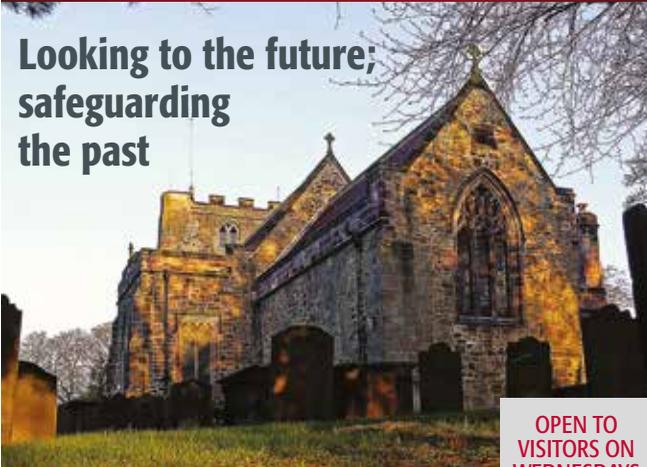


5 St Andrew's Church, Haughton-le-Skerne



Looking to the future; safeguarding the past

OPEN TO VISITORS ON WEDNESDAYS

MAR/APR AND OCT/NOV
10.15am - 3.15pm
MAY TO SEPT
10.15am - 4.15pm



Darlington's oldest church was built in c1125, on the site of an earlier Anglo-Saxon church. At the heart of the community in Haughton le Skerne for over 1000 years, St. Andrew's is noted for 17th century Cosin woodwork, oak-gated pews, pulpits and wall panelling. The windows span four architectural periods. Changes of roof lines and transept additions occurred in 1895. Look for Anglo-Saxon stones, hatchments, Royal Coat of Arms, the Parkinson brass (a sad story), Maundy money and the Emmaus window. Recent re-ordering has taken place to meet the needs of 21st century worship whilst enhancing the heritage.

www.standrewshaughton.org.uk

DL1 2DD

While you're in the area why not visit:

The Bowes Museum

www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

DL12 8NP

Piercebridge Roman Fort

www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/head-of-steam/piercebridge-roman-fort/

DL2 3SW

6 St Michael's Church, Heighington



Centuries at the heart of village life

Standing proudly in the centre of Heighington, St. Michael's was built in c1130 on the site of an earlier Anglo-Saxon church. Although its place at the heart of the village has changed little over the centuries, the church has been extended to include a 14th century south transept, with chantry altar, and a 19th century north aisle and organ chamber. The pulpit is carved with flamboyant tracery – a rare 16th century example to be found outside France and 3 of the church bells date back to c1425 – they are still rung regularly. Look for 15th century grave covers, hatchments and medieval gargoyles.

OPEN TO VISITORS

WINTER
9am – 4pm
SUMMER
9am – 6pm



No website at present

DL5 6PP

7 St Edwin's Church, High Coniscliffe



An ancient church in a dramatic setting

Perched on a beautiful cliff over the north bank of the River Tees, the church is sited near the meeting place of several Anglo-Saxon kings (hence the village's name "Kings Cliff"). Dedicated to the first Christian King of Northumbria, St. Edwin's was built in the 12th and 13th centuries. Look for a rare medieval stair ladder and font, 15th century choir stalls, 17th century ledger stone to Sir Francis Bowes and a carved Roman or Anglo-Saxon stone set in the porch arch. St. Edwin is depicted in a fine stained glass windows designed by Leonard Evetts.

OPENING TIMES

On noticeboard



www.facebook.com/SaintEdwins

DL2 2LR

KEY TO SYMBOLS IN THE GUIDE



Follow this trail through the town centre to the outlying villages to discover ancient churches and religious buildings. From the journey of the body of St. Cuthbert to the financiers of the first steam powered passenger railway, the stories of the lives and faith of the people of Darlington is told through our magnificent buildings. Once inside you will discover that they continue to be places of worship, sanctuary and artistic talent.

Content of this trail was correct at the time of printing. You are advised to check details before visiting any of the venues included in this leaflet.



Explore more historic churches via this website:

