Jane Austen, one of the world’s most famous authors, was born, lived and died in the historic and beautiful county of Hampshire. Its houses, countryside and people provided the inspiration for many of her novels and she now rests in the north nave aisle of Winchester Cathedral.

Winchester Cathedral will be marking the 200th anniversary of her death, and visitors are welcome to come and pay their respects to this much-loved author, whose work has inspired people from all across the world, generation after generation.

Through a programme of special events held throughout the year the Cathedral honours Hampshire’s favorite author with a series of concerts, lectures, tours, exhibitions and services.

This will form part of a Hampshire-wide celebration of Jane’s life and work. For more information please visit www.janeausten200.co.uk

For details of the Cathedral’s events and to book tickets please visit our ‘What’s On’ page at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk or call the Box Office team on 01962 857275

THE JANE AUSTEN STORY
PERMANENT DISPLAY

The exhibition was installed in 2010 to mark the bicentenary decade of Jane Austen’s publications, situated beside her grave it tells the story of Jane’s life in Hampshire: her birth and childhood in Steventon, her writing and life in Chawton and her final few weeks and death in Winchester.

This summer only, an additional exhibition will be added displaying beautiful artefacts from Jane’s life, including the burial register, poems and first editions.

Visitors will be able to enjoy the rest of the Cathedral’s treasures during their visit.

Cathedral admission fees apply.

If making a special visit please check the Cathedral website for closures.
BOOK OF MEMORIES: A LASTING LEGACY
AVAILABLE TO INSCRIBE FROM MAY – SEPTEMBER 2017

As a lasting legacy to the 200th anniversary of Jane’s death, the Cathedral is inviting visitors to record their personal thoughts of what Jane Austen’s life and work has meant to them. This special Book of Memories will become a record of those who visited her grave in this year and a lasting addition to the Cathedral’s own collection of Jane Austen artefacts.

It is fitting then that the bookbinders, Tim and Pete Wiltshire, from P & G Wells Bookshop & Bindery on College Street, just two doors from the house where Jane died, have produced this initial loosely bound Book of Memories for visitors to inscribe this summer. Once complete, the book will be returned to them to be hand stitched and leather bound before finally returning to the Cathedral.

A donation is kindly requested from those who wish to inscribe the book.

JANE AUSTEN TOURS WITH COFFEE & CAKE
FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXCLUDING MAY)

Our team of expert volunteer guides offer visitors an intimate and often amusing insight into her life and connections with the Cathedral. The tour will include a walk through the Cathedral’s historic Inner Close to the house on College Street where Jane and Cassandra stayed during their time in Winchester.

Tours take place on the first Saturday of each month up to November – booking is essential due to the high popularity of this special experience.

Tickets: £12.50 (plus 75p per ticket booking fee, capped at £5) Includes tea or coffee and cake taken in the Cathedral Refectory after the tour, available online or by phone on 01962 857275. Tours last approx. 1 hour.

Special group tours of 15 people or more are also available to book, subject to availability. Email visits@winchester-cathedral.org.uk

EXHIBITION: INSPIRED BY THE WORD
8 JUNE 2017 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

‘Inspired by the Word’ is a multi-venue visual arts exhibition by contemporary artists celebrating the literature of Hampshire writers – Jane Austen, Edward Thomas and Gilbert White. The theme chosen for Winchester Cathedral’s exhibition is Jane Austen and artists who have been inspired by both the author and the Cathedral setting.

The exhibition will showcase sculpture, letter carving and works in other media. Visitors will come across the works as they explore the building, prompting moments of reflection about the author.

Admission fees apply.

Other venues participating in this event are Gilbert White’s Garden at The Wakes in Selborne, Petersfield Physic Garden and Museum (new galleries), Chawton House Library and the Red House Museum Garden, Christchurch.

For more information about Jane Austen 200 events visit www.janeausten200.co.uk
‘Sitting With Jane’ is a Jane Austen inspired sculpture trail.

The sculptures are all benches – each shaped like an open book, every design is unique and hand-painted by a professional artist in a style inspired by Jane Austen’s life and times in Basingstoke, Steventon and the surrounding area.

A bench designed by Winchester University Artist in Residence, Amy Goodman, will be on exhibit in the Cathedral grounds this summer.

The trail and the associated app will give the opportunity to explore (and sit in) places and landscapes that were important influences on Jane’s life and work – often undiscovered by visitors. Jane was born in Steventon, and Basingstoke was her local town for more than half her life. This trail will help to reconnect visitors with where she grew up and began her writing career. Sculptures will be auctioned for a local charity leaving a lasting legacy in the area.

There will be 24 BookBenches and the dedicated website and app will guide you around as you visit some interesting places, linking them together to give an insightful tour.

All BookBenches have free access, and the app is free to download from the website www.sittingwithjane.com

JANE AUSTEN’S NOVELS: 
REGULATED & CHECKED BY RELIGION
A TALK BY REVD MICHAEL KENNING
TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017, 7PM
WESSEX LEARNING CENTRE

Jane Austen’s Novels – ‘Regulated and Checked by Religion’ is a quotation from Sense & Sensibility (Vol iii Ch. 10) when Marianne declares that any remembrance of Willoughby shall be regulated and checked by religion. The talk will aim to show how important a role the Christian faith played in Jane’s life and how Christian principles and teachings were fundamental to her work as a novelist.

