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# GLOUCESTER HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025

**FREE**  
walks, talks,  
music  
& more!








[gloucestercivictrust.org/  
heritage-open-days](https://gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days)

## HODs HUB

The Old Schoolroom at **St Mary de Crypt Church**, Southgate Street will serve as our Hub. You will be able to enjoy food and drinks before and after your tours and chat to volunteers. Many thanks to everyone at de Crypt for having us!

We would also love to see you at **The Folk of Gloucester**, Civic Trust HQ on Westgate Street for talks, tours and refreshments in the café. In addition we are pleased that **St. Michael's Tower** at the Cross has reopened with information, displays and refreshments.

## KEY

- ◆ = Map ref.
- ♿ = Wheelchair friendly
- B = Booking required
-  = Architecture theme
-  = Date and Time
-  = Duration
-  = Location
-  = Refreshments

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# WELCOME

## To Gloucester Heritage Open Days 2025

Gloucester Civic Trust is delighted to offer another packed programme of events, tours, walks, talks and music in our amazing city. With over 2000 years of history from Roman to the present day, the National theme of Architecture couldn't be more apt. Look out for the symbol.

All events are free to access and most do not require booking. Pre-booking will be essential for the few events where numbers are limited: these are indicated with a B. Unless otherwise stated, you can book online at [buytickets.at/gloucestercivictrustlimited](https://buytickets.at/gloucestercivictrustlimited), via the QR code or in person at The Folk of Gloucester, Thursday to Saturday 10.00-16.00 from 4th August. Where booking is not required, numbers entering at one time may be restricted and stewards will advise.

You will find this brochure in key places around the City and its environs and on the Civic Trust website [www.gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days](https://www.gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days) where there will be additional information about other sites of interest. Please do leave your feedback on events you attend using the QR code below to help guide our programming for next year.

My thanks go to the many people are involved in creating such a special event: guides, stewards, speakers, venue owners and occupiers and my wonderful organising team. Without them HODs would not happen.

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# GUIDED WALKS

*No booking required for walks unless otherwise stated*



## Beatrix Potter ◆ C6 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.00

📍 Meet at Beatrix Potter Museum, 9 College Court GL1 2NJ

🕒 Duration approx. 45 mins to 1 hr

In 1903 Beatrix Potter published one of her most loved tales, The Tailor of Gloucester. It was inspired by a visit she made to the city. This guided walk takes in the places of Gloucester which are closely connected with Beatrix Potter. The walk will appeal to adults and children.



## Black & White Buildings of Gloucester ◆ E5 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 14.00

📍 Meet at the cafe at St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr

A walking tour of 15th Century timber framed buildings in the city centre, pointing out structure, architecture and brief historical background. Are they really black and white?



## Bones and Bells ◆ E5 B

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.00

📍 Meet in St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate St GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr

**B** Booking required [www.stmarydecrypt.org](http://www.stmarydecrypt.org) Max 8 per tour

Visit one of the most ancient churches in Gloucester. Learn the history of deaths and burials, remembrance and mourning. Visit the crypt and find out about the many uses it has had, from charnel house to munitions store and alehouse. Explore the bell tower and have an opportunity to ring the bells with the Ancient Society of Crypt Youth, established in 1710!

Refreshments available.

*For general visiting and other tours see entry under Heritage Venues.*

*For musical events see entry under Music.*

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## Cathedral Precincts Tour

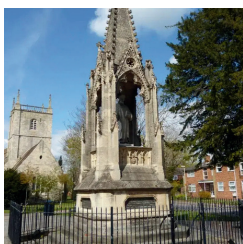
◆ B5

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00  
& Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.30

Meet at Gloucester Cathedral South Porch, GL1 2LX

Duration approx. 1 hr

A history of the area surrounding The Cathedral from the earliest Minster church up to the most recent developments.



## Gloucester's Christian Heritage

◆ D6

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 13.45

Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross GL1 1PD

Duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins

There is an old saying: 'As sure as God's in Gloucester'. Both Christianity and Gloucester have 2,000 years of history. This walk traces Gloucester's rich Christian heritage over those years as reflected in its people, places and events.



## Gloucester's Medieval Churches

◆ A5

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 13.30

Meet at St Oswald's Priory, Opposite Pelican Inn,  
St Mary Street GL1 2QS

Duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins

Did you know that Gloucester had 10 Churches listed at the time of writing The Domesday Book? Take a tour and discover the history of some Gloucester's finest Medieval Churches, many of which will be open over Heritage Weekend. *See entry under Places of Worship.*



## Gloucester City Tour

◆ D6

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 & 14.00, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 14.30 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 & 14.00

Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross GL1 1PD

Duration approx. 1 hr 15 mins


Discover the fascinating story of Gloucester from Roman to present day. This is a guided walk through the heart of one of Britain's oldest cities, where history has truly left its mark.





## Eastgate Chamber

◆ E7 B 

 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 & 14.00, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

 Meet outside Boots in Eastgate Street GL1 1PU

 Duration approx. 45 mins

**B** Pre-booking required. Max 18 per walk.

**This tour is not wheelchair accessible.** This underground chamber on Eastgate Street reveals the remains of the Roman city defences and the East Gate dating back to about AD 68 when Gloucester was founded.

*See Music entry for details of a short concert by Chris Cundy here on 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11.45.*



## NEW for 2025: Eastgate Street

◆ D6  

 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.00



 Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross GL1 1PD

 Duration approx. 1 hr 15 mins

Take a tour along this tree lined Gate Street and see the Roman remains at the site of the East Gate. View the impressive 19th century buildings which include The Guildhall and Market Portico. Hear stories and anecdotes about the people and events that contributed to the prominence and history of Gloucester.



## Hillfield Gardens

◆ B10  (partial access) 

 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 14.00  
& Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.30

 Meet at Denmark Road entrance, GL1 3PL  
Parking bays available in Denmark Road

 Duration approx. 1 hr

Take a guided tour of these beautiful gardens which have many fine trees. The gardens are home to three monuments of historical significance: Scriven's Conduit, the King's Board and the chancel of the 12th century leper chapel of St Mary Magdalene. The walk covers some uneven ground in places so sensible footwear is essential. The Chapel will also be open on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.00-16.00 for general visits.

