

WHAT'S ON

Spring 2025



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WELCOME TO LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL

Welcome to *your* Cathedral – both to our regular friends and Cathedral family, and also to our visitors, old and new. This is your Cathedral and you're always welcome here.

Welcome to *my* Cathedral – where you can discover more about how the Christian faith can change lives, so that you can say this is my faith. I belong.

Welcome to *our* Cathedral – where we understand that no-one needs to be alone and that together as a community we can care for one other, and together we can serve the wider world.

Welcome to Lichfield Cathedral – your, my, our Cathedral.

And welcome to What's On and a full and varied programme of events to take us through the hope-filled days of Spring.

We begin with an exhibition of the best-selling book of all time, with an estimated 7.5 billion copies bought or distributed across the world. Come and see ancient copies of this life-changing book, and perhaps be inspired to buy a modern translation from our shop, and discover for yourself why this book - the Bible - can still change lives today.

With all the troubles in the world around us (and the Church is not immune from problems) it's tempting to imagine there was once a 'golden age' when life was rosy. But the reality is that life has always been complicated. Lent is traditionally a time for reflection, and our Lent Course gives an opportunity to look to the past to help us to negotiate the future.

Mothering Sunday falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. As we give thanks for 'Mother Church' and all who offer us a mother's love, we will combine our regular celebrations with a quieter, more reflective evening service. Why not bring someone who might be finding it a difficult day this year, or come along simply for a time to reflect and to be still in a frantic and uncertain world.

Lent leads us into Holy Week and Easter – the most important week in the Church's year. Journey with us as we learn how God transforms betrayal, despair and death into faith, hope and life. If you've never attended services through Holy Week, you've missed not just beautiful music and moving readings but a chance to reflect on some of the deepest questions about death and life. Do join us!

Amidst it all, our popular concerts continue with something for everyone, from Adele to Elgar. Or simply enjoy the beauty of this remarkable Cathedral. It is your, my, our Cathedral and you are always, always welcome here.



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BOOK of BOOKS

The Story of the English Bible

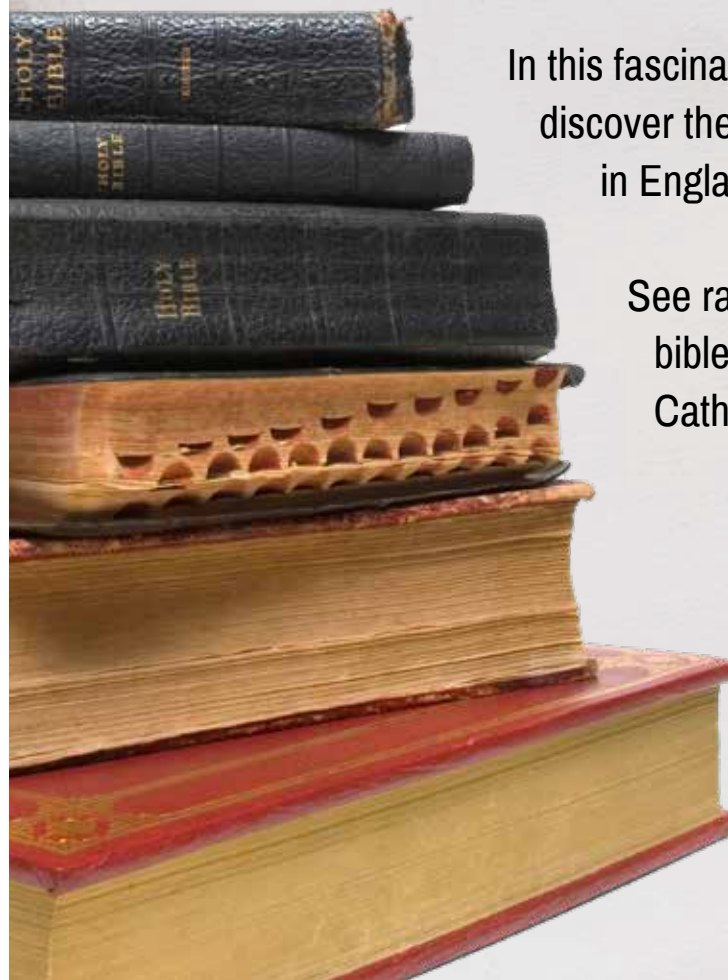
8 March – 20 July 2025

Open during usual visitor hours, entry by donation

The Bible is the best-selling book ever to be printed in the English language.

