

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Drop in: there is no booking required for any of these Places of Worship

Friends Meeting House

♦ E5



Greyfriars GL1 1UA

Saturday 9th September 10.00-16.00

Sunday 10th September 12.00-16.00

The Quakers Meeting House is a Grade II listed building, built in 1834 and designed by Samuel Daukes. In 1878 a large portico was added, with a schoolroom above. A unique feature is the large wooden screen between the two main rooms which can be wound up and down to make one large space. Quakers were first known to be in Gloucester by 1655 and the first Meeting House was established in the city in 1678, where a Quaker marriage took place in 1835. When this couple died a memorial stone was placed in the Greyfriars burial ground. This couple were well known in the City during their lifetime as the husband was a Mayor of the City. Who was this couple? See this memorial today.



Holy Innocents Church



Highnam GL2 8DG

Sunday 10th September 13.00-17.00

Visit this Grade I listed Victorian Church with its unique Spirit Fresco wall paintings. The church was built and painted by Thomas Gambier Parry, whose son Hubert Parry composed the music to *Jerusalem*.



Holy Trinity Church

♦ B10 ↗



Church Road, Longlevens GL2 0AJ

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th September 10.00-16.00

This church is an interesting Grade II listed 1930s structure designed by Harold Stratton-Davis in a 15th century style. It contains medieval stained-glass windows that came from the now demolished church of St Luke the Less.



Mariners Church

♦ F3



Gloucester Docks

Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September 10.00-17.00

Sunday 10th September 13.00-17.00

Mariners Church opened in 1849 and became popular with the townspeople as well as the mariners visiting the port. The Chaplain was responsible for visiting every ship that arrived. The church features fine stained glass windows. An active church continues to meet in the building.

(see also entry under The Docks)



Masjid-e-noor Mosque

NEW



Ryecroft Street, Gloucester GL1 4LY

Sunday 10th September 10.00-11.30

This is the first ever purpose-built Masjid (Mosque) in the Southwest of England and Wales. There was no Mosque in Gloucester for the small Muslim population in the 1960s: "We collected half a crown from every working Muslim and hired a hall in Ryecroft Street which we used as a praying hall. On our Eid festival we prayed the first year in Gloucester Park. The work to provide a purpose-built Mosque started in earnest in the late 1970s, with fundraising efforts by many individuals within Gloucester as well as from the wider community of the UK and beyond. The completed Mosque, designed to be sympathetic to the local buildings, was unveiled in 1983 and has been serving the city's Muslim population ever since. A major extension project in 2005-06 means the Mosque can now accommodate 1000 worshippers".



Southgate Evangelical Church

◆ G4



146 Southgate Street GL1 2EX

Saturday 9th September 10.00-17.00

The Church was established by Dr Walter Hadwen in 1906 and has been a place of Christian Worship in the city centre ever since.

The church is open to worshippers of all ages and backgrounds. They lead their congregation in worship, deepening their commitment to God, understanding the teachings of Christ and ultimately to a vibrant faith.



St Catharine's Church

◆ B10 ↗



Wotton Pitch, London Road GL2 0RR

Saturday 9th September 10.00-15.00

Although established in part of St Oswald's Priory in 1540, the current church building is only 103 years old. It has been partially re-ordered to make it fit for 21st century church use. It affords an opportunity for interactive or quiet prayer/reflection in the church building. Light refreshments will be available. Full wheelchair access. All are very welcome. St Catharine's will be taking part in the Ride and Stride (supported by the National Churches Trust) event on this day too.



St John's Northgate Methodist Church

◆ C6



Northgate Street GL1 2AN

Friday 8th September 11.00-14.00

Classical Grade II* Georgian church, opened in 1734. Only the tower, spire and font survive from the earlier medieval building. Several important worthies were connected with St John's including Col. Thomas Price (English Civil War), Rev. Thomas Stocks and Robert Raikes (founders of the Sunday School Movement), Sir Thomas Rich (founder of the Bluecoat Hospital), and the Rudhall family, the world-famous bell founders whose bells can be found in Cathedrals and Churches throughout the world. The East Window was installed in 1880 to commemorate the centenary of the Sunday School Movement.



St Margaret's Chapel

◆ B10 ↗ 

London Road GL1 3PL

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 11.00-16.00

The Chapel was part of a monastic institution set up outside the medieval city boundary for the benefit of those suffering from the then incurable disease of leprosy. The present Chapel building is thought to date from the early 1400s but incorporates earlier masonry in the west wall. The Chapel is now under the patronage of St Margaret of Scotland (died 1083), an English princess who became Queen of Scotland.