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## Historic Characters

◆ C6

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.30  
& Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.15**

**Meet at St John's Church, Northgate GL1 2AN**

**Duration approx. 1 hr**

This tour brings alive some of the famous and influential people and colourful characters who were born and lived in Gloucester. Their fame and achievements extended far and wide, but we remember their local origins.



## Historic Docks

◆ G3

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 11.00 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 & 14.30**

**Meet outside the National Waterways Museum  
in Gloucester Docks GL1 2EH**

**Duration approx. 1 hr**

Take a guided walk around Britain's most inland port. Soon to celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2027, many of the original buildings are still standing in this once bustling port. Find out about the history and significance of the port up to the present day.



## NEW for 2025: The King's Bastion

◆ D7 **B**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30, 11.15, 12.00, 12.45,  
13.30, 14.15 & 15.00**

**Meet by the entrance in King's Walk Shopping  
Centre, Gloucester GL1 1EA by the silver trap doors.**

**Duration approx. 30 mins**

**B Pre-booking required. Max 10 per tour.**

Two metres below ground, The King's Bastion contains remains of the Roman city wall and a defensive tower, probably constructed during the reign of Henry III, and is located under a trapdoor in the King's Walk Shopping Centre. Having been closed for a few years, we are delighted to offer these tours again this year for Heritage Open Days.

Tours are suitable for ages 13+ (no unaccompanied under 18s).

Not accessible by wheelchair or suitable for those with mobility issues.

Please wear footwear suitable for uneven surfaces (no heels/open shoes).



## Llanthony Secunda Priory ♦ G1 ♿ (some uneven paths)

 **Tours: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 & 14.00  
& Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00**

 **Meet in the information room at Llanthony, Priory Junction  
(next to Gloucester College) GL2 5FA**

 **Duration approx. 1 hr**

This guided walk explores the priory which was founded in 1136. Marvel at the magnificent medieval timber roof and late 15<sup>th</sup> to early 16<sup>th</sup> century brickwork. By the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Llanthony was the richest Augustinian house in England entertaining the court of Henry VII in 1500 and 1501. In the medieval period the scholars of Llanthony Secunda created a very special library that is still considered one of the richest and best-documented medieval English book collections in the country, now scattered across the world.

*See entry under Heritage Venues for general visits and History Huddle.*



## Monks, Canons and Friars ♦ A5 ♿ (for most of walk)

 **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 14.00**

 **Meet at St Oswald's Priory, Archdeacon Street GL1 2QX**

 **Duration approx. 1 hr. Sensible footwear required**

Discover the lives lead by those who served in the many religious communities in Medieval Gloucester. This guided walk will take you to the sites of some of the places in which they lived, worked and prayed. The route includes some uneven ground. Sensible footwear required.



## Music and Poetry Walk ♦ E7 ♿

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00**

 **Meet outside Boots, Eastgate Street GL1 1PU**

 **Duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins**

From Boots Corner, Eastgate, to the Cross, with a circuit round the Cathedral. We discover the musical elements of Gloucester's history. Ivor Gurney, both poet and musician, will feature as will relevant poetry. Gloucester has surprising offerings in musical invention, performance and personnel, always backed by the strength of the Three Choirs Festival.

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## The Story of Gloucester's Pubs & Inns ◆ D6

♿  
(for most  
of walk)

📅 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.45 & 14.30

📍 Meet outside The New Inn, Northgate Street GL1 1SF

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins

This tour explores some of the fine historical pubs in Gloucester's city centre and the stories that surround them.



## Gloucester's Docklands Railway History ◆ E3 ♿

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.15

📍 Meet at North Warehouse, Gloucester Docks, GL1 9SH

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins

This tour examines Gloucester's dockland railways and the almost archaeological traces they left behind. The circular walk encompasses Victoria Basin, Barge Arm, Merchants Road and St Anne's Bridge, returning via Llanthony Quay and West Quay to end at North Warehouse.



## Richard III ◆ D6 ♿



📅 12<sup>th</sup> September 14.00 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.00

📍 Meet at Emperor Nerva Statue, Southgate Street, GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr

This tour tells of Richard III's important three-day visit to Gloucester in 1483, as part of his Royal Progress. It explains the granting of the significant Charter to the city. You will hear how he spent his time here and be shown some of the buildings Richard would have seen.



## Roman Times ◆ E7 B



📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.30 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30

📍 Meet outside The City Museum, Brunswick Road GL1 1HP

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr B Pre-booking required: Max 18

Hear how the Romans came to Gloucester. See the walls they built and walk through the site of the Roman Forum now buried 3 metres beneath our feet. Discover the importance of Emperor Nerva in the story of Roman Gloucester. See mosaics, pottery and Roman weapons in the Museum.





## Royal Gloucester

◆ D6    ♿    

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 14.15 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.15**

 **Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross GL1 1PD**

 **Duration approx. 1 hr**

For over 1100 years Gloucester's history has been shaped in no small part by the interest, patronage and occasional displeasure of the reigning monarch. Down the centuries, kings and queens of England have come to Gloucester to hold parliament, equip armies, grant charters, go hunting, be crowned, and be buried. This tour will take a look at some of buildings and places in Gloucester at the heart of this extraordinary royal history and reveal some of the fascinating stories connected with them.



## Saxon Gloucester

◆ C4    ♿

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 15.00 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00**

 **Meet at The Folk of Gloucester, 99-103 Westgate Street GL1 2PG (opposite St. Nicholas Church)**

 **Duration approx. 1 hr 15 mins**

Discover the traces of Gloucester's Saxon history. Hear the story of Aethelflaed, the daughter of Alfred the Great who became Lady of the Mercians. Aethelflaed built St Oswald's Priory and was buried there in 918. Learn about the role she played in shaping the city as we know it.



## The Siege of Gloucester 1643

◆ E5    ♿

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.15, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.00 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.15**

 **Meet at the café St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP**

 **Duration approx. 1 hr 30 mins**

This guided walk visits some of the places of interest connected with the siege of Gloucester which took place during the English Civil War. The siege was arguably Gloucester's finest hour when the small garrison of parliamentarians held out against the might of the Royal Army led by the King himself.