In this fascinating exhibition, discover the history of the Bible in England.

See rare and precious bibles from Lichfield Cathedral Library.



LENT



ASH WEDNESDAY 5 March

08:00 | Morning Prayer

12:30 | Eucharist

with the Imposition of Ashes

17:30 | Choral Evensong

19:30 | Solemn Choral Eucharist

with the Imposition of Ashes

LENT COURSE

1700+ The Church:

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic

324 and 2024: Two years separated in time but united in typifying dispute and division in the church. The church has known troubles alongside joy and hope through her history, but when our repeated prayer is 'restore to me O Lord, the joy of thy salvation,' examining our roots and traditions has much to offer.

In 325, the Council of Nicaea first set out the creed recognisable to us today. In 381, the addition of 'One, holy, catholic and apostolic' completed the words which still unite us with the fourth century church whenever we utter them. Reaching deeply into such traditions can offer us fresh hope today.

Come and hear our Bishops reflecting on the challenges and gifts to today's tremendously complex and fast-paced culture of being the 'Church of the Nicene Creed: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic'

Lent is a season of prayer, simplicity, forgiveness and contemplation.

Tradition has been to fast or give something up during this period to help with the practice of spiritual discipline.

Lent is a time of preparation for the great celebration of Easter.

Wednesday 5 March | During 19:30 Eucharist

Ash Wednesday - Bishop of Lichfield

Wednesday 12 March | 19:00

We believe in the Church - Bishop of Wolverhampton

Wednesday 19 March | 19:00

The Church: One - Bishop of Stafford

Wednesday 26 March | 19:00

The Church: Holy - Bishop Tim Menezes

Wednesday 2 April | 19:00

The Church: Catholic - Bishop of Oswestry

Wednesday 9 April | 19:00

The Church: Apostolic - Bishop of Shrewsbury

Wednesday 16 April | 19:00

The Church of Jesus Christ - Bishop of Lichfield



An Evening with Radiohead

Saturday 1 March | 19:30

Lose yourself in this sonically spectacular celebration of Radiohead's vast and ever-expanding universe of music - including hits and hidden gems from their 30 years in the spotlight from albums such as OK Computer, In Rainbows and The Bends.

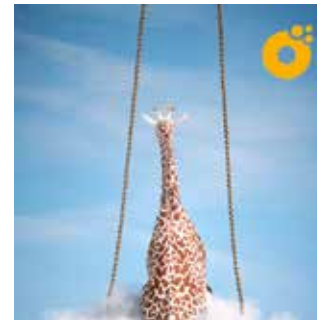
Booking: www.letmeinpresents.eventbrite.com

Midlands Potters' Association Exhibition

Saturday 8 March - Saturday 15 March

Open during visitor opening hours, entry by donation

15 potters from the MPA will be holding an exhibition and sale of their work. It is an ideal opportunity to meet the potters and find out about the group.



The Staffordshire & Stoke-On-Trent 2025 COP Conference - Friday 14 March

Whether you're a local community organisation, policymaker, or a concerned citizen wanting a sustainable future, this is the event to help make that difference. Expect networking, workshops, and collaborative sessions focused on building resilience and an equitable future. Be part of this movement and make your voice heard.

Free Booking: <https://buytickets.at/globegroup/1452405>

Artisan Market

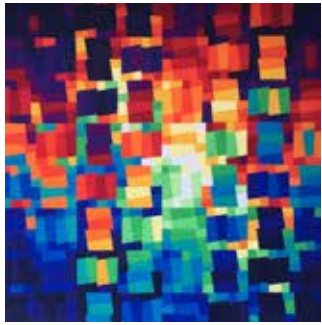
Saturday 15 March | 10:00-15:00

Come and explore a range of stands by local craftspeople and producers.

From food and drink to unique, handmade gifts this is a perfect opportunity to pick up something special.

