



**DURHAM
CATHEDRAL**
THE SHRINE OF ST CUTHBERT



Durham Cathedral Photography Policy

The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults must be maintained at all times. If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention call the emergency service on 999. Do not delay.

Photography in Durham Cathedral

Durham Cathedral is a place of worship and pilgrimage, and also the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We recognise those who visit do so for many different reasons, and may wish to take photos to remind them of their visit.

The Chapter of Durham Cathedral, our governing body, has adopted the following policy on photography in the Cathedral and precincts:

- Visitors are encouraged to take respectful non-flash photos for personal use inside Durham Cathedral, but not permitted to take photos during services and events.
- No photography is permitted in our Open Treasure exhibition spaces.
- Photos can be taken in the Cloister, the College (our Cathedral Close) and on our woodlands and riverbanks.

If you see someone acting unusually or taking photographs/recordings that they should not be doing inform someone immediately. Safeguarding adults and children are a priority.

Please respect these rules when taking photos:

- Photos for personal use taken on ordinary handheld cameras and/or mobile phones is encouraged.
- Don't use flash when taking photos, as it can be disruptive to other visitors.
- Please respect the privacy of other visitors, especially during quiet periods of reflection or worship.
- No photos of children are permitted unless they are part of your party, for safeguarding reasons.
- No photos of school groups is allowed unless taken by the school themselves.
- Visitors are not permitted to climb any areas of the cathedral in pursuit of a better vantage point.
- Selfie sticks, tripods and monopods are not allowed as they can be disruptive and hazardous to other visitors. We hold special photography events in the Cathedral when specialist equipment can be used. Upcoming events are listed on our website.
- In special cases, visitors with disabilities that make it hard to hold a camera may use tripods or monopods inside the cathedral. If possible please contact the cathedral visitor desk ahead of your visit on 0191 338 7178 or visitor.desk@durhamcathedral.co.uk

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

As a working church, we must limit photos in some cases:

- Given that the cathedral is above all else a place of daily worship, please do not take offence if you are asked to refrain from taking photos at any time.
- The Gregory Chapel, located in the North Transept, is reserved for private prayer. Photos are prohibited to protect the privacy and peace of worship and prayer here.
- The Feretory holds the Shrine of St Cuthbert. You are welcome to take photographs of the Shrine, but please be mindful of those who may be praying. Photos are not permitted during Shrine prayers (daily at 11.15am and 3pm).
- Taking photos and making recordings is strictly prohibited during services.
- No photos of the cathedral choir can be taken at any time, including recording of choir rehearsals.
- Photos are not permitted in any closed-off areas (these areas will be marked clearly with signage).
- Taking photos or making recordings are strictly prohibited during events (ticketed or otherwise) unless express permission has been granted. For more information please contact events@durhamcathedral.co.uk

Commercial photography, filming and media requests:

- Commercial photography on Durham Cathedral property (both inside and outside buildings), including wedding photography, must be agreed by prior arrangement with the Marketing and Events department. A permit must be issued and fees apply. Please contact events@durhamcathedral.co.uk for more information.
- Anyone wishing to take photos or film for media and PR purposes should contact media@durhamcathedral.co.uk
- Drone filming is not permitted inside the Cathedral or in the cathedral grounds, including cathedral-owned woodlands and riverbanks, unless by prior arrangement. Fees apply. Please contact media@durhamcathedral.co.uk

Photos cannot be taken in Open Treasure, the Library or the Library reading rooms:

- Photos cannot be taken in Open Treasure, Durham Cathedral's museum experience, due to conservation and copyright issues.
- The Cathedral Library has postcards of some of the Cathedral's manuscripts. You can also order copies from its large collection of master slides and photos of buildings, artefacts and other specialist items.
- Durham Cathedral Library's imaging service can provide digital images, digital scans, and microfilm reproductions of material from the Cathedral's collections. Please contact library@durhamcathedral.co.uk or call the Cathedral Library on 0191 386 2489 to speak to our Imaging Services Officer.

The Chapter of Durham Cathedral reserves the right to deny or withdraw photography permissions at any time.

Reporting a Safeguarding Concern

The Cathedral Safeguarding Officer can be contacted on 07951624103 to discuss or report a safeguarding concern or incident (please note this number is not answered 24hrs a day, 7 days a week).
Safeguarding can also be contacted via email: safeguarding@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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