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## That's Entertainment

◆ C6 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.30

📍 Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross GL1 1PD

🕒 Duration approx. 30 mins

A walk down Westgate Street to see buildings including the locations of former cinemas and theatres where Gloucester citizens indulged in their pleasures and pastimes.



## River Twyver Walk B

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30

📍 Meet on the footbridge between Abbeydale Community Centre GL4 4BL and the children's play area

🕒 Duration approx. 2 hrs

**B** Pre-booking required. Max 15 per tour.

A walk along the Twyver where it forms the boundary between Abbeydale and Abbeymead. See the sites of some of the now dismantled mills, the likely places where the Romans started the canal into the city and the Royalists cut off the water supply during the Siege of Gloucester. Stout shoes required. There is ample parking by Abbeydale Community Centre.



## Westgate Street and Cathedral Quarter Heritage Walk

◆ D6 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 14.00  
& Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.30

📍 Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross GL1 1PD  
Walk ends at The Folk of Gloucester, Lower Westgate St

🕒 Duration approx. 1 hr 15 mins

One of four original Roman routes, Westgate is one of the oldest and best, preserved areas of Gloucester and the main commercial route linking the Cathedral to the rest of the city. See its array of stunning historic buildings including the 15<sup>th</sup> Century timber framed Fleece Inn, Judge's Lodgings and The Folk of Gloucester. Find out how the Heritage Action Zone, with the award of nearly £2m, is helping to regenerate and revitalise the buildings and life in this area.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Help keep history alive with Gloucester Civic Trust**

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We urgently need new volunteers to help with the running of our public engagement programmes and historic buildings. Whatever your skills or availability, we want to hear from you! Here are just a few of our opportunities:

- Become an accredited City tour guide through our free training programme
- Volunteer in The Folk of Gloucester's cafe or award-winning garden
- Use your practical skills to help maintain our historic buildings
- Welcome visitors at The Folk of Gloucester or St Michael's Tower

...or let us know what you can offer!

**GET IN TOUCH**



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Booking is required for all talks in the Ed Shed except where indicated. Maximum capacity: 45 people per talk. For booking details of talks in other locations, see entries below.

Book online at [buytickets.at/gloucestercivictrustlimited](http://buytickets.at/gloucestercivictrustlimited) or in person at The Folk of Gloucester Thursday-Saturday 10.00-16.00 unless otherwise stated.

Access to the Ed Shed is via The Folk of Gloucester, 99-103 Westgate Street GL1 2PG or the rear of The Folk in Quay Street.



## Origins & History of the Mariners Chapel ◆ F3



📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

📍 Mariners Chapel in Gloucester Docks

No booking required

Pat Prosser, a current Chapel trustee, will give a 30 min talk on the origins of Gloucester's Mariners Chapel, its fascinating 175+years history and current role as living church in the city. *See entry under Places of Worship for Chapel opening times during Heritage Open Days.*



## The Dominican Black Friars ◆ C4



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📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 12.00

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

B Pre-booking required.

John Jones will give a brief introduction to a few of these historic characters. One of these is undoubtedly St Dominic. He was a kind and thoughtful man who valued learning and set the tone for the Dominican order. His view was: "It is impossible for men to preach what they do not understand."



## Games-Makers to the Empire ◆ C4



B

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 13.30

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

B Pre-booking required.

Malcolm Watkins will be rediscovering the story and products of the Gloucester Games and Toy Company, which was described as the largest in Britain between the Wars.





## This is your life – LV14 SULA Lightship ♦ C4 ♿ B

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 15.00

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B** Pre-booking required.

In Gloucester Docks is SULA, a former Hull Conservancy Board Lightvessel and a Registered National Historic Ship. Captain Colin Brooks shares her history and why and what she is doing here in Gloucester. *See entry under Heritage Venues for details of external tours of ship.*



## The Gloucester and Berkeley Canal in WW2 ♦ C4

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 16.30

♿ B

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B** Pre-booking required.

Gloucester and Sharpness, the canal and river played their own part in WW2. This is the story of the national events which they were part of and the local events which just happened. This talk is part of a linked series of events by Heritage Harbours across the country telling stories of ports during the Second World War.



## The Carriage Building

♦ C8 ♿



📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September - tour and talk 10.00

📍 Roberts Limbrick, Bruton Way GL1 1DG

**No booking required. Max. 30 people**

The Carriage Building was constructed in 1894 by the Gloucester Carriage and Wagon Works as a showroom for horse-drawn carriages. After laying empty and neglected for many years, it was wonderfully restored in 2011 as the office of Roberts Limbrick, the over 100 strong Gloucester born and bred architects practice, which hosted the launch of the 2017 History Festival. Come and hear a short talk about the refurbishment and have a tour around this fine building, which is now on Gloucester's Local List.

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## Wotton House: 100 years of Education

 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

 International School, Wotton House, Horton Rd GL1 3PR

**No booking required. Max 50**

2025 marks 100 years of education at Wotton House. Our talk this year will cover the family history of the building and its occupants since construction in 1707, but will also focus on the various colleges to which it has been home since 1925. Our talk will be delivered by John Swann, Head of Humanities at Wotton House International School.

*See entry under Heritage Venues for details of tours.*



## The Debenhams Excavation in 5 Intriguing Finds

 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00  D7   

 City Campus, 30-44 Northgate Street GL1 1RP

**B Pre-booking required. Max. 45. Duration: 45 mins**

Find out more about the hidden history of the former Bon Marché / Debenhams site. Members of the team at Cotswold Archaeology discuss five of the most interesting finds from the recent excavation.



## Gloucester's Ancient Water Supplies C4

 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 13.30

 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B Pre-booking required.**

From springs and wells to piped water. Paul Drinkwater tells the story of how Gloucester's water supplies have developed from the springs and wells in the times of the Romans, Monks and Friars to today's piped water system providing water in every home.



## At the heart of the city: Bon Marché, Debenhams and beyond

 D7   

 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.00

 City Campus, 30-44 Northgate Street GL1 1RP

**B Pre-booking required. Max. 45. Duration: 45 mins**

We all know the building, but how does it fit into the story of Gloucester's development? We take the long view and explore the story of the Bon Marché and Debenhams in Kings Square.