Entry by donation.





Seeking the Light

Wednesday 19 March - Monday 14 April

Open during visitor opening hours, entry by donation

In this exhibition of 17 textile artworks, artist Alexandra Kingswell celebrates the joy, hope and wonder of colour. Alex's work combines bold colours and strong geometric shapes to create dynamic pieces. She says: 'My aim is to give viewers a joyful and arresting visual experience, to inspire deep contemplation, to lift spirits and make people smile'.

MusicShare Concerts

Tuesday 18 & Thursday 20 March | 19:00

A joyful concert featuring a massed choir. This is the culmination of one of MusicShare's many projects. MusicShare is a schools' singing programme, which is a partnership between Lichfield Cathedral School and Lichfield Cathedral with significant funding from Arts' Council England via The Music Partnership.

Thursday 20 March Secondary Schools only



J L Petit: The Lost Treasures of Lichfield

The Old Stables, The Close

8, 22, 29 March | 14:00-16:00

12, 25 April | 14:00-16:00

3, 10, 24, 31 May | 14:00-16:00

Explore the works of John Louis Petit (1801-68), an artist hailed as "the greatest discovery in British Art for a generation" (Andrew Graham-Dixon). Lichfield Cathedral is proud to host the first permanent exhibition of his extraordinary paintings. For 120 years, Petit's extensive portfolio was forgotten until it was uncovered in the 1980's following the sale of a family member's home.

Booking: £2 on the door (card only)

With special thanks to

The Friends of Lichfield Cathedral,
Philip Modiano and The Petit Society



Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30 March

10:30 | Choral Eucharist

Join us for a service of celebration on Mothering Sunday. All welcome.

15:30 | Choral Evensong

17:30 | Taizé Style Service for Mothering Sunday

A relaxed and reflective service for everyone and for those who find Mothering Sunday particularly difficult.

Mass in B Minor: Birmingham Bach Choir

Saturday 5 April | 19:00

Bach's Mass in B Minor "one of the greatest works of the human mind" (Paul Spicer) performed by soloists Sofia Ticciati, Simon Ponsford, Ruairi Bowen & Roderick Williams with Birmingham Bach Choir and the baroque-style Musical & Amicable Society Orchestra. A wonderful concert conducted by Paul Spicer.

Booking: www.birmingham.bachchoir.com



Volunteer Fair

Saturday 12 April | 14:00-16:00

Free to enter, all welcome

Discover a whole host of volunteering opportunities for a wide variety of organisations around the region, chat with volunteers and find the volunteering opportunity for you. In partnership with Support Staffordshire.



The Gesualdo Six: Lux Aeterna

Sunday 13 April | 19:30

Grief touches all of us at some point during our lives, affecting each person in different ways. Featuring music from the Renaissance to the present day, award-winning British vocal ensemble The Gesualdo Six explores musical responses to mourning and loss.

Booking: www.lichfield-cathedral.org



Photo: Ash Mills

LIBRARY TOURS



Library Tours

The Library, situated on the upper floor of our unique two-storey Chapter House, is one of the Cathedral's best-loved treasures.

This year's library tours are exploring the concept and history of health including, physical, spiritual, and mental health. We will be showcasing a selection of books and manuscripts, including:

- Works by the eminent physician, Sir John Floyer (1649 – 1734), who practised in Lichfield.
- A 17th century edition of Robert Burton's, *'The Anatomy of Melancholy'*, which he wrote as much to alleviate his own depression as to alleviate this illness in others.
- A selection of manuscripts illustrating that spiritual health was as important as physical health to the medieval person and which still resonates today.

£18 per person | Approx. 90 minutes
Booking is essential

**"A fascinating collection of books.
Really enjoyed the tour!"**

**"Stunning collection of beautiful books,
awesome insights."**

**"So interesting - beautiful books
& lovely architecture. Thank you"**

"A treasure house!"



www.lichfield-cathedral.org/tours



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Easter Holidays

Book of Books - Colouring

Monday 14 - Friday 25 April

Open during visitor opening hours
Visit the Book of Books exhibition at Easter, see the sacred books at this most holy time of year-and join in colouring poster-size excerpts from their most beautiful pages.
Drop-in, no need to book.

