Herkenrode Glass

The famous Herkenrode Glass is considered to be one of Europe’s greatest artistic treasures, and was installed in Lichfield in 1803 when it was rescued from destruction during the Napoleonic Wars. Having withstood centuries of weather and pollution, emergency action was needed to rescue it once again and the race began to save the Lady Chapel and its priceless Renaissance glass. The glass was removed in 2010 and taken to Barley Studio where the five-year renovation project commenced.

In March 2015, the Cathedral welcomed HRH the Duke of Gloucester to a rededication event to mark the successful completion of the restoration project.

Raising the Funds

We are immensely grateful for the support of all those who donated, including the many individuals, trusts and foundations that contributed to make this restoration project such a success.

As well as the generous gifts we received from major donors, many individuals and local organisations took part in different initiatives to raise money for the appeal. A ‘Psalmathon’ took place in 2011 when six choirs sang every verse of all 150 Psalms in two days, raising almost £10,000 in sponsorship. Local schools ‘adopted’ gargoyles, and Staffordshire and Derbyshire Girl Guides had great fun whilst raising money at three ‘Big Sleepovers’ in the Cathedral. The Cathedral community enjoyed ‘Eating with a Purpose’, a series of traditional parties. They then worked off the calories by cycling the distance from Lindisfarne to Lichfield on static bikes. Other supporters walked the Two Saints Way from Chester to Lichfield in sponsored events. More recently, the ‘Give a Lasting Gift’ campaign raised over £55,000 towards the appeal.

Thank you & Tours

We’d like to again extend our thanks to all who donated to the East End Appeal. We hope that you will come and visit us again soon to see what your generosity has achieved.

We’d now like to offer you the chance to enjoy a tour of the beautiful 16th century treasure. Learn about Sir Brooke Boothby who rescued the Flemish painted glass and sold it to the Cathedral, as well as the history of the glass and the incredible stories within it.

Tours cost £6.50 per person and last approximately 45 minutes. To book, please email education@lichfield-cathedral.org or call 01543 306240.