St Margaret's Church, Whaddon **NEW**



Church Lane, Whaddon, Gloucester GL4 0UE

Saturday 9th September 11.00-15.00

Parking at Wynstones School, Stroud Road, Gloucester

St Margaret's is a Grade II* listed 13th century church. During the Heritage Open Days the church is delighted to offer access to the church, vestry, tower and church yard. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to go up the tower to the flag room, offering a view of the original roofing timbers and graffiti from the 1800s.



St Mary de Crypt Church and the Old Crypt School Rooms

◆ E5 

Southgate Street GL1 1TP

Friday 8th September – Sunday 10th September 11.00-15.00

St Mary de Crypt is a Grade I listed church and regarded as one of Gloucester's most important medieval churches. It is of Norman origin and was substantially rebuilt in the late 1300s.

Explore the medieval church and Tudor schoolrooms. Use our app and talking pens to discover stories from Gloucester's past: Raikes, Whitefield and Jemmy Wood and more. Church and Tower tours may be available.

Events over the weekend:

"Bones and Bells" Tours

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Friday 8th – Sunday 10th September at 11.00 and 14.00 Spaces for this unique opportunity to be booked via discoverdecrypt.org.uk

A guided tour of the Crypt and Bell Tower, with the opportunity to ring the bells under the watchful eye of Ringing Tutors from Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Tour to be led by the knowledgeable Ted Edmunds.

Saturday 9th September morning concert, "Feast of the Baroque" with Suoni Chiari, as part of our Concert and Cake series.

Refreshments available in the Old Crypt Schoolrooms.



St Mary de Lode Church

◆ A5


Archdeacon Street GL1 2BT

The city's oldest parish church which is mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1085. It was built over a Saxon church and a Roman building. The Roman mosaic tiled floor can still be seen in the church. The building was used as a prison for Royalist soldiers during the Civil War in 1643.

Due to building works it may not be possible to enter the church over the weekend.



St Mary Magdalene Chapel

◆ B10 ↗  for chapel, walk is uneven

Hillfield Gardens London Road GL1 3HN

Saturday 9th September as part of guided walk around gardens.

Times for walks: 10.30 and 14.00 (see Walks section for more details)

Sunday 10th September 14.00-16.00

The Chapel of St Mary Magdalene is in the Victorian gardens for Hillfield House. It is the remains of a 12th century leper chapel. It contains a stone recumbent figure which some people believe to be the effigy of St Kyneburgh.



St Mary's Congregational Church NEW ♦ A5

St Mary's Street GL1 2QS

Saturday 9th September 11.00-15.00

The Church was originally located in St Mary's Square but after the redevelopment of the City the church was relocated to St Mary's Street. The building was bought by Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, in 1788 for the Gloucester followers of George Whitefield, the famous 18th Century preacher. The original name of the Church was St Mary's Hall, it was then moved to St Mary's Congregational Hall and now is known as St Mary's Congregational Church.



St Nicholas's Church

♦ B4

Lower Westgate Street, GL1 2PG

Friday 8th-Sunday 10th September 11.00-15.00

A beautiful, medieval church with many interesting features and sympathetic Victorian restoration - Walton tomb, leaning tower, sanctuary knocker, squints, coat of arms.



St Swithun's Church

NEW



St Swithun's Road, Hempsted GL2 5LH

Friday 8th September 10.00-13.00, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September 14.00-17.00 with a short talk each day (*see below and entry under Talks for details*)

A church has existed in Hempsted from 826 A.D., built and dedicated to St. Swithun. The Norman font was in the original church (12th Century) and in 1315 the Bishop of Worcester "consecrated the High Altar of the church of Hempsted". The church was attached to the church of St. Owen, Gloucester and linked to the Priory of Llanthony. The present church is mid-15th Century and extensive renovations took place in 1885 with the addition of an extra bell, monuments and stained glass windows. In the churchyard you will find the "Cavalier's Tomb" and War Memorial to the fallen men of Hempsted and Llanthony. Today it is a place of worship and community hub for all. **The History of Hempsted- short talks by Debbie Hotchkins at St Swithun's Church. Booking required (*see entry under Talks for details*)**

Friday 8th September at 11.00, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September at 14.30.

Teas in the adjoining Lysons Hall – Saturday and Sunday 14.00-17.00