## Gloucestershire Mariners

◆ C4 ♿ B

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 15.00

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B** Pre-booking required.

Local historian Tony Conder looks at the history of the county's marine industries from ports to shipbuilding.



## Rails around Gloucester

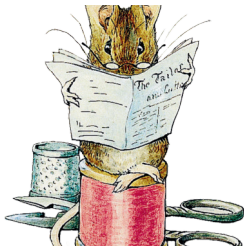
◆ C4 ♿ B

📅 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B** Pre-booking required.

Tony Conder takes a trip from the mainlines to the branches into the docks and Gloucester's industry looking at the routes and the trains that served them.



## The Tailor of Gloucester

◆ C4 ♿ B

📅 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 12.00

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B** Pre-booking required.

Beatrix Potter was inspired to write the Tailor of Gloucester story by what she saw and heard during her visits to the City. Join City Tour Guide, Julie Brooks, to hear The Tale of Beatrix and Gloucester.



## Invictus at 150

◆ C4 ♿ B

📅 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 13.30

📍 The Ed Shed at The Folk of Gloucester, Westgate St

**B** Pre-booking required.

Made famous by Nelson Mandela, W.E. Henley's poem Invictus celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. In a talk interspersed with readings, find out from Debbie Vass about this Gloucester poet and writer and his links with other literary figures.

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## Waites of Gloucester

◆ E5 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

📍 St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration: 30-45 mins

From medieval times to the early 19th century, every British town and city of any note had a band of Waites. The Waites of Gloucester performed from the later Elizabethan period until at least the end of James II's reign. Their four modern counterparts play music of this era on reproduction instruments, such as shawms, curtals, and recorders.

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## Third Age Folk

◆ E5 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 12.00

📍 St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration: 30-45 mins

Gloucester & District u3a folk band Third Age Folk has been regularly entertaining at local events since its formation in 2015. Their repertoire includes folk music from around the world, but for Heritage Open Days, the programme will focus on traditional music from Gloucestershire.

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## Theoc Baroque

◆ E5 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 15.00

📍 St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration approx. 45 mins

In this programme, Theoc Baroque explore 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century English, German and Italian music for 1 and 2 sopranos, Kate Oakley and Jill Davies, who also plays viola da gamba; bass singer Ken Roles, and continuo organ played by Michael Oakley. They are delighted to be joined by the young lutenist and theorbo player Philip Turner, and will be performing some of his editions of works by Alessandro Grandi. A real treat in this wonderful space.





## Bistro Blue

◆ E5 ♿

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

📍 St Mary de Crypt Tudor Tearoom,  
Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Throughout the day from 11.00 - 15.00

Bistro Blue is the duo of Bill Anderton on violin and William Saad on guitar. Visit the St Mary de Crypt café for refreshments and enjoy their mix of easy-listening bossa nova, samba, and jazz classics throughout the day.



## Singalong with Gloucester Dementia Choir ◆ E5

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00



📍 St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration: 30-45 mins

Gloucester Dementia Choir is run by the Gloucestershire Academy of Music on Barbican Road. Their weekly choir sessions help promote cognitive, social, and emotional well-being through music old and new. You are invited to join them in this beautiful setting today - all ages and abilities are welcome!



## Bygonz

◆ B4 ♿

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.30

📍 St Nicholas's Church, Westgate Street GL1 2PG

🕒 Duration: 30-45 mins

Pipe and tabor, and hurdy gurdy – part of the popular musical life of the country for centuries – played by local musicians Rob and Gillian, wearing traditional dress, in the wonderful St Nicholas's Church.



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## Chris Cundy

◆ E7

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.45

📍 Eastgate Chamber, Eastgate Street GL1 1PU (enter via fire escape door in Queen's Walk to the right of Boots).

🕒 Duration 30-45 mins

Chris Cundy is a bass clarinetist, composer, and sound installation artist, and has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Music by the University of Gloucestershire. He has partnered with The Roman Baths in Bath and the Corinium Museum in Cirencester and we are excited to have him perform pieces from his recently released fourth album, *Of All The Common Flowers* within the remains of Gloucester's East Gate and ancient city defences.

*Due to limited space there may be a restriction on numbers entering at one time. Access may be difficult for those with mobility problems, but the performance can also be experienced at street level.*



## The Silver Singers

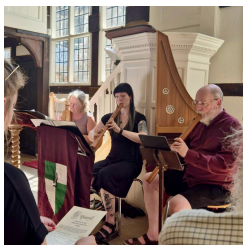
◆ E5 ♿

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 12.30

📍 St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP

🕒 Duration: 30-45 mins

The local choir returns to Heritage Open Days with a lunchtime programme of enjoyable, easy-listening music.



## Ypotryll

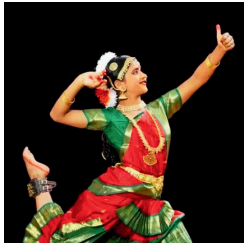
◆ B4 ♿

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 14.30

📍 St Nicholas's Church, Westgate Street GL1 2PG

🕒 Duration: 30-45 mins

Ypotryll is a mythical medieval creature that lends its name to a trio who play and sing secular music of the Middle Ages, from 1200-1500. Instruments include harp, dulcimer, psaltery, vielle, recorder, and clavicembalum, all of them used in various combinations with voice. An unmissable performance.



## Nethra Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA)

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 15.00** E5

**St Mary de Crypt Church, Southgate Street GL1 1TP**

**Duration approx. 45 mins**

NAPA was founded in January 2018 as a cultural organisation to promote Indian classical performing arts - Bharatanatyam (Dance), Carnatic Vocal, and Instrument (Mridangam), and to support the local communities in Gloucestershire. We are thrilled to welcome them back to HODs 2025.



## Bygonz Wandering Minstrels

E5

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 13.30 - 15.30**

**Gate Streets and The Cross**

Catch Rob playing hurdy gurdy and Gillian playing pipe and tabor in traditional dress, performing their mediaeval inspired instruments around the centre of our ancient city.



