

# 6 St Nicholas Cathedral

## Sacred Space in Common Ground



Dating mostly from the 13th to the 15th centuries, St Nicholas Cathedral is the Church of England's most northerly Cathedral.

On this site, high above the River Tyne and near the Norman Castle, prayer and worship have been offered each day for over nine hundred years. For over five hundred years, the spire was a navigation point for ships on the Tyne. The Cathedral houses an outstanding collection of stained glass and monuments – including that to Admiral Lord Collingwood, who took command at Trafalgar after Nelson's death. The Lantern Café serves breakfasts, teas and coffees, cakes and pastries, light bites, lunches and afternoon teas.

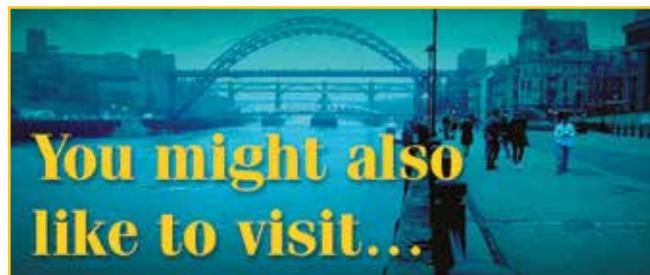
**OPEN TO VISITORS**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
7:30am – 6pm  
**SATURDAY**  
8am – 4pm  
**SUNDAY**  
7:30am – 7pm



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Medieval Newcastle had five friaries, one convent and twelve hospitals. Today very little remains except street names.

The cloister and a few buildings from the **Dominican friary of Blackfriars**, which was built in 1239, still stand near the city walls. Today it houses craft workshops and a popular restaurant.

**All Saints Church** is built on the site of one of four medieval churches and its spire is easily seen from the Tyne Bridge. The present church, completed in 1796, is one of a very few elliptical churches in England. It is not open to the public.

The **Holy Jesus Hospital** stands on the site of an Augustinian friary, with a small part of the medieval friary still visible. It was opened as an almshouse in 1682, and by 1880 was used as a soup kitchen. Now in the care of the National Trust, as an inner city project office, it is occasionally open to the public and well worth a visit.

Only one pillar remains of **St Mary's Hospital, Westgate**. It can be seen at the north east corner of the modern building opposite St John's church.

**Trinity House** dates from the 15th century, and was founded as a guild to support seafarers and their dependants. The chapel is the oldest private chapel in the city still in continuous use. It is possible to visit by prior arrangement.

The **Castle Keep**, which stands on the site of the original Norman 'new castle' (hence the city's name) contains a beautiful Norman chapel with a vaulted ceiling and carved arches.



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- Churchyard
- Partially accessible for wheelchair users
- Accessible toilet
- Fully accessible for wheelchair users
- Toilet
- Hearing Loop
- Public transport nearby
- Guided tours
- Café
- Ramp
- Children's trail/activities
- Telephone

Follow this trail through the city centre of Newcastle upon Tyne to discover some of our fantastic heritage. Accessible for all, this trail also takes you past some of Newcastle's landmarks, including Grey's Monument and Newcastle Castle. Walking will take thirty minutes, and Go North East's Quaylink buses also follow this trail.



Shipbuilding remembered at St Nicholas Cathedral

Explore more historic churches via this website:

**[www.spiritinstone.info](http://www.spiritinstone.info)**

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