

# Schools & Family Learning

## Booking Information and Guidelines for Schools



## Welcome.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Baptist, Norwich. The Cathedral is the Mother Church of the Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and is home to a large and vibrant community of worshippers.

The Cathedral is, rightly, acknowledged as one of the most splendid Victorian Gothic Revival buildings in this country. It looks like the perfect example of a medieval Gothic church but was actually created at the end of the nineteenth century, being started in 1882 and opening on 8 December 1910. It was designed originally by George Gilbert Scott Junior and continued after his early death in 1897 by his brother John Oldrid Scott. Paid for by the fifteenth Duke of Norfolk, it is a marvellous place in which to worship God and learn about the Catholic faith.

While, visiting us you will see the marvellous architecture, the magnificent stained-glass windows, and hopefully come to understand how the beauty and layout of the Cathedral reflects and teaches us about Christianity.



# Our Lessons

## Key Stage 1 Lesson

### 'My Cathedral Journey'

Explore the Cathedral space on a guided journey discovering the shapes and decorations of the building that make it special. Look at objects in the Cathedral which are important to Catholics for worship. Find out what special parts of the building make it a Cathedral, and what signs to look for that show it is Catholic.

30 pupils maximum, 45 minutes. £2.50 per pupil.

## Key Stage 2 Lesson

### 'Symbols and Sacraments'

Discover the hidden meanings of features of the Cathedral's architecture, and the areas of the Cathedral that signify the special events in a Catholic's life. Explore the mysteries of the sacraments which form the religious journey. The session is led by an educational staff member and invites pupils to ask questions and reflect on the Catholic faith.

30 pupils maximum, 45 minutes. £2.50 per pupil.

## Customised Lessons

We also offer sessions customised to your specific learning aims, and themes of focus. Examples of lessons we have provided are: 'The meaning of the Eucharist', 'Understanding the Stations of the Cross', 'What does the Resurrection mean for us?', and 'How should Christians understand death?'

## General

Most school events usually begin from 11am. If you would like to bring your school group to 10am Mass before the event, this can be organised.

Teachers are welcome to do a pre-visit.



