

GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL



ALL IS CALM,
ALL IS BRIGHT

this Advent and Christmas at
GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL 2024

A message from the *Dean of* GLOUCESTER



We are delighted to invite you to Gloucester Cathedral this Advent and Christmas to embrace the spirit of this special time of year. We hope that you will find here some tranquillity in the midst of the busyness of this season at a variety of reflective services, where we will celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ, in our stunning decorations, and with some world-class music from our outstanding choirs.

At the centre of the anticipation and celebration is the birth of Jesus Christ. In a world that often feels chaotic and divided, we can find comfort in the promise that “all is calm, all is bright” because of his birth. During this season, I invite you to reflect on his love and to share his light with others, bringing joy and hope to all around us, whoever they are and whatever their circumstances might be. We need this love and light more than ever in our world today.

Whether you are a regular worshipper, or have never visited before, we shall much look forward to seeing you at Gloucester Cathedral this Advent and Christmas. Please be assured that the warmest of welcomes will await you!

The Very Reverend Andrew Zihni,
DEAN OF GLOUCESTER

Son of GOD, *love's* PURE LIGHT

All are warmly welcome to join us for worship during Advent and Christmas. Our main services are listed below.

*No tickets are required for these services, but seating will be allocated on a **first-come, first-serve** basis so we recommend arriving in good time.*

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1 December, 6pm

A majestic service marking the beginning of the new Christian year.

Family Crib Service

Saturday 21 December,

Monday 23 December and

Tuesday 24 December, 2.30pm

Our Family Crib Services are among the most loved events in our calendar - perfect for getting families into the festive spirit.

Cathedral Carol Service

**Sunday 22 and Monday 23
December, 6pm**

Expect traditional readings and carols, with music from our Cathedral Choirs at these special services.

Midnight Mass

Tuesday 24 December, 11.15pm

An atmospheric service marking the start of Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Eucharist

Wednesday 25 December, 10.15am

All are welcome as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Cathedral Eucharist for the Celebration of the Epiphany

Sunday 5 January, 10.15am

Join us in commemorating the visit of the Three Kings to the baby Jesus Christ.

Faithful Generations Day

Saturday 1 February, from 12noon

Grandparents and the children they love are invited for a fun and creative afternoon to explore Christian faith and spirituality together through prayer spaces, activities, interactive workshops and more. **Admission is free, but please book online.**

Candlemas Carol Service

Sunday 2 February, 6pm

A beautiful, candlelit service, complete with traditional choral music and readings, bringing the Christmas season to an end.

For further details and our full
pattern of worship visit:
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk



HEAVENLY hosts sing ALLELUIA

Enjoy world-class music in breathtaking surroundings this festive season!



Teenage Voices Project Christmas Concert

Thursday 28 November, 6pm

Every term, we work with two Gloucestershire schools as part of our Teenage Voices Project. All are welcome to come and hear the culmination of their hard work at this special Christmas concert.

This concert is free, with a retiring collection in aid of Cathedral music.

Chorister Coffee Concert

Saturday 30 November, 11am

Join the Cathedral Choristers as they perform beautiful seasonal music in the serene setting of the Chapter House. Tickets are available on the door for £10, with proceeds going towards Gloucester Cathedral's In Tune Music and Organ campaign.



Carols on the Hour

**Saturday 7 December,
11am – 3.30pm**




The Cathedral choirs are ready to lift your spirits with joyful festive music. They will perform bite-sized bursts of festive praise on the hour every hour.

*No booking is required.
Simply turn up and enjoy!*




Messiaen's La Nativité du Seigneur

Sunday 15 December, 6.30pm

Join us for Jonathan Hope's annual performance of Messiaen's kaleidoscopic 9-movement organ cycle for Christmas. Admission is free with a retiring collection in aid of Cathedral Music.