## Severn Sirens

B4

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 16.00**

**St Nicholas's Church, Westgate Street GL1 2PG**

**Duration approx. 30 mins**

Appearing at HODs for the second year, Gloucester-based musicians Harrie Thomas, Katie Meade and Gemma Roberts present a captivating collection of melodies with voice and guitar, affectionately interwoven with tales of our historic city, the Docks, and the River Severn.

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*No booking required for heritage venues unless otherwise stated*



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more info*

## Kathleen & May, West Country Coastal Schooner

 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, 13.00, 14.30 & 16.00**  **F2/3** **B**

 **Gloucester Docks GL1 2EH**  **Duration: 60 mins**

**B** **Pre-booking essential. Max. 60 on board at any time**

Celebrating 125 years of maritime heritage in 2025 in the historic port of Gloucester, this authentic, captivating storyteller of the seas excels in connecting people through time. Walk the decks and enjoy her storyboards, step below into the cargo hold, or sit around the Captain's table. This family day includes free kids' activities such as treasure hunts, maritime quizzes and the opportunity to design your own flag.  
*Unsuitable for wheelchair users or those with severely restricted mobility.*



*More information at:  
[historichouses.org](http://historichouses.org) &  
[greatbritishgardens.co.uk](http://greatbritishgardens.co.uk)*

## Brockworth Court

**B**



 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September: tours at 14.00 and 15.30**

 **Court Road, Brockworth GL3 4QU**

 **Duration: 45 mins** **B** **Pre-booking required. Max. 16**

A Grade II\* listed building, Brockworth Court was initially the residence for the Priors of Llanthony Priory. Following the dissolution of 1540 Henry VIII granted it to the Guise family who owned it until the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It is now owned by the Wiltshires, the present generation of whom have lovingly restored the property and gardens. Interesting features include the tithe barn and a priest hole in the house.



*For talk, see entry  
under Talks.*

## The Carriage Building, Roberts Limbrick Architects

 **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September: tour and talk 10.00**

 **Bruton Way, Gloucester GL1 1DG**  **C8** 

 **Duration approx. 1hr. Max. 30 people**

The Carriage Building was constructed by the Gloucester Carriage and Wagon Works as a showroom for horse drawn carriages. After lying empty and neglected for many years it was wonderfully restored in 2011 as the offices of Roberts Limbrick, the over 100 strong Gloucester born and bred architects practice, which hosted the launch of the 2017 History Festival. Come and hear a short talk about the refurbishment and have a tour around this fine building which is now on Gloucester's Local List.





## CITY CAMPUS (FORMERLY DEBENHAMS) NEW for 2025

◆ D7



📍 City Campus, 30-44 Northgate Street GL1 1RP

### Reimagining Debenhams B

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00

🕒 Duration: 30 minutes. Max. 15 per tour

**B** Pre-booking required.

Take a look inside the newly opened University of Gloucestershire City Campus on Kings Square and relive a few memories of Debenhams and the Bon Marché along the way!

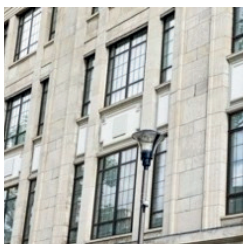


### City Campus Finds Room

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 15.30

🕒 Drop in

Archaeological excavations undertaken as part of the City Campus development revealed the footprint of a medieval church and burial ground as well as numerous Roman artefacts on the site of the former Bon Marché and Debenhams department stores. Drop in to view key finds and hear more about the extraordinary excavation from members of the Cotswold Archaeology team.



### Memories of Debenhams

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 15.30

🕒 Drop in

To mark the opening of City Campus on Kings Square, the University of Gloucestershire has been collecting Gloucester's memories of the iconic building. Bringing together oral histories from the people of Gloucester and archive images of the Bon Marché and Debenhams department stores this pop-up exhibition celebrates a city icon. Drop in throughout the day and add your memories to the collection.

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## The Fleece Hotel and Undercroft

◆ D5 B



 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30, 11.30, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00**

 **Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2RD**  
**Meet at the Golden Fleece archway on Westgate Street**

 **Duration: 60 mins (Please wear stout footwear)**

**B Pre-booking required. Max. 12 per tour.**

The Fleece Inn was built around 1500, one of the “Great Inns” built by St. Peter’s Abbey. By 1665 it was known as the Golden Fleece which reflected the wool trade. The property was sold by the church in 1799 and remained in private ownership until 2004. Now owned by Gloucester City Council, it is being completely renovated and you have a chance to look at the building work in progress and see some points of interest that have been uncovered. The 12<sup>th</sup> century tunnel vaulted undercroft is thought to be the best example in Europe of a rich merchant’s warehouse. Known locally as the “Monks Retreat”, it was a lively and much loved bar when the Fleece was last open.

*Note: steep, ancient steps unsuitable for those with mobility issues.*



See entry under  
Talks for details of  
talks taking place  
in the Folk of  
Gloucester  
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## THE FOLK OF GLOUCESTER ◆ D5 (partial) B (tours)

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 -16.00**

 **99 - 103 Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2PG**



Drop in to these exquisite Tudor buildings which are the hub of Gloucester Civic Trust. Find out about the people who owned, worked or lived in them during the last 500 years. Hear the stories of the witch’s bottle, the last baby born here, Bishop Hooper’s last night before being burnt at the stake, and much more.

The cafe and bar will be open and serving delicious home made food and drinks. There is a beautiful garden and outdoor seating area.

## Tours of The Folk

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00, 12.00 & 14.00**


 **Duration: 45 mins** **B Pre-booking required. Max. 10**

A short tour delivered by our enthusiastic volunteers with donations welcomed. Please note that the route involves multiple staircases and uneven floors, and only the ground floor is wheelchair accessible.

# HERITAGE VENUES



**NEW for 2025: The Forum** ♦ C7 ♿  B

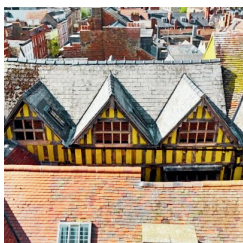
 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Tours at 10.30, 11.30, 13.00, 14.00 & 15.00**

 **Station Road, Gloucester GL1 1SZ (meet at reception)**


 **Duration: 45 mins**

**B Pre-booking required. Max. 12**

Book for this unique opportunity to visit Gloucester's brand new sustainable development in the King's Quarter which consists of apartments, a 4\* hotel, cafes, bars, office and retail units and links to Gloucester Transport Hub. Guided tours of the upper two floors via the lift will incorporate a magnificent view over Gloucester.



