

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

Concessions (students / 60+) are £0.50 off per person

Free admission for accompanied children under 14

## BOOKING

All groups with more than 5 people must contact us in advance of their visit to ensure entry. St Giles' is a very busy church with regular as well as special services, concerts and visitors all sharing the building. Please email [groups@stgilescathedral.org.uk](mailto:groups@stgilescathedral.org.uk) to work out a schedule that will match your plans, and fill out one of our group **booking forms**.

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

## PAYMENT

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

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

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# St Giles' Cathedral - Groups Group Visits 2019

St Giles' has been at the heart of Edinburgh for almost 900 years. From a small parish church it developed into a hub of the city: where John Knox catalysed the Reformation, merchants traded, and royals to this day oversee the Order of the Thistle. It plays an important part in the life of a nation.

We welcomed over 1.3 million visitors last year, and have consistently been one of Edinburgh's top attractions. Visit Scotland's survey ranked St Giles' Cathedral as the second most significant attraction in Edinburgh in 2010, and fourth most in 2014. Throughout the year there are over 130 concerts, most of them free. St Giles' is also 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, the Robert Burns window, our Writer's Corner and the angels playing bagpipes in our spectacular Thistle Chapel—or go on a search to find one of over seventy Green Men!



## 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 the 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 11.00 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 afternoon concerts throughout the year. It is also possible for choirs and groups to perform at St Giles'. If you are interested please contact us at [music@stgilescathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@stgilescathedral.org.uk) for more information.

### St Giles' Cathedral Guides

Although we allow external guides to lead tours in the cathedral, 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. All group tours have 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.

### Photography

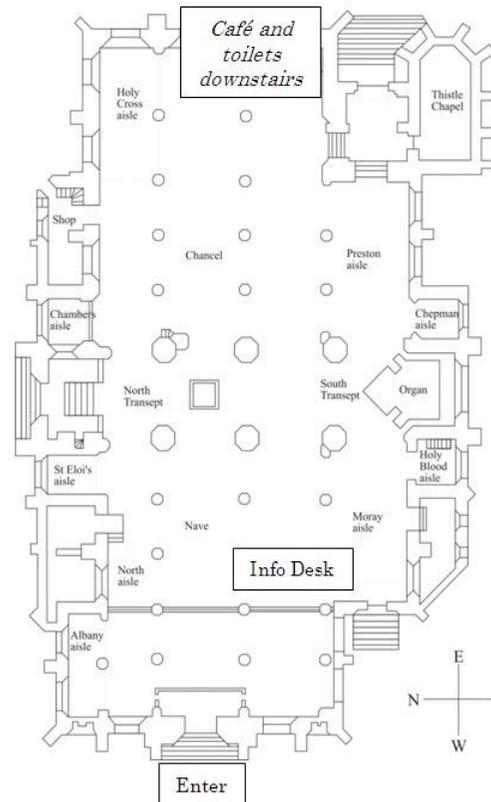
We allow photography/filming (including the use of flashlight and tripods) for a charge of £2 per person for private use. Different charges apply for commercial use. If you have not purchased group cover for photography please remind your group members to buy a permit before they take photographs.

### 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 13:00 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 11:00 AND 12:30 AND DURING CONCERTS**