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# What's On Guide

Winter 2023 to Spring 2024

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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,  
Dean of Winchester

17th November – 21st 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.

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

Admission to the Christmas Market is free.




## Christmas Market traders

There's an exciting range of new traders joining the festivities for the first time this year. Browse hand-embellished tree decorations, traditionally made wooden music boxes, and handmade soaps and bath products with Christmas-themed designs.

Stroll over to the Makers' Market where creativity and craftsmanship of skilled artisans, both local and from across the UK, is showcased. The Makers' chalets offer unique and authentically made goods such as hand poured soy wax candles and personalised jewellery, directly from the people who made them.

Winchester Cathedral's Market is proud to support sustainable options that emphasises environmentally conscious and ethically sourced produce such as eco-friendly beach towels, handwoven Ghanaian baskets, recycled fabric appliqué homewares, and fairtrade Peruvian fabrics.

## The food court

In the middle of the Christmas Market is the food court; the perfect place for a quick pit-stop. Quench your thirst with artisanal coffee, indulgent hot chocolate, or spiced mulled wine and cider. Tuck into traditional German Bratwurst with all the toppings, authentic Neapolitan-style pizzas or freshly prepared pancakes.

Beyond the food court, explore a selection of handpicked food and drink chalets. Dive into the world of vegan-friendly English wines and small-batch spirits, sample interesting cheeses, and preserves and chutneys crafted from traditional heritage fruits and wild plants.



## The community stage

Discover the vibrant pulse of the Christmas Market at the community stage, nestled in its heart. This stage becomes a beacon, spotlighting the talents of the local community while also extending a warm welcome to visiting performers. For a detailed schedule of the performances featured on the community stage, please visit the Winchester Cathedral website.

Winchester Cathedral community stage is kindly sponsored by Stagecoach buses



2nd - 25th December



## Advent & Christmas services

Everyone is welcome to journey through Advent and Christmas together at Winchester Cathedral. During the festive season there will be services that feature traditional carols and festive readings, and family fun events. Everyone is welcome to attend services at Winchester Cathedral, whether you're a regular or perhaps you've never visited the cathedral before, please feel encouraged to attend. If you can't make it in person, a lot of the services are able to be joined online. Please check the Winchester Cathedral website for more information about live-streaming services.



Saturday 2nd December, 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.



18th, 19th & 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 19th 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.



## Winter worship

The daily round of services continues through Advent and Christmas with Advent Evensong, a special evening service telling the Advent story in music. A Winchester Christmas also provides a taste of Christmas every day and for everyone in the heart of the Cathedral.

Monday 25th December

## 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.



10th & 17th 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, and it's just a 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](http://winchester-cathedral.org.uk)





## Kings & Scribes exhibition

Explore over 1,000 years of history in the Kings & Scribes: Birth of a Nation exhibition.

Winchester Cathedral is a living monument of the heritage of England and is one of the most historically significant buildings in Britain.

From the time of Alfred the Great until after the Norman Conquest, Winchester and the Cathedral was the royal chapel. Much of England's early history was based here and twelve English kings are believed to be buried here - meaning that Winchester can lay claim to being the first Royal Mausoleum.

Don't forget that access to the Kings & Scribes exhibition is included with a general admission ticket.

## Tours

### General cathedral tour

Hear about the characters and events that shaped the history of England and left their mark on this magnificent building.

A general cathedral tour is included in the price of a general admission ticket.

### Special interest tours

Bringing the cathedral's 1,000 year history to life with the fascinating selection of special interest tours guided by experts in the field. Choose from Mary Tudor's wedding, Jane Austen, William Walker and plenty more.

### Tower tours

Offering the best views across Winchester; climb the 323 spiralling steps up to the cathedral roof for an exciting and unique experience.

On this tour you'll also get the chance to see the ringing chamber and the great cathedral bells, and walk across the impressive length of the nave roof.

### Other tours

There are many more tours to choose from at Winchester Cathedral. Please ask at the welcome desk for more information.



### 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

### Admission\*\*\*

Adult - £12.50  
Concession - £10.00  
Student - £6.50  
Child under 17 (with paying adult) - Free

\*A general admission ticket grants you access for 12 months

\*\*Includes a free guided tour, subject to availability

Entry for prayer and worship is free of charge

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Help preserve the cathedral for Christmases to come. To donate £5, text ANGEL to 70970.

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# Coming up...



## Festival of the Moon 5th - 18th February

A full programme of events and activities beneath the Museum of the Moon artwork by artist Luke Jerram. Enjoy music, mind & body classes, a live audience with Mark Thompson, silent discos, and a romantic date night, and more...

*@Simon Newman photography*



## Crown & Coronation

4th - 9th March

Light and sound show by Luxmuralis.

In partnership with Historic Royal Palaces, as seen at The Tower of London.

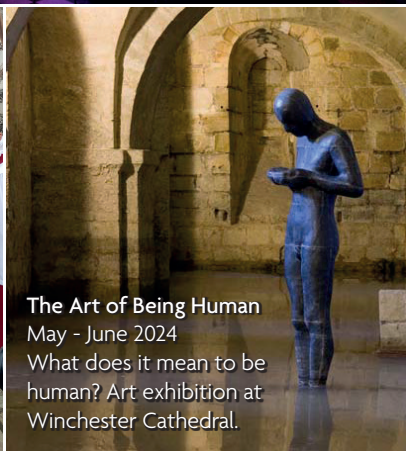
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## Holy Week & Easter

24th - 31st March

The most demanding, challenging, and exciting time in the Christian year.



## The Art of Being Human

May - June 2024

What does it mean to be human? Art exhibition at Winchester Cathedral.

## Keep in touch

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