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**PETERBOROUGH
CATHEDRAL**

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PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL, MINSTER PRECINCTS, PETERBOROUGH, PE1 1XS

**FREE TO
EXPLORE**

Explore Hidden Spaces...

We're opening up some of our (historic) buildings for you to explore, with guides on hand to answer your questions.

These are open 11am - 4pm on Saturday 8 September
12noon - 3pm on Sunday 9 September



Knights' Chamber Almoner's Hall

Inside the Cathedral's Visitor Centre is the 13th Century Knights' Chamber, a recently-restored medieval hall.

Explore the Medieval Almonry and find out about the role the abbey played in caring for the poor of Peterborough.

Cathedral Library

Tucked away above the Cathedral's 14th century porch is our remarkable and unseen library! (Please note: access via a spiral staircase)

Cathedral Precinct Tours

Explore the Cathedral Precincts and discover the remains of the medieval monastery, learning how the monks lived and about their place in Peterborough's history.

Tour at 2pm on Saturday 8 September.
Tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for concessions.
Accompanied children free.
Meet at the Cathedral's Welcome Desk.

**FREE
NEW**

Remarkable Women Tour

Discover the amazing stories of women commemorated in the Cathedral.

Tours last about 45 minutes – meet at the Cathedral's Welcome Desk.

Tours at 11.30am and 2pm on Saturday 8 September
and 2pm on Sunday 9 September.



FREE Special Guided Tour - Table Hall and the Infirmary

Discover the remains of the abbey's hospital, including a rare chance to go inside the 15th century Table Hall. Tours last just over an hour and places are limited (pre-booking is strongly advised). Meet inside the Cathedral's main entrance.

Tours at 11.30am and 2pm on Saturday 8 September and 2pm on Sunday 9 September.



Cathedral Tower Tours

Get the best views of Peterborough, plus a chance to see many hidden spaces and a medieval windlass used in building the Cathedral. (Please note access is by a spiral staircase. Ages 8 + only. Restrictions apply).

Saturday 8 September

Tower Top Climbs at 11am and 12 noon (30-40 mins). £5 or £16 for four.
Long Tower Tour at 2.30pm (90 mins). £10 / £8.

Sunday 9 September

Short Tower Tour at 1pm (45-60 mins). £8 / £6.
Restrictions apply. Limited spaces - pre-booking strongly recommended.
Meet at the Cathedral's Welcome Desk.



NEW All Saints Church

Park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2UL
All Saints, built in 1886 by the renowned Victorian church architect Temple Moore, has various fittings also designed by the architect added after the church was first consecrated. Over the Heritage Open Days weekend All Saints will be holding its annual Flower Festival.

Saturday 8 September: 11am – 4pm with tours at 11.30am and 3pm.
Sunday 9 September: 12noon – 4pm with a tour at 3pm. Tours last approx 30-40 minutes. Maximum of 20 people per tour.



NEW Bharat Hindu Samaj (Hindu Temple)

Unit 6, New England Complex, Rock Road, Peterborough, PE1 3BU
Visit the shrines of various deities and learn about the Hindu religion and culture. Also, take the opportunity to witness the Aarti (a daily ritual) from 9.45am – 10.15am.

Friday 7 September: 9.30am – 12noon
Booking essential.
To book, call 01733 315214 or email bharathindusamajpb@gmail.com
(booking opens 16 August and closes 5 September).



NEW Blue Plaques Trail

Peterborough City Centre, PE1 1XS
Guided tour of Peterborough's Blue Plaques, with brief exposition at each site with regard to individuals, present buildings, past structures and environs. Questions and discussion welcomed. Meet at Cathedral Visitor Centre in Minster Precincts at 1.50pm.

Friday 7 September: Tour at 2pm. Tour will last approx 2 hours.
Booking essential. Maximum of 20 people.
To book, call 01733 557135 (booking opens 1 August and closes 30 August).



NEW Crowland Abbey

Crowland Abbey, East Street, Crowland, PE6 0EN
Visitors can enjoy guided tours of the medieval abbey and ruins. Photographs of Crowland past on display. Trails of graveyard and Crowland town. Guided tours from Abbey to Trinity Bridge. All tours will be run on an ad-hoc basis.

Thursday 6 - Saturday 8 September: 11am – 3pm
Sunday 9 September: 1pm – 3pm



NEW Faizan E Madina Mosque

175 Gladstone Street, Peterborough, PE1 2BN
Peterborough's largest mosque can accommodate 3,000 worshippers. Built 2006. Observe Salah (prayers) taking place. Listen to the Adhan (call to prayer). Tour of all facilities. Free literature. Exhibition of Islamic artefacts, Q&A in library.

Sunday 9 September: 12noon – 4pm



NEW Gurdwara Baba Budha Sahib Ji (Sikh Temple)

23 Royce Road, Peterborough, PE1 5IY

Purpose-built temple. Display of Sikh culture. Scholars available with information on Sikhism.

