting on <i>Saints & Heroes</i> .	10.00am - 12.00pm	
8	Silent Disco	A spectacular 80s Silent Disco with 3 DJs in the stunning, illuminated Nave.	6.30pm - 9.00pm & 9.30pm - 12.00am	
14	Crafty Cathedral	Family friendly craft activities reflecting on <i>Journeys & Pilgrimages</i> .	10.00am - 12.00pm	
19	Lunchtime Recital	James Kirby (Piano)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	
21	Crafty Cathedral	Family friendly craft activities reflecting on <i>Features of Bristol Cathedral</i> .	10.00am - 12.00pm	
26	Lunchtime Recital	Jacob Parker (Tenor)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	
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September

7	Backpack Sunday	Bring your backpack or laptop bag and have it blessed for the year ahead.	3.30pm - 4.30pm	
9	Lunchtime Recital	Iuno Connolly (Soprano) Rebecca Cohen (Piano)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	
13	London Concertante: Four Seasons & Lark Ascending	Experience a magical evening of classical favourites, including Vivaldi's Four Seasons and The Lark Ascending.	7.30pm - 9.30pm	
16	Lunchtime Recital	Luca Luciano (Clarinet)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	
16	Will Fraser Novel Launch	Join documentary film-maker Will Fraser as he launches his Bristol Cathedral-set debut novel.	6.00pm - 7.30pm	
21	Evensong with Rededication of the Organ	Celebrate the restored Cathedral organ with a special Choral Evensong featuring the Cathedral Choir and Consort, blessed by Bishop Neil.	3.30pm - 4.30pm	
23	Lunchtime Recital	Harrison Williams (Piano)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	

Cathedral Calendar

September

25	The Illuminated Cathedral Concert: Whitney	Enjoy Whitney's greatest hits in a stunning illuminated tribute concert, featuring Taryn Charles and a world-class live band.	7.30pm - 9.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	The Illuminated Cathedral Concert: Luther Vandross	Celebrate the soulful sound of Luther Vandross in a candlelit concert, featuring his greatest hits performed live.	7.30pm - 9.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Lunchtime Recital	Merlin Shakaj (Flute)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

October

4	Beloved Community Conference	Join us for a one day conference, dedicated to making church inclusive for everyone.	9.30am - 4.15pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Lunchtime Recital	Dominic Beeton <i>The Sanctus Project</i>	1.15pm - 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	London Concertante: A Night at the Opera	Enjoy a sensational candlelit evening of opera classics, with arias and overtures from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, Mozart and more.	7.30pm - 9.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

11	Warren Malley Smith: Moonlight Sonata	Enjoy Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata and other iconic piano works in a stunning recital.	7.30pm - 9.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Lunchtime Recital	Charlotte Whittle (Soprano) & Rupert Fell (Piano)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Imagining Jesus Through Film and Context,	Theologian, Victoria Omotoso, explores how film, culture, and race shape our understanding of Jesus today.	6.30pm - 8.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Day Sessions	The ultimate daytime party with great music, dancing, and fun. No late-night hassle, just good vibes and friends.	5.30pm - 10.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Lunchtime Recital	Paul Taylor (Piano)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	The Illuminated Cathedral Concert: Adele	Experience Adele's greatest hits in a stunning candlelit tribute concert by Natalie Black.	7.30pm - 9.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Lunchtime Recital	Emily Jennings & Cassie Mathews <i>Madrugada</i> (Guitar Duo)	1.15pm - 2.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Crafty Cathedral	Explore inspiring themes and make your own craft to take home.	10.00am - 12.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

Planning *Your* Visit

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Open to visitors



Monday-Saturday 8.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday 8.00am - 3.00pm

We recommend visiting between 10.00am - 4.00pm and allowing at least an hour to explore. Please check the website for the latest information as opening times may occasionally change due to special services and events.

Thank you.

Toilets



Female, male, accessible, gender neutral, and baby changing facilities are available. Please be aware there is no step free access to the toilets via the Nave.

Unfortunately, there are no storage facilities for holding baggage whilst visiting the Cathedral. You must keep your personal belongings with you always.

Cathedral Gift Shop

Find a unique gift or lasting keepsake, including beautiful repurposed wooden items like lamp bases crafted from the Cathedral's historic organ. The shop is open during visiting hours.



Newsletters

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Accessibility



As an ancient building, there are many steps around the Cathedral. Please check the accessibility section of our website for more information.



Scan here to visit the web page

bristol-cathedral.co.uk/visit-us/access-to-the-cathedral

Photography



You are welcome to take photos during your visit, except during services, school events, concerts or when choirs are rehearsing.

For commercial photography or to use a tripod, please contact:
0117 926 4879 or
reception@bristol-cathedral.co.uk



All are welcome at Bristol Cathedral. Admission to the Cathedral is by voluntary donation. The suggested donation is £5.00 which supports the life and work of *your* Cathedral.

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Well-behaved dogs on leads are welcome.