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What's On Guide

Christmas 2024



During the short days and long, dark nights of winter we're proud to offer you the Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market with all its friendliness and warmth. The sparkling lights and festive music speak of hope at the heart of Christmas. We share the Christmas hope that love and mercy, joy and peace come to us from God at Christmas, for the whole world to share.

Come and visit the Christmas Market in its beautiful setting of the Cathedral Close, and come inside the Cathedral. Whether you are returning or here for the first time, you will be very welcome.

Happy Christmas,

Catherine Ogle

The Very Revd Catherine Ogle,
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Cathedral opening hours*

Monday - Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday: 12.30pm - 3.00pm

*Last admission is 30 minutes before closing
Please check online for closure notices prior to your visit

Annual pass

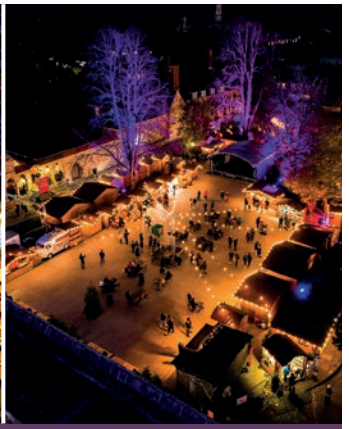
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Adult - £13.50
Over 66 - £12.00
Student - £7.00
Children under 16 (with family) - Free
Groups (10 adults or more) - £11.00pp
Student groups - £6.00 per student
(Teachers/Group leaders are free)

Save £1.00 when you book your annual pass online

Entry for prayer and worship is free of charge





22nd November - 22nd December

Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market

Winchester Cathedral's annual Christmas Market has been named as one of the best in Europe, and it isn't hard to see why. Held within its historic grounds, rows of pretty wooden chalets line cobbled paths offering a huge variety of high-quality produce, handmade gifts, and traditional treats.

Over 140 traders will be joining the festivities, from clothing and accessories, to home decor, gardening, toys and art. Fuel your festive day with tempting treats from a range of food and drink chalets, from your classic mulled wines and bratwursts to stonebaked pizzas and vegan treats. Don't forget to visit the Charity Chalet and Winchester BID chalet which changes regularly and highlights important causes and local independents.

Christmas Market opening hours:
Sunday - Thursday: 10.00am - 6.00pm
Friday - Saturday: 10.00am - 8.00pm

Admission to Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market is free.

Christmas Workshops

From November to December the Undercroft will be bustling with various festive workshops. From candle-making and glass fusing to silversmithing and painting, not forgetting the singing workshop! Great for a pre-Christmas get together with friends and family.
For times and prices scan the QR code.



30th November - 25th December

Advent and Christmas Services

Everyone is welcome to journey through Advent and Christmas together at Winchester Cathedral. During the festive season there will be daily services that feature traditional carols, festive readings, and family fun events. Bathe in joyous choral music with Advent Evensong, an evening service telling the Advent story in music. Come dressed as your favourite Christmas character for The Big Nativity. Stay up late for Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve as the excitement builds to the big day. If you can't make it in person, a lot of the services are able to be joined online. Please visit the Winchester Cathedral website to browse all upcoming services.





8th, 15th, 22nd December, 3.30pm

Market Carols

Finish your day on a high note by participating in this fantastic, family-friendly Christmas gathering. All generations are welcome, to enjoy this 50-minute experience.



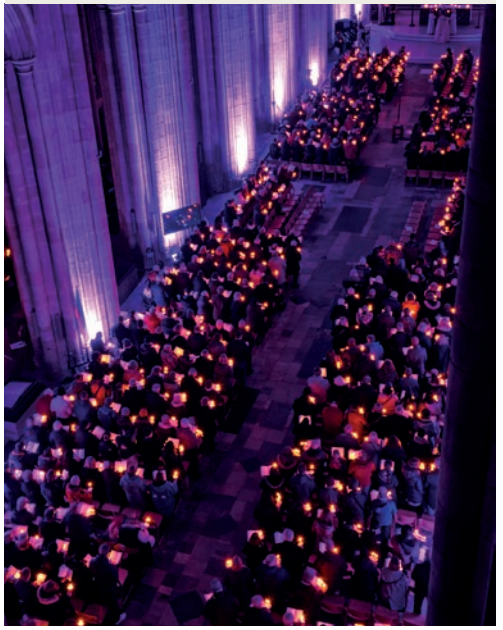
Regular Services

Life at the cathedral is anchored in a centuries-old pattern of daily worship, often enriched by glorious choral music. For a full listing of all current services please visit winchester-cathedral.org.uk

30th November, 6.30pm

Advent Procession

A spectacular service of darkness and light, music and the spoken word, mirroring the journey of the human race from the darkness of sorrow and death into the light of Christ's dawning Kingdom.



20th & 21st December, 6.30pm

Carol Services

Experience the holy grandeur of this spectacular traditional Carol Service sung by the Choir of Winchester Cathedral.

You are welcome to join the first carol service on 18th December online. The following services on the 20th and 21st December can be attended online or in person. The cathedral has a maximum capacity that it must abide by so it is recommend that you arrive early to avoid disappointment.





Wednesday 25th December, various services throughout the day

Christmas Day

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through a range of services on Christmas, including Holy Communion, Festal Mattins, Festal Eucharist and a Festal Evensong with Procession from the tree.

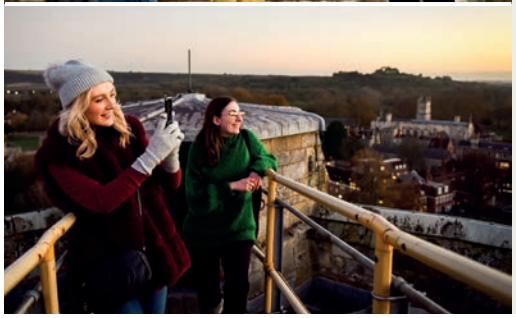
Christmas Concerts sung by Cathedral Choirs

A Festival of Choirs
14th December, 7.00pm
Benjamin Britten's A Ceremony of Carols
19th December, 4.00pm
Advent and Christmas concert
21st December, 12.00pm
Book online, call 01962 857 275 or book in-person at the Box Office inside Winchester Cathedral.









Explore this Christmas*

King and Scribes exhibition
Make time to explore over 1,000 years of history in the three-level exhibition, Kings and Scribes. See the 12th-century Winchester Bible, visit the historic Morley Library, unearth secrets hidden within the mortuary chests, visit the Cathedral Scribes and more. A hands-on learning experience made fun, for all ages.

Tours
Offering a range of tours from the general cathedral tour to special interest and bespoke tours for groups. Hear about the characters and events that shaped the history of England and left their mark on this magnificent building.

Tower Tours
Searching for an exhilarating experience for your friends and family this winter? Come rain or shine, this behind the scenes tour will guide you up 323 spiraling steps, stopping off to visit the ringing chamber, the great cathedral bells and more. You'll be rewarded with unrivaled views of Winchester and beyond when you get to the top and you'll receive a certificate for your efforts!

*Subject to availability

Coming up...











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Whether you bought an annual pass, a keyring from the Gift Shop or a coffee in the Café, you have contributed to the vital funds required to preserve this cathedral for Christmases to come. Conservation of this magnificent building wouldn't be possible without your support, thank you.

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