Storytelling Sessions

Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16
& Tuesday 22 April | 11:00-12.30

Thousands of years after they were written, Bible stories still help us make sense of the world and deliver God's message. Get comfy and listen to them retold by Lichfield storyteller Christine Genders.
Drop-in sessions, no need to book.

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& much more

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Join us this Holy Week & Easter as we mark the most significant part of the Christian story. During this week our services take us through the events that led up to Jesus being accused, tried and crucified, and laid in a tomb. The story does not end with his death, but on the third day Jesus rose from the dead, appearing to his disciples.

PALM SUNDAY 13 April

08:00 | Holy Eucharist with Distribution of Palms
10:00 | Palm Sunday Procession

Meet at Speakers' Corner on Dam Street ready to be led by a donkey through the city, waving palm crosses and singing.

10:30 | Choral Eucharist for Palm Sunday
Following the procession we enter into the Cathedral for our Sunday worship.
15:30 | Choral Evensong for Palm Sunday



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Booking: www.lichfield-cathedral.org

TUESDAY 15 April

19:30 | Tenebrae

In this service of beautiful and moving music, sung by our Cathedral Chamber Choir, we move slowly from light to darkness and then after the dramatic 'Strepitus', light is restored.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 April

11:00 | The Chrism Eucharist

with the Renewal of Commitment to Ministry and Blessing of the Oils

17:30 | Evening Prayer

19:00 | The Eucharist of the Last Supper

We come together to celebrate the Eucharist and recall the first time that Jesus did this with his disciples in the upper room.

20:30-22:00 | The Watch

We are invited to pray and watch with Jesus.



GOOD FRIDAY 18 April

08:00 | Morning Prayer

12:00-15:00 | The Good Friday Liturgy

Divided into four parts, the Good Friday Liturgy marks the time that Jesus was traditionally thought to have hung on the cross.

17:30 | Evening Prayer

19:30 | Churches Together in Lichfield

Ecumenical Service for Good Friday. We gather at the cross together in unity to give testimony to the love of Christ for the whole world.

HOLY SATURDAY 19 April

09:00 | Preparing the Preparers

A service praying with those who are setting up the Cathedral for the Easter celebrations.

(No 12:30 Eucharist Service. This day recalls the time that Jesus lay in the tomb and it is tradition not to hold a communion service.)

16:00 | Service of Commemoration for the Past Bishops of Lichfield

17:30 | Evening Prayer 'In Memoriam'

We reflect upon the time when Jesus was in the tomb, and take the opportunity to think about those we know who have died.

20:00 | Easter Vigil

with Baptism and Confirmations

This is the first Eucharist of Easter, beginning outside with the lighting of the Paschal Candle and moving inside the Cathedral.

EASTER DAY Sunday 20 April

08:00 | The Holy Eucharist

(Traditional Language)

10:30 | Choral Eucharist for Easter Day

We sing our Easter praises in this joyful Eucharist on this great day.

15:30 | Solemn Choral Evensong with Procession

Our Easter celebrations continue as our Cathedral Choir sings Evensong, and we process around the church with great joy.

EASTER MONDAY 21 April

09:00 | Morning Prayer

12:30 | Eucharist for Monday in Easter Week

17:30 | Choral Evensong

Our Easter praises continue as former choristers of the Cathedral come together to sing Evensong and fill the building with joyful music.





West End Musicals

Thursday 24 April | 19:30

Step into a world of enchantment and passion with London Concertante's extraordinary West End Musicals show! Get ready to experience a symphonic spectacle of heartwarming stories, electrifying dance numbers, and soaring melodies that will leave you spellbound.

Booking: <https://londonconcertante.com/>

Sound of Coldplay

Friday 25 April | 19:30

Experience the music of Coldplay like never before in the stunning setting of Lichfield Cathedral. Internationally acclaimed violinist Matt Glossop, alongside the Bloomsbury Pop Orchestra, presents a breathtaking string performance featuring Coldplay's most iconic songs.