Jane Austen’s novels have held a particular fascination for the Revd Michael Kenning since school-days when Persuasion was studied as an A-level set text, but he didn’t realise how valuable a knowledge of the novels was until he was appointed Rector of Steventon in 1992. After retiring as Rector in 2010, Revd Kenning was offered life membership of the Jane Austen Society in the same year and then in 2015 was elected by the Society’s trustees as their Vice-Chairman.

Tickets: £5, available from the Cathedral Box Office
ILLYRIA OUTDOOR THEATRE – PRIDE & PREJUDICE  
28, 29 & 30 JUNE 2017, 7.30PM  
CLOISTERS GARTH, INNER CLOSE

It’s back! Illyria’s production of Jane Austen’s glorious social comedy, 
Pride & Prejudice, attracted sell-out audiences for four consecutive years. 
It toured throughout the UK and Europe, attracted nationwide critical 
acclaim and at its run at the 2003 Edinburgh Fringe the queue for returns 
stretched around the block.

In a social whirlwind of balls, dinners and very eligible officers, Lizzie 
Bennett and Fitzwilliam Darcy stand alone as the only sane people - and 
they hate each other! Or do they? Can she see beyond his pride, and can 
he overcome her prejudice, in order to achieve their mutual happiness?

If your idea of Jane Austen is costume-drama, empire-lines and tea-
parties, then this sparkling adaptation, based entirely on the original 
novel, is something to make you change your mind. Bring a picnic and 
have a ball as the irrepressible Illyria sharpen their claws to bring you Jane 
Austen at her vibrant, pacy, forthright best!

Recommended for adults and children aged 5+.

Running time: 2 hours 20 minutes including 20 minute interval.

Tickets from £14.50 per person, available from the Cathedral Box Office

LUNCHTIME RECITAL: 
JANE AUSTEN  
TUESDAY 18 JULY 2017,  
1PM, CATHEDRAL NAVE

All are welcome to this very special lunchtime recital, on the 200th 
anniversary of the death of Jane Austen. The performance will 
include music heard during Jane Austen’s life.

The recital, performed by The 
Austen Trio, features a Soprano, 
Harp and Piano (actually a square 
piano), and it’s sure to be a fitting 
tribute on this special date.

For more information about The 
Austen Trio visit their Facebook 
page www.facebook.com/ 
theaustentrio

These concerts are free but a 
retiring collection is taken to 
defray costs. Please note seats are 
un-reserved, on a first come first 
served basis.
JANE AUSTEN 200 – AN ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
TUESDAY 18 JULY 2017, 5.30PM CATHEDRAL NAVE

On the anniversary of Jane Austen’s death, Tuesday 18 July, a special service of Evensong will be held at 5.30pm. It will be led by the Dean and Chapter with contributions from invited guests and sung by the Cathedral Choir.

All are welcome to attend this special service although you will need to obtain ticket(s) in advance through the Cathedral Box Office.

Unreserved nave seating – Please be seated no later than 5.15 p.m.

Tickets are free but limited to four per household.

Please contact the Cathedral Box Office on 01962 857257 or book online at www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk

JANE AUSTEN AND THE GLORIES OF WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL
A TALK BY
PROFESSOR
MICHAEL WHEELER
FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017, 2.30PM, WESSEX LEARNING CENTRE

Why, when this comparatively obscure spinster died in 1817, was she buried in a Cathedral which houses the bones of Saxon kings and saints?

Professor Michael Wheeler, author of Jane Austen and Winchester Cathedral, addresses this question in an illustrated talk which begins with a look at the memorials and the associations between the Austen family and the diocese of Winchester. Michael then traces the life and times of Jane Austen herself, and shows a series of images illustrating the glories of the Cathedral that she knew and loved.

Tickets: £10, available from the Cathedral Box Office
**REGENCY TEA & READINGS**
*SUNDAY 23 JULY 2017 1PM*

Calling all Janeites!

Grab your treasured copy of Pride & Prejudice, the copy of Emma you take everywhere, or that dog-eared, but loved, Sense & Sensibility – whatever your favourite bring it along and share in the joys of everything Jane Austen!

Enjoy a beautiful regency tea (with a Janeite flare!) and read a favourite passage from your cherished book.

This is sure to be a fun and lively event, not to be missed. What better way to honour this great author than to share and enjoy her work in the beautiful grounds of her final resting place.

Don’t worry if you don’t want to read – still come along and join in the fun.

Everyone is welcome to attend Evensong at 3.30pm

**Tickets: £35, available from the Cathedral Box Office.**

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**FUNERAL PROCESSION**
*MONDAY 24 JULY 2017, 8.30AM*

Join our Head Jane Austen guides for this very special retracing of Jane Austen’s funeral procession.

Participants are invited to meet on College Street, outside the house where Jane Austen died and lay until her funeral. Then at the same time, exactly 200 years later, walk as her brothers and nephew did from the house through the Inner Close and into the Cathedral.

Her sister Cassandra wrote that she watched from the window as her dear sister left her forever as the procession turned the corner to enter The Close.

As you walk through the Cathedral grounds listen as the bells toll 41 times, one for every year of Jane’s life. The procession will stop for a moment of reflection and a short reading before entering the Cathedral where you will be able to pay your respects at Jane’s grave before being seated for readings from her final poems and letters.

**Tickets: £5, available from the Cathedral Box Office. Numbers are limited due to the nature of the event.**
To book tickets and for up to date details of Jane Austen Events
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For details of Jane Austen events happening across Hampshire
this year visit www.janeausten200.co.uk