

Highlights Tours 🕒 ~1hr00

On most days of the year (Monday to Saturday), scheduled ground-floor tours are available with one of our excellent guides.

Special Interest Tours 🕒 ~1hr30

Climb the spiral staircase to walk in the footsteps of the master masons on a behind-the-scenes tour of the High Parts, or explore specific areas and interests with an expert including the Chained Library, embroideries, stained glass, architecture, and more.

Group Visits

Group Visits are available by arrangement with the Visitor Services Co-ordinator: visits@wellscathedral.org.uk

Concerts and Events

From free explorer trails and backpacks to live music and evening events, there's something for everyone at Wells Cathedral. Visit www.wellscathedral.org.uk to find out what's on in the coming weeks.

Make a Day of It

The Cathedral Shop stocks a wide range of unique mementos and seasonal gifts. Our award-winning Café, The Loft, is open every day for coffee, delicious lunches, and afternoon teas, including our famous home-baked cakes and pastries.

How You Can Help

We are committed to keeping the doors of this historic and beautiful place open to all. Your generosity allows us to welcome more than 300,000 visitors every year, and to ensure a bright future for the Cathedral.

There are many ways of supporting Wells Cathedral, whether through the gift of time by becoming a volunteer, stopping for a coffee in our café, or giving a regular financial gift.

Please ask a member of our team if you would like further information on these and other ways of supporting the work of the Cathedral.

Visiting Us

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Opening Times

07.00–18.00 Daily

Welcome Desk Monday–Saturday: 09.00–16.00; Sunday: 11.00–15.00
Cathedral Shop Monday–Saturday: 10.00–16.30; Sunday: 11.00–15.00
The Loft Café 10.00–16.00 Daily

Some areas are restricted during worship and there are occasional closures. Please check for more information on our website before you visit.

Daily Services

The Cathedral has a number of acts of worship every day which all are welcome to attend:

Monday to Saturday

08.00 Morning Liturgy
10.00 Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
17.15 Choral Evensong*

Sunday

08.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Cathedral Eucharist*
15.00 Choral Evensong*

** The Cathedral Choir sings at these services except during Cathedral School Holidays. Please refer to the Cathedral's monthly **Services and Music List** for further details.*

How to Find Us

Situated a short distance from Bath, Bristol, and Bristol International Airport, the medieval city of Wells is the perfect location from which to explore the county of Somerset.

By Train

The nearest stations to Wells are Castle Cary (13 miles) and Bristol Temple Meads (20 miles). Buses and Taxis and are available.

By Bus

Regular bus services to and from Wells operate from Bath (Nos 173/174), Bristol (No 376) and Shepton Mallet (No 174).

Please check the Wells Cathedral website for latest travel information: www.wellscathedral.org.uk – Visit Us – How to Find Us

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Welcome to Wells Cathedral



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Set on the western slopes of the Mendip Hills in the medieval city of Wells in Somerset, there has been a sacred site beside springs of fresh water for over 1000 years.

The 12th-century building that is Wells Cathedral is a masterpiece. It is both beautiful and historic, and is a centre of Christianity that has attracted pilgrims and visitors alike over the centuries. Its calm and light atmosphere never ceases to inspire all those who set foot inside.



Highlights



1 West Front

(c. 1240) One of the largest galleries of medieval sculpture in the world. Starting in the lower niches with biblical scenes, it rises through kings, bishops, and orders of angels to the twelve apostles, with Christ over all.



2 Scissor Arches

In the Nave the eye is drawn to the unique Scissor Arches. The simple yet stunning design, often mistaken as modern, was a medieval solution (1338–48) to sinking tower foundations.



3 Astronomical Clock

(c. 1390) One of the oldest medieval clock faces in the world. On the quarter hour, pause to watch jousting knights go round in tournament while Jack Blandiver (above right) chimes the bells.



4 Chapter House

Well-worn steps lead up to the impressive Chapter House, completed in 1306. This beautiful octagonal chamber was where clergy met to transact Cathedral business. It is still used on formal occasions.



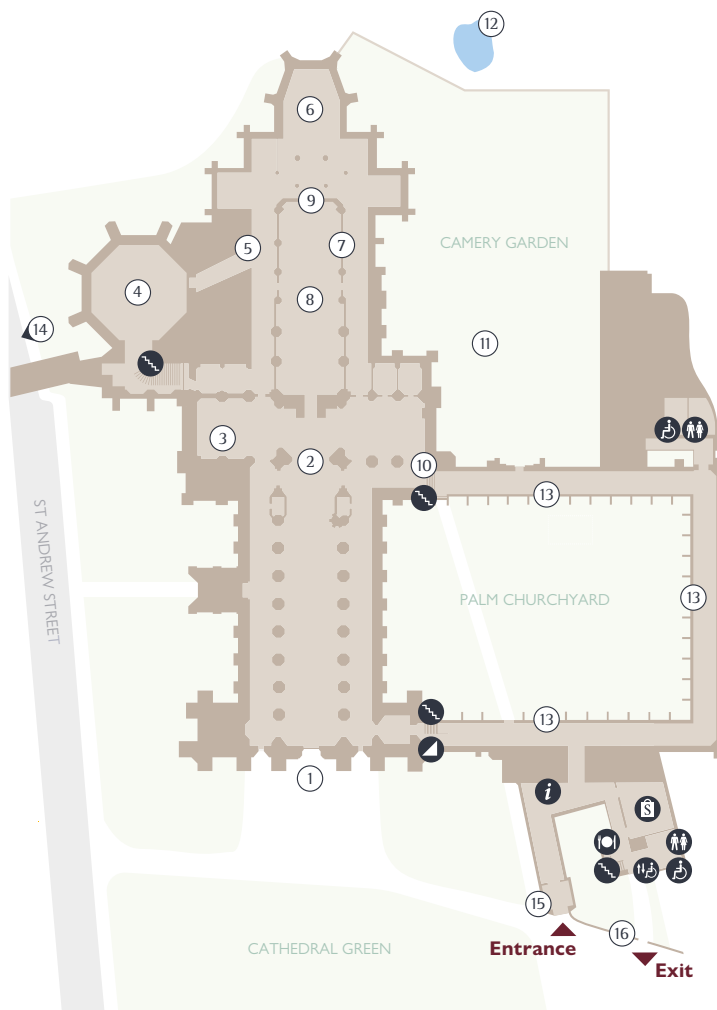
9 Jesse Window

Part of the Cathedral's substantial collection of medieval stained glass, the spectacular Jesse Window (c. 1340) above the Quire sets out the family tree of Jesus Christ. It narrowly escaped destruction during the English Civil War.



14 Vicars' Close

This picturesque street was built as lodgings for the Vicars Choral of the Cathedral Choir. Completed in 1363, it is reputedly the oldest continuously inhabited street in Europe.



- 1 West Front
- 2 Scissor Arches
- 3 Astronomical Clock
- 4 Chapter House*
- 5 Undercroft
- 6 Lady Chapel
- 7 Thomas Bekynton's Tomb
- 8 Quire
- 9 Jesse Window
- 10 Cathedral Library*
- 11 Stillington's Chapel
- 12 St Andrew's Well
- 13 Cloisters
- 14 Vicars' Close
- 15 Entrance
- 16 Exit
- The Loft Café
- Shop
- Welcome Desk
- Toilets
- Disabled Toilets
- Stairs
- Ramp Access
- Accessible Lift

*Only accessible by stairs