www.spiritinstone.info

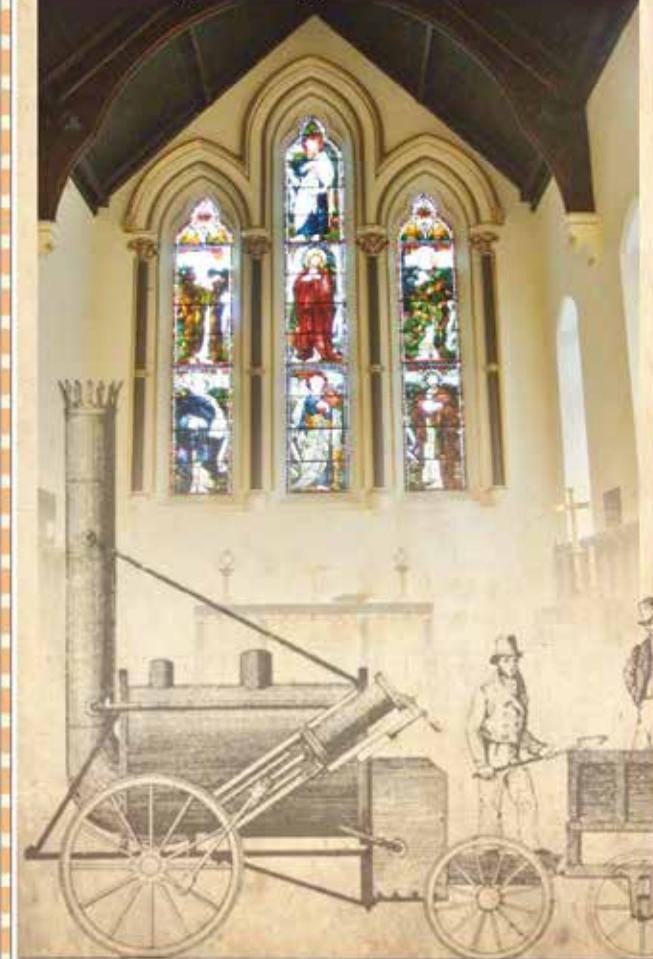
This trail has been created by local volunteers as part of the Spirit In Stone project, with the support of the Church of England Diocese of Durham, Diocese of Newcastle and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