Saturday 8 September: 10am – 4pm



NEW Helpston Village Walk and Display

Botolph Barn, 3a Church Lane, Helpston, Peterborough, PE6 7DT

Short walk around village from the church to Torpel Field containing evidence of Torpel Manor. At Botolph Barn (opposite church) census records on display together with newspaper archive slideshows and artefacts from recent "House Detective" findings.

Saturday 8 September: Display open 10am – 3pm. Escorted walks at 11am and 1pm.



Key Theatre

Embankment Road, Peterborough, PE1 1EF

Guests can look forward to a personal tour of the theatre, including access to the behind the scenes facilities.

Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September: Tour at 12noon.

Booking essential. Maximum number for each tour is 8 people.

To book, call the box office on 01733 207239.



London Brick History

St John the Baptist Church, Cathedral Square, Peterborough, PE1 1XB

Discover the story of the London Brick Company, which for many decades produced millions of bricks for house-building throughout the country, with an exhibition in the historic St John the Baptist Church.

Saturday 8 September: 9.30am – 3.30pm



Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber

Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

Experience a tour of the Mayor's Parlour and Council Chamber within Peterborough Town Hall. Learn about the history of the Town Hall and the historic rooms.

Saturday 8 September: Tours at 11am and 1pm

Booking essential. Maximum number for each tour is 30 people.

To book, call 01733 452264 or email mayor@peterborough.gov.uk (booking opens 9 July and closes 3 September).



Norman Cross Art Gallery and Napoleonic Prison Depot Site

London Road, Norman Cross, Peterborough, PE7 3TB
Talks, tours and a living history display with Napoleonic soldiers' re-enactors at the site of the first ever Napoleonic Prison Depot.

Saturday 15 September: Talk and tour at 10am and 1.30pm. Duration 1 hour.
Sunday 16 September: Talk and tour at 10am and 1.30pm. Duration 1 hour.
Booking essential. Maximum number for each tour is 45 people.
To book, call 01733 793127 or email FONX2015@gmail.com
(booking opens 1 June and closes 14 September).



Old Customs House

The Old Customs House, Embankment Road, Peterborough, PE1 1EG
Recently refurbished 18th century building alongside the River Nene originally used as a toll house for goods transported by river.
Currently the base for Peterborough Sea Cadets.

Thursday 6 - Sunday 9 September: 10am - 2pm each day.



Peterborough Archives Service

Central Library, Broadway, Peterborough, PE1 1RX
Take a look behind the scenes at the storage spaces usually closed to the public. Visitors will also be shown and learn about some of the archives' prized documents in an informal presentation in the search room.

Friday 7 September: Brief talk followed by tour at 11am and 2pm
Saturday 8 September: Brief talk followed by tour at 11am only
Booking essential, places limited to 10 people per session.
Talk and tour last approx 60-90 mins. To book, call 01733 864160 or email archives.services@vivacity.org (booking closes 5 September).



Peterborough Energy Recovery Facility

Viridor Waste Management Ltd, Fourth Drove, Fengate, Peterborough, PE1 5UR
Explore the state-of-the-art facility which turns residual waste into energy. This is your chance to lift the lid and see the science behind what happens when you take out your rubbish bin! And celebrate, in particular, "Inspirational Women" in the waste industry.

Thursday 6 September: Presentation followed by tour 2pm - 4pm
Friday 7 - Saturday 8 September: Presentation followed by tour 10am - 12noon
Booking essential, places limited to 12 people per presentation and tour.
To book, call 01733 465513, or email nprior@viridor.co.uk
(booking opens 9 July and closes 3 September).



Peterborough Greyhound Stadium

Fengate, Peterborough, PE1 5BP
See behind the scenes of a family-run business since it began over 70 years ago. The stadium was nearly destroyed by fire in 1999 and extended in 2003. See greyhound trials and meet family members.

Thursday 6 September: 10am - 2pm. Booking required.
To book, call 01733 296939 or, email hannah@peterboroughgreyhounds.com
(booking opens 2 July and closes 3 September).



Peterborough Museum

Priestgate, Peterborough, PE1 1LF

Explore layers of history and meet people from the past associated with the building which now houses Peterborough Museum. Get a taste of the Priestgate Vaults experience with a free short tour. Not recommended for under 8s or those of a nervous disposition.

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 September: Tours at 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30 & 3.30
Booking required on the day for individual sessions at the Museum Reception.
Maximum 15 people per tour, duration approx 15-20 minutes.



NEW Prebendal Manor, Nassington

Church Street, Nassington, Peterborough, PE8 6QG

A rare opportunity to visit this historic medieval manor which is usually only open for groups and weddings. Dating from 1200, the manor is a hidden gem with a huge history. Included in the visit will be the Tithe Barn Museum, gardens and a 16th century dovecote.

Sunday 9 September: 2pm – 5pm. Tours at 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.
Maximum per tour 25 people.



St Andrew's Church, Alwalton

Church Street, Alwalton, Peterborough, PE7 3UU

The church dates from 1179 on Saxon foundations. The site is the final resting place of Sir Henry Royce OBE, of Rolls Royce fame, born here in 1863. There will be a display of his life. Note memorials to Frank Perkins, founder of Perkins Engines, and to the Fitzwilliam Family.

