



# **Association of English Cathedrals 2019**

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Association of English Cathedrals list of events this summer, including a helter-skelter, crazy golf, a lunar landscape, bat watches, pottery exhibitions, children's music workshops, Latin and Greek classes, Lego building, outdoor and indoor theatre, and Luke Jerram's Gaia – a rotating 7 metre high replica of the earth.

Summer at **Durham Cathedral** is all about bats. A colony of Common Pipistrelles live in Durham Cathedral's Cloister, and if you visit in August you may see bats flying around the cloister during their annual 'swarm'. They sometimes get grounded when they get too tired from flying, so the cathedral has a special bat squad who regularly patrol the cloister in search of grounded bats that they can help recover using 'bat ambulances'.

There's a children's bat watch in the cloister on 2 August and a bat walk on 30 August walk along Durham's riverbank paths. [durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on](http://durhamcathedral.co.uk/whats-on)

Summer at **Bradford** - is all about history and the arts with a 'Turn of the Wheel' pottery exhibition during August, part of the Shuttle Shuffle festival over the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> as well as their regular monthly events.

<https://www.bradfordcathedral.org>

**Chichester Cathedral** will host the 2019 Summer Exhibition by the Southern Ceramic Group which showcases over 600 exhibits from 60 ceramicists.

The Exhibition takes place daily from 10am to 5pm in the historic 'Old Kitchen' in the Cathedral's Bishop's Palace - normally closed to the public. This annual event ranges from traditional functional pottery to figurative sculpture and runs until 11 Aug.

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/exhibition-southern-ceramic-group>

**Peterborough Cathedral** will install the Earth -Gaia artwork by Luke Jerram from 19 August to 15 September [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/gaia](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/gaia) and are looking for volunteers to help.

**Rochester Cathedral** opened its bridge-themed adventure golf course in the nave this week. Created in partnership with the Rochester Bridge Trust, the course has been designed to encourage young people to learn more about the engineering behind bridges. The golf course is part of a busy summer programme which includes family activities and an outdoor theatre programme. The golf is free and open until 1 September. <https://www.rochestercathedral.org/events>

A new exhibition this August in **Carlisle Cathedral** by Penrith artist Christine Hurford explores the relationship between human and insect and between life and death.

Her work often incorporates large architectural pieces, such as mirrors with miniscule sculptures of ceramic insects and abstract forms. This year's exhibition will be no exception – blending her fascination with insect and human life, through fabric printing, sculpture and drawing.

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**Birmingham Cathedral** is a living tradition in the heart of the city. Families are welcome to join the free music clubs in August where young visitors can play games, sing songs. This summer's programme also includes workshops, an organ festival and music concerts, family events, flower displays and commemorative concerts to mark the Moon Landing anniversary. Outside, Cathedral Square will host a cathedral fayre, a free cricket festival, a community fun day with stalls and entertainment for all the family and craft activities to connect communities and enjoy the city's only green space.

<http://www.birminghamcathedral.com/summer/>

You can step into the story at **Winchester Cathedral** this summer and explore their spectacular new exhibition *Kings and Scribes: The Birth of a Nation*. Just opened, this permanent three-level exhibition takes visitors through 1,000 years of history from the birth of the English nation to the present day and reveals some of the nation's greatest treasures, including the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Winchester Bible and highly painted mortuary chests – believed to have housed the bones of Queen Emma of Normandy, an early English queen

Her remains are said to have been found among a jumble of 1,300 bones within six painted wooden caskets at the cathedral, believed to contain the remains of kings and bishops before the Norman conquest of England in the 11th century. <https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk>