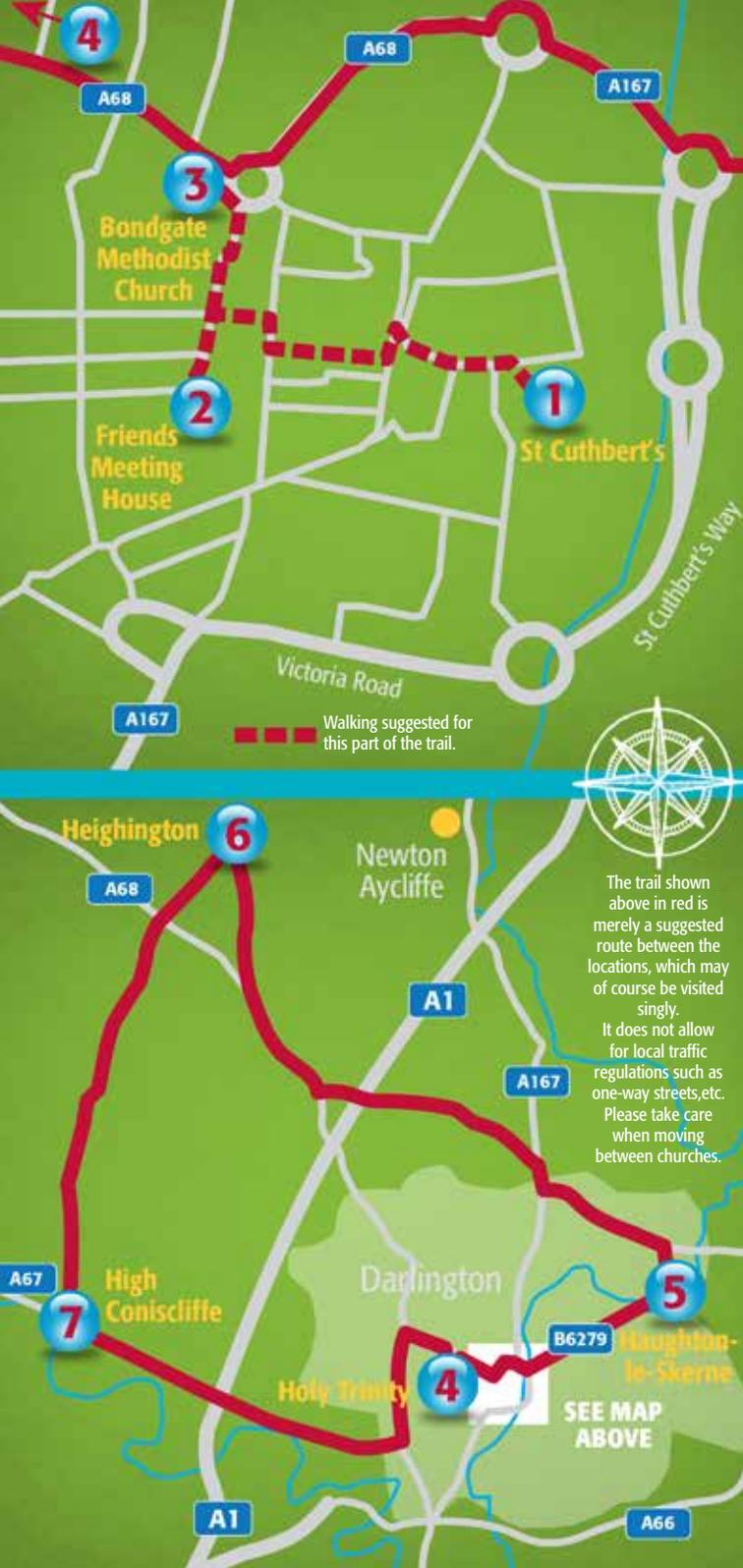


CHURCH TRAILS

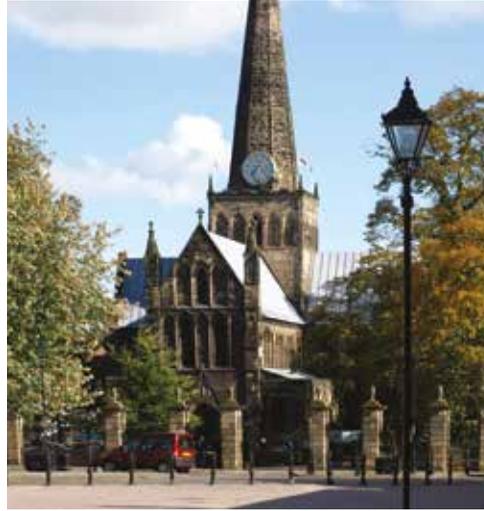
Discover Darlington's Christian Heritage

Explore religious buildings which tell the story of this growing railway town.





1 St Cuthbert's Church, Darlington



An oasis of peace in a busy town

OPEN TO VISITORS FROM EASTER TO END OF SEPTEMBER

MONDAY-FRIDAY
11am – 1pm
and by appointment

01325 482417

 BUS/TRAIN

Built for the Bishop of Durham in 1182, St. Cuthbert's dominates the market place, offering a sanctuary of stillness within its lofty walls. The wooden roof is one of the oldest in the country. Whilst being a fine example of a 13th century church, "a miniature Salisbury Cathedral", it contains features that are quite unique: the ancient font once graced a local garden; there is a curious carving of man naked, except for his boots, beneath one of the seats; and the mosaic behind the altar contains one of the most holy phrases from the Koran.

www.stcuthbertsdarlington.btck.co.uk **DL1 5QG**

2 Friends Meeting House, Darlington



A place of peace and tranquillity

Have you discovered the Burial Ground hidden behind the Meeting House at 6 Skinnergate? Many who enter it are amazed at the variety of wildlife and flowers. Come in the Spring and feast your eyes on the snowdrops and blue bells which flourish there. Many notable Quaker families are buried here who had links with local industry, the railways, banking and politics - including Edward Pease, who helped finance the Stockton-Darlington railway. The Meeting House is open for worship on Thursday mornings, followed by a coffee morning, when you can explore the building and learn something of Quaker principles.

OPEN TO VISITORS

THURSDAY
10am – 12:30pm

01325 466810

www.quaker.org.uk/darlington **DL3 7NB**

3 Bondgate Methodist Church, Darlington



A community resource offering Christian fellowship

Built in 1813 in the centre of Darlington, Bondgate Methodist Church is a fine example of Victorian architecture in the Italian style. The original building, containing period plaques and stained glass windows, has been extended over time with a lecture hall added in 1885 and the Memorial Hall in 1927. The extensive premises are used for combined Methodist Worship and by diverse community groups of all ages. In the 1990s Bondgate's mission was extended with the installation of the The Centre; a coffee shop/restaurant, offering customers excellent food and hospitality.

OPEN TO VISITORS

10am – 2pm

www.darlingtonmethodistdistrict.org.uk **DL3 7JJ**

4 Holy Trinity Church, Darlington



Seeking to bring quality to life

Holy Trinity stands above the main road, opposite Darlington Memorial Hospital. It was built to serve the population of a growing railway town. Enjoy vibrant windows of pre-Raphaelite design. The WW1 memorial shares a designer with Edinburgh's national war memorial. Panelling incorporates a thoughtful picture of the visit of the three kings. It is the church of the Bradford brothers, a family uniquely honoured with two VCs and MC. Their story tells of family pride and sadness.

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

01325 480444
 Contact keyholders:
 churchwardens
 01325 286852 or
 01325 255867

www.holytrinity-darlington.org.uk **DL3 7BQ**

While you're in the area why not visit:

Head Of Steam Museum

Darlington Head of Steam Museum is situated next to North Road Station, on the site of the original 1825 Stockton to Darlington Railway. The museum tells the story of Darlington's railway industry and exhibits include Stephenson's Locomotion No.1.

www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/head-of-steam/ **DL3 6ST**