We are *delighted* to be hosting
the following events in
partnership with organisations
from across our COMMUNITY



Meningitis Now Christmas Concert

Wednesday 27 November, 7.30pm

Tickets £12

Gloucester City Mission's Christmas Carol Concert

Friday 29 November, 7.30pm

*Free admission,
no booking required*

Gloucester Choral Society presents *Handel's Messiah*

Saturday 30 November, 5pm

*Tickets from £10,
students/under 25s £5*

Friends of Gloucester Cathedral Christmas Carol Celebration

Thursday 5 December, 5.30pm

*Tickets £12 for members and £14
for their guests*

Saint Cecilia Singers Christmas Concert

Friday 13 December, 8pm

*Tickets £20 (including a glass of
mulled wine!)*

Ecclesiastical's Christmas Carol Celebration

Tuesday 17 December, 7.30pm

Details for this concert are online

Gloucester Morris Men and Mummers Dance on Cathedral Green

Thursday 26 December, 12noon

*Free admission,
no booking required*

Carols for All with Gloucester Choral Society

Thursday 26 December, 3pm

*Free admission,
no booking required*

Find out more
information online at
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk



ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT

From Friday 6 December,
Gloucester Cathedral will be beautifully decorated for Advent and Christmas. Majestic trees will stand tall in the Nave and Quire, the Cloisters will look wonderfully festive and you may even discover a few hidden delights along the way...

Visitors can enjoy the beauty of the Cathedral during regular opening hours. Entry is by voluntary donation.

Find out more on our website:
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Cathedral Christmas *Experience* at NIGHT

Our beautiful decorations shine their brightest at night! Experience the festive charm of Gloucester Cathedral after dark. Enjoy live performances from Cathedral musicians and friends, with a glass of mulled wine or hot chocolate from the Monk's Kitchen.

**Friday 6, Saturday 7, Saturday 14,
Thursday 19, Friday 20, Saturday 21
December, 5.45pm-8.45pm
(last entry 7.45pm)
General Admission:
Adult £8, Child £3**



TICKET



*Make your Christmas Experience at Night
extra special with an unwrapped ticket*

Peek behind the scenes in the medieval library or see the city at night from the top of the tower.
On selected dates, find out more online.

**Unwrapped Tower Tours:
Adult: £20, Child (6-17 years): £10
Unwrapped Library Tours:
Adult: £12, Child (6-17 years): £6**

Book online at:
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk



Once upon a STAR: The Christmas story!

From 6 December – 5 January

Discover the story of the very first Christmas on this exciting family trail. As you journey towards the star, see who you can find along the way and uncover the story of that holy night. We are delighted to have **WSP Solicitors** sponsoring the Christmas Trail this year.

Pick up your free trail map from the Welcome Desk during open hours.

Meet St Nicholas at Gloucester Cathedral

**Saturday 14 December,
10am-4pm**

Learn about the origins of Father Christmas and meet St Nicholas himself. Each child will receive an age-appropriate book gift. Families can also enjoy festive Christmas crafts and join in a fun scratch Nativity.