**The Gloucester Antiques Centre** ♦ C6 B (tours)

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 17.00 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 16.00 (drop in)**  
**Tours: 11.00, 13.00 & 15.00 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

 **26, Westgate St GL1 2NG (meet outside on Westgate St)**

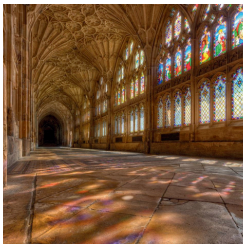
 **Duration: approx. 1hr**

**B Pre-booking required for tours. Max. 15**

Believed to be Britain's finest example of a timber framed town house. Built in 1560, it was once the hall of the Grocers' Guild, the mansion house of a Mayor of Gloucester and, in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, a lodging for assize judges. The building has created much interest since renovation work both inside and out was revealed recently. Come and be amazed.



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**GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL**
GL1 2LX
◆ B5/6

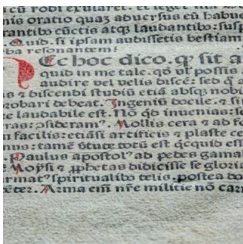
**Gloucester Cathedral Late Night Opening**




**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 17.30 - 20.00**

**No booking required**

A rare chance to visit Gloucester Cathedral like never before during the special late-night opening for Heritage Open Days. Step into this magnificent medieval masterpiece, where centuries of history are etched into every stone. Bathed in the soft glow of evening light, the cathedral reveals a serene and enchanting atmosphere that visitors rarely get to see. Wander through the stunning architecture, marvel at the soaring ceilings, and explore the intricate details that make Gloucester Cathedral one of England's most remarkable historic sites. Don't miss this unique opportunity to witness the cathedral's timeless beauty in a whole new light!



**NEW for 2025: Treasures of Gloucester Cathedral's Medieval Library (exhibition)**



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 13.00 & 13.30 - 16.00**


**In the chapter house. Drop in, no booking required.**

Get up close with some of the highlights from the Cathedral Library, brought down to the Chapter House on the ground floor of the Cathedral. As the library is normally accessed via a spiral staircase and by appointment only, it's wonderful to be able to break down the barriers that prevent people visiting. The display will be made up of our volunteers' favourite items ranging from when the Cathedral was a medieval abbey, through to more modern times.



**The Stonemasons' Workshop at Gloucester Cathedral**




**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-15.00**


**Workshop of St Peter, Pitt Street, GL1 2BH**

**Drop in, no booking required**

Gloucester is one of only a few Cathedrals that still has its own onsite Stonemasons' Workshop. Enjoy carving demonstrations and find out more about the work that this team do to conserve and restore an extraordinary building.



## Gloucester Cathedral Parliament Rooms



 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 16.00**

 **12 College Green GL1 2LX**

**Drop in, no booking required**

Visit three historic rooms in Church House, the former Abbots' Lodgings which are the site of Richard II's parliament in 1378 and the place where Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn stayed in their royal progress of 1535.

*Please note that access to the Parliament Rooms is via steps.*



## Gloucester Furniture Exhibition Centre: Roman Wall

 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 - 16.30**

 **71-73 Southgate St, Gloucester GL1 1TX** ◆ **F5** 



A historic Roman wall inside the store is on public view. The lower level of the wall is part of a Roman Colonia dating back to 97AD. At street level it is a medieval building.



## Heritage Hub (Archives)

◆ **A8**



 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 15.00 (drop in)**

**Tours: 11.15 & 14.15**

 **Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW**

**Free refreshments!**

Gloucestershire Archives' Green Pledge Project shares our area's environmental legacy and inspires climate action. This two-year project has been made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Come and find out what has been discovered from our collections and how we learn from the past, to reflect on the present, and imagine what our future could be. See a display of green themed archive documents and digital recordings, enjoy the Green Pledge touring exhibition and specially commissioned artwork, and visit our nature rich community gardens.



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## NEW for 2025: Gloucestershire Family History Society

◆ A8 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 16.00

📍 Heritage Hub (Archives), Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW

The Family History Centre will be open to assist with all your family history needs. Our Volunteers will be available to help you as a beginner or a seasoned researcher. You will find a suite of computers giving free access to key commercial genealogy websites and other significant local Gloucestershire genealogy resources. We have a well-stocked reference library and publications for purchase in our book shop.

*Donations welcome. see [www.gfhs.org.uk](http://www.gfhs.org.uk) or social media for information & membership.*



## Jet Age Museum



📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-16.00

📍 Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham Road East, Staverton, Glos GL2 9QL (FREE PARKING)

The Jet Age Museum exists to promote and preserve the history of Gloucestershire's contribution to world aviation from the early days of flight. The collection includes a replica of the 1920s Gloster Gamecock biplane fighter, a 1930s Gloster Gladiator fighter, a replica of Britain's first jet powered aircraft, the Gloucester E28/39, which first left the ground at Brockworth airfield in 1941 and other aircraft including original Gloucester-built Meteor and Javelin fighters. The Museum's Vulcan bomber cockpit and Trident airliner cockpit and cabin will be open subject to availability.

*Donations welcome. Check [jetagemuseum.org](http://jetagemuseum.org) or social media for any updates.*



## Llanthony Secunda Priory

◆ B4 ♿

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 15.00,  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 12.00

📍 Priory Junction (next to Gloucester College), Gloucester GL2 5FA

Founded in 1136, the history of this Grade I listed former Augustinian Priory is told throughout 5 acres of grounds. (see entry under Guided Walks for more information and details about tours) NB. There is a History Huddle on Thursday 11th September 18.00 to 19.30. An interactive calligraphy session with the talented Tina Pentney.

# HERITAGE VENUES



## Mercer's Hall

◆ D5

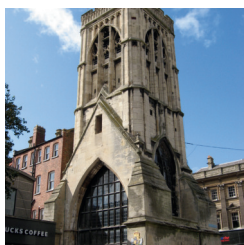


**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00-16.00**



**Cross Keys Lane, Gloucester GL1 2HQ**

Probably built in the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century this building has been occupied by a perfumier, a cider maker and a brewer and has been used as a bonded warehouse and dance hall. It is presently occupied by the Gloucester Freemasons as their Masonic Lodge.