Booking: <https://thesoundofcoldplaylichfield.eventbrite.com>



Music of Bond

Saturday 26 April | 19:00 & 21:00

Enjoy some of cinema's most iconic songs performed by a luscious symphony orchestra with vocalists under impressive illuminations in this beautiful historical venue.

The programme packs in 70 minutes of some of the most well-known movie themes of this genre, performed as you've never heard or seen them before.

Booking: <https://tickets.limelightorchestra.shop/>



Organ Recital - Cathy Lamb

Tuesday 29 April | 19:30

See and hear the Cathedral's mighty Hill organ in dazzling repertoire from the hands and feet of some of today's most exciting players.

Booking: www.lichfield-cathedral.org



A TABLE FOR THE NATION

The Fenland Black Oak Table: 5,000 years of history

7 May 2025

Come and view this spectacular 13-metre-long table made from a section of 5,000-year-old black oak. Learn more about the ancient black oak it is made from and the many centuries of history it has witnessed.



The 'Table for the Nation' will be in residency at Lichfield Cathedral for 1 year for all to see. It will be celebrated as a magnificent piece of craftsmanship and will provide a focal point for community events, hospitality, worship, and services across the year.

A fascinating exhibition accompanies the table providing insights into the project and a brilliant timeline of historical events across 5,000 years.

www.lichfield-cathedral.org/fenland

DISCOVER MORE...

www.lichfield-cathedral.org/tours



Highlights Tours

A 45-minute tour exploring the story of Lichfield Cathedral.

Enjoy a glimpse into the vast history of the Cathedral and experience Lichfield Cathedral's story. Tours are led by our knowledgeable guides and are the perfect addition to your visit.

Monday-Saturday

11:00* & 14:00*

£5 per person, under 16s free

*subject to availability

Private Group Tours

A tour of Lichfield Cathedral is a fascinating and enjoyable experience, whether you are booking a group visit for your club or company, or for something different to do with the family!

To find out more and book your tour, please contact the diary@lichfield-cathedral.org or call 01543 622471.



Library Tours

The Library, situated on the upper floor of our unique two-storey Chapter House, is one of the Cathedral's best-loved treasures. It houses a magnificent collection of early printed books and hand-copied manuscripts.

£18 per person

Book in advance online

Tower Tours

The Tower Tour will take you up behind hidden walkways, narrow spiral staircases, roof spaces, and of course stunning views of Lichfield and the surrounding areas from the top of the Central Tower.

Available summer & autumn

Book in advance online



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Common Threads - Stitch Sessions

First Sessions:

Tuesday 13 May | 10:00 - 12:00

Tuesday 20 May | 18:15 - 19:45

See website for further dates and times

In conjunction with the Fenland Black Oak Table's visit to Lichfield Cathedral and in partnership with The Fabric Vault, we would like to create something celebrating important people and events a little closer to home! 'Common Threads' is a community craft project, drawing together textile art contributions from schools, community groups and local business people to create a runner to sit along the length of the table (13m).

Join us for community stitch sessions and add your contribution to this special project.



Common Threads - Stitch Sessions: Mini-Makers

Monday 26, Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 May | 10:00 - 12:00

Drop in, get crafty and contribute to our "Common Threads" project; a runner created over the course of a year be displayed as a legacy of the Fenland Black Oak Table.

Drop-in sessions, no need to book.



Dementia-Friendly Service

Wednesday 30 April | 10:45

Led by our Dementia Friendly Champions and students from Lichfield Cathedral School, this service celebrating Easter is particularly suitable for those living with dementia and their carers. This popular service includes familiar hymns, music and readings. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Music Of Taylor Swift By Candlelight

Friday 2 & Saturday 3 May | 19:30

Swifties, get ready to *Shake It Off!* The Music of Taylor Swift by Candlelight is here, and it's pure *Magic!* A night of your *Wildest Dreams* awaits, with breathtaking live performances of Taylor's biggest hits in an unforgettable candlelit setting.

Booking: www.concertsbycandlelight.com



Elgar's Dream of Gerontious Lichfield Cathedral Chorus

Saturday 10 May | 19:30

The Dream of Gerontius was famously considered by Elgar to be 'the best of me.' From its hushed beginning to its shattering climax, *Gerontius* is one of the most cherished choral works. Join us and the Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra for this towering work that is not to be missed.

