

## GROUP ADMISSION CHARGE

Group visit (with external leader or guide)

Option A: Group Visit **£3.50 per person**

Option B: Group Visit + Photo Permit **£5 per person**

Option C: Group Visit + Guidebook **£9 per person**

Option D: Group visit + Photo Permit + Guidebook  
**£10 per person**

Concessions £0.50 off chosen option

Free admission for accompanied children under 14

## BOOKING

All groups should contact us in advance of their visit. Please email [info@stgilescathedral.org.uk](mailto:info@stgilescathedral.org.uk) to fill out a **booking form**. St Giles' is a very busy church with regular as well as special services and over 180 concerts per year. We need to be able to advise you of changes in our schedule due to special events that might interfere with your plans.

**Please note: We require 48 hours' notice of cancellation**

## PAYMENT

- Bank transfer
- Cheque/money order in £ sterling (payable to *St Giles' Cathedral*)
- Cash on the day
- Voucher

Rates for local schools, churches and non-profit groups on request

# St Giles' Cathedral - Group Visits 2018

St Giles' has been at the heart of Edinburgh for almost 900 years. From a small parish church it developed into a place which was frequented by Kings and Queens, where John Knox preached. It plays an important part in the life of a nation. This is where Queen Elizabeth II received the Scottish Crown Jewels in 1953, where the Stone of Destiny was displayed when it was first returned to Scotland in 1997, and where, to this day, every Knight of the Thistle is installed by Her Majesty.

According to the leisure visitor sample taken by the Edinburgh Visitor Survey October 2009 to September 2010, St Giles' Cathedral was the second most significant attraction to visit in Edinburgh. Overall 35% of visitors to the city have come to see St Giles' (and almost 50% of all visitors from North America). And numbers are still increasing. In 2017, the cathedral welcomed over 1,285,654 visitors. Throughout the year there are over 130 concerts, most of them free. St Giles' is a working church with 12 scheduled services every week, as well as, additional special services.



When you visit, make sure you see the John Knox statue and window, the Robert Burns window, the angels playing bagpipes, the Robert Louis Stevenson plaque and one of over seventy Green Men!

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## PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Please note that we qualify a group visit as more than 5 people plus a guide.

### Option Packages

Is your group likely to take photographs? Would they like a copy of our guidebook as a memory to their visit? These packages only apply when purchased for the whole group. If purchased separately, photo permits retail at £2 and the guidebook at £6.

### Accessibility

The main part of the cathedral is accessible to wheelchairs (not Thistle Chapel). There are no accessible toilets.

### Prayers/Services

St Giles' is a working church. From **Monday to Saturday** a short prayer takes place at 12:00 for about 15 minutes. *No guiding is allowed during the service.* We do not book groups between 11.15 and 12.30. On **Sunday** mornings there are 3 services. Groups are welcome to attend, but there can be no guided tours until 13:00.

### Concerts

Does your group want to attend one of our free concerts? There is a concert every Sunday at 6pm as well as many lunchtime concerts throughout the year. It is also possible for choirs and groups to perform at St Giles'. If you are interested please contact us for more information.

### St Giles' Cathedral Guides

Although we allow external guides to lead tours in the cathedral, commercial groups also have the possibility to book a tour with a St Giles' Cathedral Guide. There is no additional charge, but this tour is always subject to availability and has to be booked in advance.

## DURING YOUR VISIT

### Location

St Giles' is about a 10 minute walk from the Castle, the National Museum and the National Galleries on the Mound, and about 20 minutes from Dynamic Earth, the Parliament and Holyrood House.

### Entrance

For group visits please enter through West Door (from West Parliament Square). Upon arrival the group leader or guide should go to the information desk to check-in and make payment. If the information desk is closed, please put your payment in a donation box.

### Photography

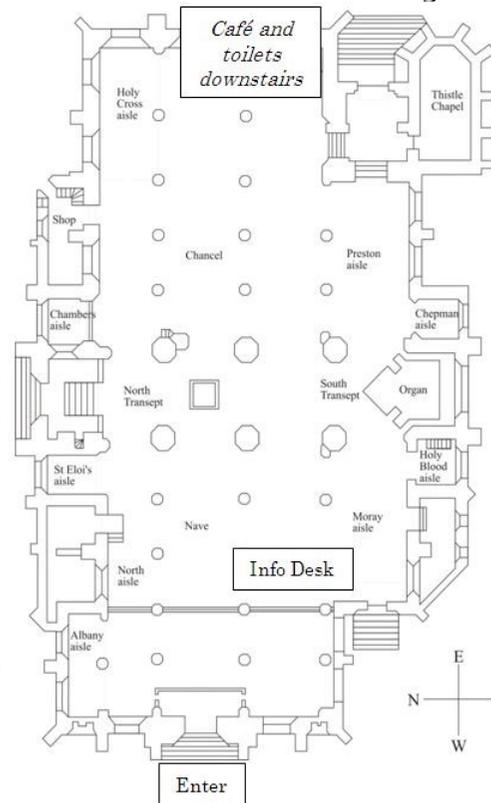
We allow photography/filming (including the use of flashlight and tripods) for a charge of £2 per person for private use. Different charges apply for commercial use. If you have not purchased group cover for photography please remind your group to buy a permit before they take photographs.

### Toilets

Toilets are located at the South East corner of St Giles' on the way to the Café.

### Shop

The Cathedral Shop is open Monday to Friday 10:00 to 18:30 (November to March 10:00 to 16:30), Saturday 10:00 to 16:30 and Sunday 12:30 to 16:30. It stocks a wide range of gifts, books and souvenirs specially arranged for St Giles'.



### OPENING TIMES FOR GROUP VISITS

Monday - Friday 09.00-19.00 (Apr-Oct),  
09.00-17.00 (Nov-Mar)  
Saturday 09.00-17.00  
Sunday 13.00-17.00

NO GUIDED TOURS DURING THE DAILY SERVICE BETWEEN 11:15 AND 12:30 AND DURING CONCERTS