## Booking process

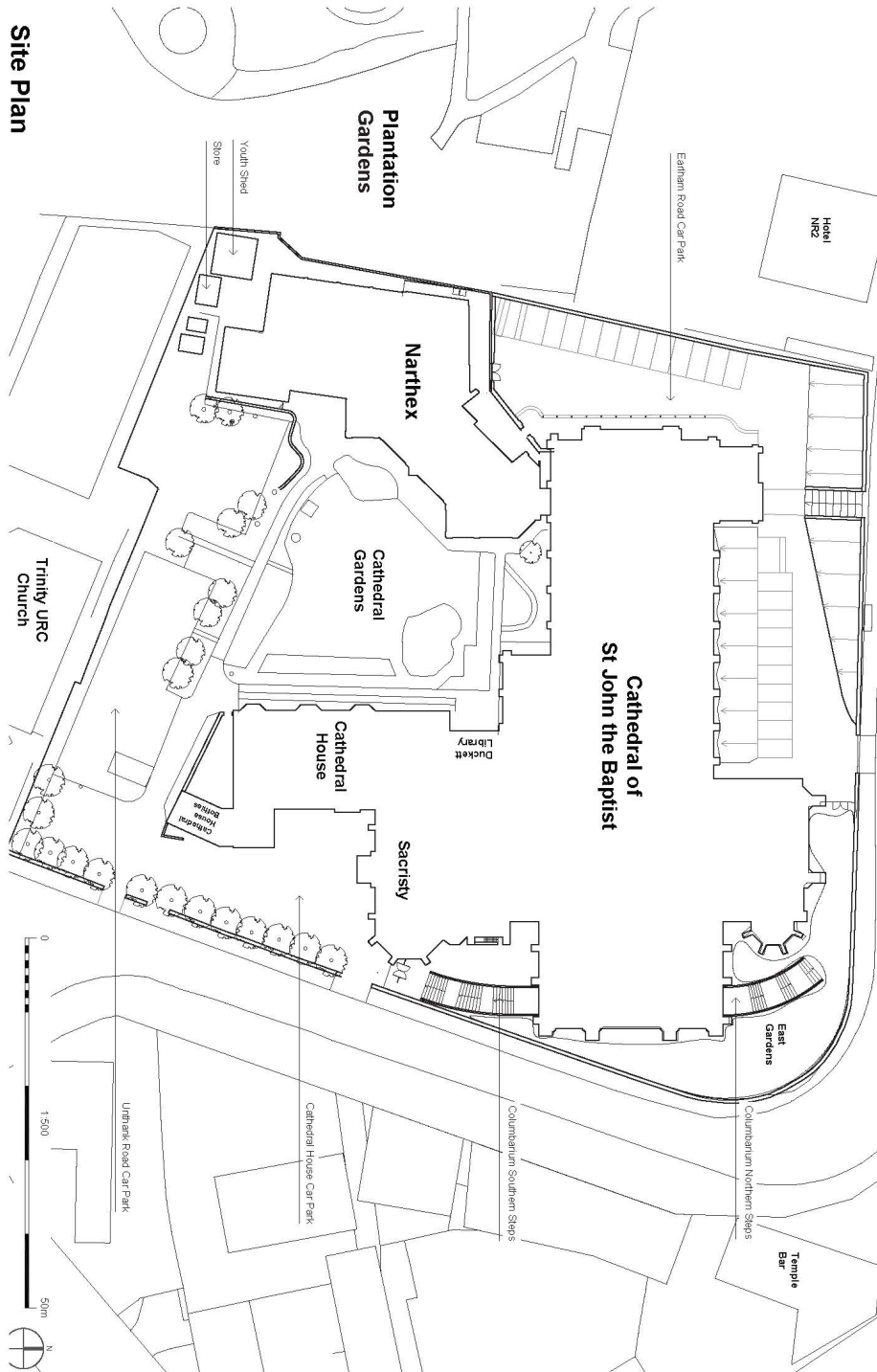
- Please take time to read this information and share with colleagues involved with the visit.
- Please email or call us well in advance to set a date.
- Email : [heritage@sjbcathedral.org.uk](mailto:heritage@sjbcathedral.org.uk)
- Phone : 01603 724381
- We will email a booking form to you.
- The charge for a learning session is £2.50 per student.
- There is no charge for your adult leaders.
- Payment – We will invoice for your visit fees. You may pay by cheque or bank transfer.
- Please note that if you cancel or change numbers within four weeks of visit date, you will be charged full fees.
- Please note that if you want to arrange your visit to us to coincide with one to the synagogue opposite the Cathedral, you will need to book that visit directly with them.



## What to do on arrival

- Unfortunately, the Cathedral gates are too small to allow coaches to access the Cathedral grounds. There is a bus stop outside on the Earlham Road that you can use to disembark, but the coach will have to park elsewhere during the visit.
- We can accommodate minibuses, but please let us know if you wish to park on the site so we can reserve a space for you.
- Please enter through the Narthex where we will meet you (see on the map below).
- The lavatories are also situated in the Narthex. Please note that these lavatories are public and, therefore, you will need to accompany children at all times.





## Health & Safety

- Please request a copy of our Risk Assessment Advice, if required, when you book.
- We advise you to compile your own Risk Assessment, so please let us know if you would like to come and do Risk Assessment preparation before your visit date.
- Please bring your own First Aid kit. If you require First Aid during your visit, please ask at the Administration Office.
- We cannot always guarantee the presence of qualified First Aiders.





## Guidelines for leaders and students

- Please arrive on time.
- Be ready to split into groups of a smaller size if you have been asked to do so.
- Please remind students and leaders before they enter the Cathedral, about the need to be quiet and respectful in a holy place.
- Photography is allowed but please respect the privacy of other visitors, especially if they are sitting quietly or praying.
- Please help us to keep our Cathedral beautiful. Food and drink are not permitted inside the building, but we can arrange for picnic space either in the gardens or in the Narthex.
- We have a gift shop but please do not allow students to enter it in large numbers.







The Cathedral of  
St John the Baptist