Booking: <https://lichfieldcathedralchorus.co.uk/>



Organ Recital - Martyn Rawles

Tuesday 13 May | 19:30

See and hear the Cathedral's mighty Hill organ in dazzling repertoire from the hands and feet of some of today's most exciting players.

Martyn Rawles in Organist and Assistant Director of Music at Lichfield Cathedral.

Booking: www.lichfield-cathedral.org



Lichfield Sinfonia Spring Concert

Saturday 17 May | 19:30

Lichfield Sinfonia returns to the Cathedral with their Spring Concert which features award-winning Lithuanian pianist Ignas Maknickas with the simply beautiful Rachmaninov 2nd Piano Concerto. We follow that with Tchaikovsky's iconic Symphony No 5. conducted by Sara Birchall.

Booking: www.ticketsource.co.uk/lichfieldsinfonia

Princess Proms

Saturday 24 May | 14:15 & 19:00

Calling all Princesses and Princes for a magical concert singing the enchanting songs from your favourite movies.

We invite you to an enchanting concert singing the magical themes from your favourite Princess movies inc. Frozen, Cinderella, Little Mermaid plus many more.

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk



The Music of U2 by Candlelight

Friday 30 & Saturday 31 May | 19:30

Calling all U2 super fans... we've found exactly what you're looking for! The Music Of U2 By Candlelight is finally here and it's guaranteed to be an *Unforgettable Fire!*

This incredible concert is going ahead *With Or Without You*, so don't wait *Until The End Of The World*. Book your tickets now for the *Sweetest Thing* you'll see all year!

Booking: www.concertsbycandlelight.com

An Evening With Johns' Boys

Saturday 14 June | 19:30

A groundbreaking, modern twist to the traditional Welsh Male Voice Choir. The Britain's Got Talent semi-finalists embark on their 2025 UK Tour! Enjoy breathtaking covers of Calum Scott's *Biblical* and Harry Styles' *Falling* plus modern twists on well-known classics, like their stunning take on the famous Welsh hymn tune 'Calon Lari'

Booking: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/johnsboys>





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Booking: www.lichfield-cathedral.org

Vivaldi's Four Seasons & Lark Ascending Thursday 19 June | 19:30

Bathe in soaring crescendos and melodic strings as our live ensemble conjures Vivaldi's exceptional craft, imagination, and quality, showcasing his pioneering techniques and his profound impact on Baroque music. This concert series promises to bring the iconic 'Four Seasons' to life in an extraordinary musical journey through nature's beauty, strength and grace.

Booking: <https://londonconcertante.com/>



The Music of Adele By Candlelight

Friday 20 June | 19:30

Featuring J'Adele, the UK's leading Adele tribute and her incredible live band, *Rumour Has It...* this is going to be an unforgettable evening packed full of best loved Adele Hits! Lichfield Cathedral will be bathed in candlelight, so let's put *Water Under the Bridge* and let the *Skyfall* as we celebrate the music of one of the world's most iconic divas!

Booking: www.concertsbycandlelight.com

Pink Floyd By Candlelight

Saturday 21 June | 19:30

Join us on the *Dark Side of the Moon*, for the ultimate tribute to Pink Floyd, performed by candlelight at the beautiful Lichfield Cathedral. This concert will feature some of the most iconic music of all time including *Another Brick in the Wall*, *Comfortably Numb*, *Wish You Were Here*, *Us and Them*, *Shine On You Crazy Diamond* and more!

Booking: www.concertsbycandlelight.com



O Sing Joyfully Lichfield Cathedral Chamber Choir

Sunday 22 June | 19:30

A programme of sacred music inspired by the Cathedral's exhibition *Book of Books*. Musical selections will include Vaughan Williams, Howells, Walton, and Gibbons, among others.

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DISCOVER YOUR CATHEDRAL

GROUP TOUR: Approx 60-90 minutes

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The Beach
July & August 2025



Exhibition: Wildlife Photographer of the Year
August 2025



Exhibition: The English Cathedral
September 2025



Christmas Light Show
December 2025

Find out more: www.lichfield-cathedral.org



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