*The Tower is once again the hub of Gloucester Civic Trust in the city centre.*

## St Michael's Tower

◆ D6



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 16.00**



**The Cross, Gloucester GL1 1PD Refreshments & toilets**

The building had been shrouded in scaffolding for nearly two years, after deteriorating masonry placed it on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register in November 2023. Funded by Gloucester City Council along with a £137,000 grant from Historic England, the Tower has undergone extensive restoration work on its lead roof and stonework. St Michael's Bell Tower dates back to 1465. Displays include the history of the church that once stood on the site, two heritage bells made in Gloucester in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall, and models of the High Cross and Old Gloucester Bank.



## The Museum of Gloucester (FREE ENTRY)



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-17.00**

◆ E6



**& Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00-16.00**



**Brunswick Road, Gloucester GL1 1HP**

For all our events please access our events website on [www.museumofgloucester.co.uk](http://www.museumofgloucester.co.uk)



*See entries under Guided Walks and Music for all events*

## St Mary de Crypt Church & Old Crypt School Rooms



**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 16.00,**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 15.00 (TOURS AVAILABLE)**



**Southgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1TP**

◆ E5



Refreshments are available in the café which is also the HODs Hub. Explore one of the most ancient churches in Gloucester and the Tudor schoolrooms. Use our app and talking pens to discover stories from Gloucester's past: Raikes, Whitefield, Jemmy Wood and more. Drop in for a general guided tour at 11.00 on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

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See entry under  
Talks for  
presentation on  
Sula Lightship

## Sula Lightship

◆ G2 B

📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September

📍 Llanthony Wharf, Gloucester GL2 5JQ

**B** Pre-booking essential. Max. 8 🕒 Tour duration: 45 mins

The lightship is a registered historic ship and as such is unsuitable for any visitors with mobility problems as the tour involves sloping decks and steep external ladders. Children are welcome but must be supervised at all times. The tours are of the internal areas only. Tour times:

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September:** 10.00, 10.45, 11.30 & 12.15

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** 10.00, 10.45, 11.30, 12.15, 13.30, 14.15, 15.00 & 15.45

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September:** 13.30, 14.15, 15.00 & 15.45



## Wallsworth Hall - Nature in Art

◆ D6



📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 15.00

📍 Main A38, Twigworth GL2 9PG (use this postcode in Sat Nav) No booking required

*Entry is free to an exhibition about the history of Wallsworth Hall in our education centre. There is an entry charge to visit the Hall itself.*

Wallsworth Hall has a curiously obscure history. A fine Georgian mansion situated just north of Gloucester, it featured in Simon Jenkins's acclaimed book England's 1000 Best Houses. Since 1988, the Hall has been home to Nature in Art: the world's first museum dedicated to art inspired by nature.



## National Waterways Museum Gloucester

◆ G3



📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 16.00

📍 Llanthony Warehouse, Gloucester Docks GL1 2EH

**FREE ENTRY on this day**

Visit us to uncover the fascinating story of the local waterways and the history behind Gloucester Docks. The Museum has displays and activities for all the family to learn about our waterways heritage.



## Wotton House



📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-13.00

📍 International School, Horton Road, Gloucester, GL1 3PR

**No booking required. Tea and cake available**

Wotton House has been part of the Wotton landscape since 1707, is home to some fascinating characters and, for almost 100 years, has been educating many students. *For details on talk see entry under Talks.*

# HERITAGE VENUES / PLACES OF WORSHIP



## Friends Meeting House

◆ E5

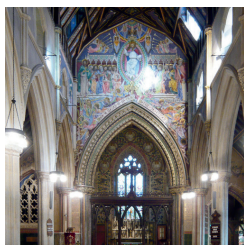


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📅 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 16.00,**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 12.00 - 16.00**

📍 **Greyfriars, Gloucester GL1 1UA**

Built in 1834, this Grade II listed Quakers Meeting House has a large unique wooden screen between the two main rooms which can be wound up and down to make one large space. A large portico with a schoolroom above were added in 1878. Quakers were first known to be in Gloucester by 1655 and the first Meeting House was established in the city in 1678.



## Holy Innocents Church



📅 **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.00 - 16.00**

📍 **Newent Road, Highnam GL2 8DG**

Visit this Grade I listed Victorian Gothic style church which is highly decorated with unique Spirit Fresco wall paintings. It was built and painted by Thomas Gambier Parry, of Highnam Court, whose son Sir Hubert Parry composed the music to Jerusalem. (Also opening Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 12.00 – 17.00 during the Highnam Court Gardens event).



## Holy Trinity Church



📅 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 16.00**

📍 **Church Road, Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 0AJ**

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



## Mariners Church

◆ F3



📅 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 17.00,**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 13.00 - 16.00**

📍 **The Docks, Gloucester GL1 2EN**

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 entry under  
Talks for presentation  
on church.*



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## Masjid-E-Noor

 **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 12.30**

 **44 Ryecroft Street, Gloucester GL1 4LY**

Visit the first ever purpose-built Masjid (Mosque) in the Southwest of England and Wales. Via a guided tour, learn about the different areas of the masjid, history of first Muslims in Gloucester and about the religion of Islam.



## Southgate Evangelical Church G4

 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-16.00**

 **146 Southgate Street GL1 2EX**

The Church was established by Dr Walter Hadwen in 1906 and has been a place of Christian Worship in the city centre ever since. There will be a rolling powerpoint presentation about the history of the church and information on Dr Hadwen. Refreshments, a children's corner and disabled toilets are available. The woodwind ensemble "Westerly Winds" will be playing from 11.00-13.00. The event is free with donations welcomed for the foodbank and Gloucester City Mission.


*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 - 12.15: family service with creche.*



## NEW for 2025: St Catharine's Church

 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 15.00**

 **London Road, Gloucester GL2 0RR**

 **Duration approx. 45 minutes / 1 hour.**

Come and look around and enjoy some light refreshments. The parish of St Catharine's is probably unique in that during its 465 years it has had three churches, and a period of over 200 years when it was without a church building yet continued to survive and flourish. Today, this third and remaining St Catharine's church includes a number of references to Saint Catherine, with the famous wheel featured in several locations.