*No booking required,
free of charge.*

Christmas Library Tours

**Saturday 7 December,
various times**

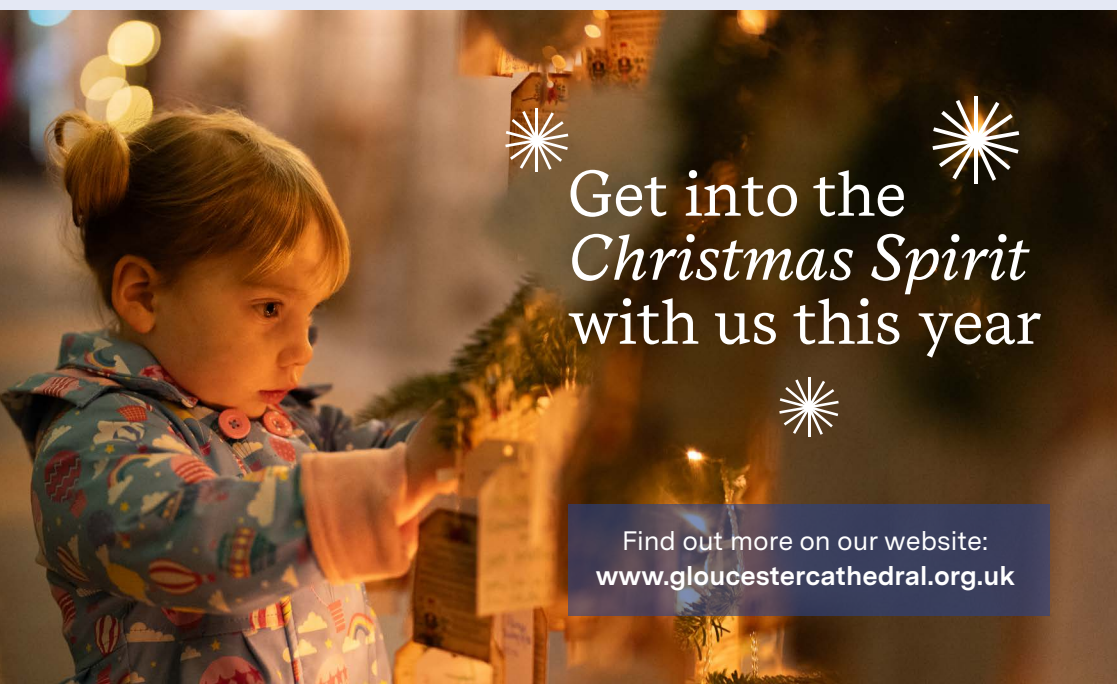
Make your visit extra special with a tour of the Cathedral's beautiful, hidden 15th Century monastic library. Whilst the Cathedral is filled with carols, explore the Christmas story from our treasured collection of historic Bibles in this beautiful, hidden space.

*Adult Ticket £12, Child Ticket £6
Book online.*

Christmas Foodbank Collection – we need *your* support!

Get into the community spirit at Gloucester Cathedral, by donating items for Gloucester Foodbank. Between **30 November and 19 December** we invite you to drop off donations at the collection point in the Nave.

Please visit the website for more information on items the Foodbank need your help with.



Get into the
Christmas Spirit
with us this year

Find out more on our website:
www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

UNLOCKING MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY
AND POTENTIAL



SUPPORT THE

IN TUNE

MUSIC and ORGAN Campaign



It wouldn't be Advent and Christmas without the heavenly sound of our choirs filling this beautiful building. By supporting the *In Tune* campaign, you can help bring the joy of music and singing to children throughout the city, county and diocese. Through workshops and performances at the Cathedral, we aim to inspire young musical talent.

The campaign aims to raise £3 million by 2026, which will fund the launch of Singing and Organ Academies at Gloucester Cathedral, as well as the rebuilding of the historic Cathedral organ. Help us unlock musical opportunities for the next generation.

♥ Support a PIPE! ♥

Preserve a piece of the Cathedral's heritage by supporting one of our historic organ pipes.

For **£25** you can support a **1' pipe**

For **£50** you can support a **2' pipe**

For **£100** you can support a **4' pipe**

We are so grateful for any donation you're able to give.



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TO DONATE



Cathedral Gift Shop

Finish your Christmas shopping at the Cathedral Gift Shop, which offers a fantastic selection of unique and locally-sourced items!



The Monk's Kitchen



NATIVI-TEA

The NATIVI-TEA returns!

**Monday 2 December –
Tuesday 24 December**

Complete your festive visit with a trip to The Monk's Kitchen for their delightful Nativi-tea! This tasty twist on a traditional afternoon tea comes complete with a homemade mince pie, home-made white chocolate and cranberry fudge and mulled wine.

The Nativi-tea costs £18.50 per person. Please call the Monk's Kitchen on 01452 689 755 to book!

We want to hear *your* FEEDBACK

Have you visited us recently?
If so, we want to hear from you!
We are running a survey to help us learn more about our visitors and how we can offer the best experience.



SCAN ME

Please use the camera on your phone to scan this QR code to start the survey. It should take around 5 minutes to complete.





For more information
about visiting us this
Advent and Christmas
please go to our website:
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