**Lichfield** – the only cathedral where you can walk on the moon this summer - The nave of this medieval cathedral has been transformed by Artist Peter Walker into the lunar landscape to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Moon Landing. Visitors can watch a film on the moon floor during August's Film Festival, and be immersed in a sound and light experience for *The Great Exhibition: Space, God, The Universe and Everything* – when the artist, in collaboration with Luxmuralis, floods the cathedral with digital projections and a soundscape inspired by space, the planets and their courses. The first British astronaut in space, Helen Sharman, will share her experiences and her wonder of the Universe as a special guest on the moon floor on August 26. Artist, Peter Walker said: "We want these artworks to encourage people to explore possibilities, to reach for the moon and to reflect on what that means for those that went before, and for all humankind." <https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org>

**Exeter Cathedral** has a summer series of family education events that includes Tudor Time Travel, Tie-Dye Techniques, Fire Skills, Felting, Mini-Models and Castle Walls, World War II and Planes, and Den Building – as well as talks on wedding dresses and lace, a range of specialist tours, a summer series of music, and an exhibition by the Royal School of Needlework – and their speciality cream teas. <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/news-events/whats-on/>

**Bury St Edmunds** – needs keen builders to grow its LEGO® cathedral. They hope to complete all the stained glass windows over the summer holidays. It's only £1 per brick and helps raise vital funds for the cathedral's work. You can climb the Tower - only 202 steps. Book online. For more information on what to see and do at St Edmundsbury Cathedral see [www.stedscathedral.org](http://www.stedscathedral.org)

**Wakefield Cathedral** is asking people to share their *Favourite Places: Favourite Journeys* this summer for a public postcard art show to hang in the nave. It goes up on August 3 and will run through to September and they are asking holidaymakers to send postcards from their summer breaks to add to the gallery throughout the summer. The cathedral is also one of the venues for the fringe festival attached to the first Yorkshire Sculpture International 2019 and is currently home to Awkward Objects by Melissa . Artist Tony Wade will be displaying *Boundary* – a photographic representation of the 60 mile city’s boundary around the cathedral’s labyrinth from August 3 too.

<https://www.wakefieldcathedral.org.uk/news/2019/07/favourite-place-boundary>;

You can sign up to a Latin and Greek course at **Gloucester Cathedral**, take part in the ‘Good Shepherd Project’ flock of sheep, play Giant Cathedral Green Games or have a go at making a bug hotel, lavender bag or a spacecraft in their Family Learning Sessions or Go Digital with the latest Cathedral App. They will also be running a number of tours over the summer including Highlights, Library, Crypt, Tower or Scaffolding Tour.

<https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk>;

**Truro Cathedral** has a busy summer fun programme for families every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with brass rubbing, hanging dragon spirals, sailboat models and streamer fish among the crafts and activities. There is music from visiting choirs too.

<https://www.trurocathedral.org.uk/whats-on/summer-fun-for-children-and-families/mon-2-sep-2019-11-00-am>

The highlight of the summer at **Lincoln Cathedral** is a production of *Oliver!* produced and performed by the people of Lincoln. From Monday 5 to Friday 16 August 2019, the Nave of the Cathedral will echo to the sounds of more than 150 cast members bringing to life this well-loved tale. The will be performed in the round with the stage in the centre of the Nave, creating an intimate space where the audience is drawn right into the heart of the action.

[www.lincolncathedral.com](http://www.lincolncathedral.com)

Banksy's *Grappling Hook* in **Ely Cathedral** - A signed Banksy sculpture depicting a large crucifix with hooks has gone on display in the centre of Ely Cathedral. Called *The Grappling Hook*, the artwork was created in 2017 as a "powerful statement" on the political and religious struggles in the West Bank. The piece, which is on loan from a specialist collector, will remain on public show until the end of September. The Very Rev Mark Bonney, the Dean of Ely, said the sculpture would "create a particular presence and challenge".

**Coventry Cathedral** recently hosted four nights of *The Specials* (Coventry's own band!) in their ruined cathedral. “The Specials’ message chimes so clearly with Coventry Cathedral's message of reconciliation”.

**Chester Cathedral** premieres world first *The Deep* exhibition featuring more than 80 creatures built out of Lego bricks.



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