## NEW for 2025: St George's Church Tuffley

 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 15.00**

 **Grange Road, Tuffley GL4 0PE**

A church built 1959 with a sanctuary extension and a Lady Chapel added in the 1980s. Car park, toilets and light refreshments available.



# PLACES OF WORSHIP



## St Margaret's Church, Whaddon



 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-15.00**

 **Church Lane, Whaddon, Gloucester GL4 0UE**

**Parking at Valley Bridge School, Stroud Road, Gloucester**

This Grade II\* listed 13<sup>th</sup> century church is delighted to offer access to the church, vestry, tower and churchyard. Toilets are available and refreshments can be taken at Pound Farm café nearby.



## St Mary's Congregational Church



 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-17.00**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September: services at 10.30, 12.30 & 16.30**

 **St Mary's Street, Gloucester GL1 2QS**

Originally in St Mary's Square, the church was relocated to St Mary's Street following the redevelopment of the city. The building was bought by Selina, Countess of Huntingdon, in 1788 for the Gloucester followers of George Whitefield, the famous 18<sup>th</sup> Century preacher. Originally called St Mary's Hall, it then moved to St Mary's Congregational Hall in 1958. The Family Haven is our chosen charity this year. Join us to discover the services they provide to help disadvantaged and vulnerable families in Gloucestershire.



## St Mary de Crypt Church



 **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00-15.00**

 **Southgate Street, Gloucester GL1 1TP**

First recorded in 1140, this ancient Anglican church offers a wide range of tours and music (see entries under Guided Walks, Heritage Venues and Music entries for further details). Refreshments are available in the old schoolroom.



## St Mary de Lode Church



 **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 - 15.00**

 **Archdeacon Street, Gloucester GL1 2TB**

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, and the Roman mosaic tiled floor can still be seen in the church. The building was also used as a prison for Royalist soldiers during the English Civil War in 1643.

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## St Mary Magdalene Chapel

♿ (walk uneven)



📅 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 14.00 - 16.00

📍 Hillfield Gardens, London Road, Gloucester GL1 3HN

In the Victorian gardens of Hillfield House, the Chapel is the remains of a 12th century chancel for the church which was built to serve the leper hospital. Restored the 19th century, it contains a stone recumbent figure of a young girl. *See entry on Guided Walks for more openings.*



*See entry under  
Music for more  
details*

## St Nicholas's Church

◆ B4



📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00-15.00, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
11.00-17.00 & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 11.00-15.00

📍 Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2PG

A beautiful medieval church with many interesting features and sympathetic Victorian restoration including the Walton tomb, leaning tower, sanctuary knocker, squints, and coat of arms. The art installation 'We Are Gathered Here', created by students at Gloucestershire College, will once again fill the church. Depicting a congregation in silhouette, it pays homage to the people who have contributed to Westgate Street and Gloucester's fascinating heritage over time.



## St Philip and St James Church



📅 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 13.00-16.00

📍 Larkhay Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester GL3 3NS

The church was opened in 1851 as a daughter church of the ancient church of St Bartholomew's, Churchdown to cater for Hucclecote's growing population. It was built in medieval gothic style by the local architect's firm of John Jacques & Son who were also responsible for the Mariners Chapel in the docks.



## St Swithun's Church



📅 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September & Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
09.00-16.00, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 12.00-16.00

📍 St Swithun's Road, Hempsted, Gloucester GL2 5LH

A Church has existed in Hempsted from 826 and the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Norman font was in the original church. The present church is mid-15<sup>th</sup> century and extensive renovations took place in 1885 with the addition of an extra bell, monuments and stained glass. In the well-kept churchyard is "The Cavaliers Tomb" of Captain John Freeman who was slain at the siege of Gloucester in 1643. St Swithun's Church is still in use today.

See [swithunandmary.org.uk](http://swithunandmary.org.uk)

# PLACES OF WORSHIP / OTHER SITES

## Other sites which are open all year round

Information on Historic Inns, Beatrix Potter Museum, Gloucester Furniture Exhibition, Tommi Nielson's Dry Dock, Upstairs Downstairs Antiques is on our website [gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days](http://gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days) or use the QR code:



## Other events on during HODs:



### Gloucester History Festival

📍 Blackfriars Priory, Gloucester GL1 2HN

📅 6<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> September

Join us for a mouth-watering programme of over 200 events including more than 100 of Britain's top speakers. Visit [www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk](http://www.gloucesterhistoryfestival.co.uk) for more information.

**PRIDE**  
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### Pride March

📍 Gloucester Cathedral to Gloucester Park

📅 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 - 12.00

A fun filled day out for everyone with events at the Park until 20.00. Visit [www.prideinglos.org.uk/gloucester](http://www.prideinglos.org.uk/gloucester) for more information

## Gloucester libraries

We are delighted that the following Libraries will be showcasing information about Heritage Open Days and Local History: **Gloucester, Hucclecote, Longlevens, Matson, Quedgeley and Tuffley**. If you would like to find out more about family history, what better time to discover what is available! History on your doorstep! Opening times are at [gloslibraries.uk/your-libraries](http://gloslibraries.uk/your-libraries)

## Displays about the history of Gloucester



Find out about Gloucester's past by taking a stroll around the city. For more information on the following go to our website [gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days](http://gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days) or use the QR code above.

Sainsbury's mural, Hare Lane; Boots mural, Brunswick Road; "We Are Gathered Here" art installation at St Nicholas's Church; photos in Public Houses; Tailor of Gloucester roundels in Westgate Street and mouse trail (sheet on the website); Westgate Street seats, mosaics and plaques in pavement; mosaics on the gate streets; blue plaques; information boards; ghost signs... and much more!

### Useful links

National HODs: [heritageopendays.org.uk](http://heritageopendays.org.uk)

Gloucester Civic Trust: [gloucestercivictrust.org](http://gloucestercivictrust.org)

Gloucester HODs: [gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days](http://gloucestercivictrust.org/heritage-open-days)

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