Saturday 8 September: 10am – 2pm
Sunday 9 September: Service 10.30am – 12noon



St Andrew's Church, Northborough

Church Street, Northborough, Peterborough, PE6 9BN

Visit this medieval church that was extended during the 13th and 14th centuries and has connections to Oliver Cromwell, the Claypole Family and John Clare. Part of the only original wall is still visible today.

Saturday 8 September: 11am – 4pm



NEW St John the Baptist Church

Cathedral Square, Peterborough, PE1 1XB

Construction of this beautiful city centre church began in 1402. Enjoy an illustrated talk and tour.

Saturday 8 September: 10am – 4pm. Talk and tour at 3pm lasting approx 1 hour.
Sunday 9 September: 1pm – 4pm. Talk and tour at 3pm lasting approx 1 hour.



NEW

St Leonard's Priory, Stamford

Priory Road, Stamford, PE9 2EU

Explore this fine example of Norman architecture with its five remaining 12th century arches and Gothic west front. Enjoy the peaceful setting and discover how the remains of the Priory were saved from destruction.

Saturday 8 September: 12noon – 4pm

Sunday 9 September: 12noon – 4pm



St Margaret's Church, Fletton

Fletton Avenue, Peterborough, PE2 8DE

A delightful church which is home to the world renowned Saxon Stones. On display are histories of parishioners, people of importance in Fletton, those who are remembered on the Great War memorial, an archive of wedding photos and other records from Huntingdon Archives. Knowledgeable guides are on hand.

Saturday 8 September: 1pm – 5pm

Sunday 9 September: 1pm – 5pm



NEW

St Mary's Church, Tansor

Tansor, near Oundle, PE8 5HN

Part of the building goes back to Saxon times. Two sets of three stalls with carved misericord seats. 15th century open benches with carvings at west end of church. Remains of 15th century screen.

Thursday 6 - Sunday 9 September: 9am – 6pm each day.



St Pega's Church, Peakirk

Chestnut Close, Peakirk, Peterborough, PE6 7NW

The most striking features of St Pega's Church are its extensive 14th century wall paintings, including a passion sequence and a St Christopher, as well as two lively morality paintings.

Thursday 6 - Saturday 8 September: 11am – 4pm

Sunday 9 September: 1pm – 4pm



Thomas Deacon Academy

Queen's Gardens, Peterborough, PE1 2UW

Designed by the world renowned architect Norman Foster in 2007, this was the largest single site academy in the UK when it was built. Tours of the building and grounds run on an ad hoc basis during the day. There will be an information display by the Thomas Deacon Foundation, an organisation of former pupils.

Saturday 8 September: Tours from 9am with last tour at 3pm.

Tours last approx 30-45 minutes.



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NEW Thorney Countryside Tour

Thorney Abbey, Abbey Place, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0QD
Meet at the Abbey. A walk of 2½ miles along public footpaths looking at evidence of human and natural history. This walk is level but much is on unmade paths. We go into the heart of the countryside, looking at the fields and the “Thorney River”.

Sunday 16 September: Walk starts at 2pm and takes approx 1½ hours.
Booking essential.
To book, call 07990587567, or email dot.thorney@talktalk.net. Booking opens 16 July.



Thorney Village Talk and Tour

Thorney Abbey, Abbey Place, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0QD
Meet at the Abbey. A talk on the history of this Fenland village followed by a tour of the church formed within the remnants of this major Benedictine Abbey. The tour of the Victorian model village will finish at the community museum run by volunteers since 1987.

Friday 14 September: Talk starts at 6.30pm.



NEW Torpel Manor Field, site of medieval manor, guided trail

On the B1443 approx one mile west of Helpston Village centre, PE6 7DU
Report to the Visitor Centre located within Torpel Manor Field for a guided walk around the site. No buildings still standing but some interesting earthworks, identified by York University archaeologists. Written evidence is displayed and a collection of local archaeological finds. Tours on an ad hoc basis during the day. A printed trail leaflet is available.

Saturday 8 September: 10am – 4pm. Booking essential.
To book, call 01780 740343, or email friedagosling@yahoo.co.uk



NEW Westpoint (Thomas Cook UK Head Office)

Peterborough Business Park, Lynch Wood, Peterborough, PE2 6FZ
Visitors will receive a personally escorted “Cook’s Tour” of Thomas Cook’s UK head office, a fine example of 1980s contemporary architecture. Selected items from the company archives, spanning the past 177 years, will also be on display. The visit will last no more than one hour in total.

Thursday 6 – Sunday 9 September: Tours at 11am and 2pm each day.
Booking essential. Maximum per tour 12 people. Booking open from 4 June to 24 August 2018. To book, call 01733 417350, or email paul.smith@thomascook.com



NEW Westwood House (The Peterborough School)

Thorpe Road, Peterborough, PE3 6AP
This fine town house built in the 1860s now accommodates the independent Peterborough School. Tours of the building run on an ad hoc basis with a display of the history of Westwood House and of the school.

Sunday 9 September: Tours from 11am – 2pm. Tours will take approx 30 minutes.