**Churches in Norwich**

**The Cathedral of St John the Baptist**

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist is one of the finest examples of great Victorian Gothic Revival Architecture in the UK and is the second largest Catholic Cathedral in the country. The beautiful stained-glass windows, stonework and unique Frosterley marble details make it one of the most impressive architectural buildings in Norfolk.

The Narthex is an annexe to the Cathedral and hosts a bustling Garden Cafe serving a delicious selection of home-made sandwiches, lunches, and snacks as well as cold and hot drinks and alcoholic beverages. There is also a well-stocked gift shop.

**Price:** FREE, donations welcome

**Opening Hours:** 7.30am - 7.30pm, Monday - Sunday

**Location:** Earlham Road

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, follow Bethel Street west. Cross Cleveland Road to Upper St Giles Street. At the end of the road, cross the footbridge over Grapes Hill to the top of Earlham Road, where the cathedral will be in front of you.

***8 minutes***

<http://www.sjbcathedral.org.uk/>

**Norwich Cathedral**

Norwich Cathedral is set within 44 acres of beautiful grounds. The Cathedral’s spectacular Romanesque architecture and a rich 900-year-old history means there is plenty to uncover. It boasts the second-tallest spire (home to a peregrine falcon family) and largest monastic cloisters in England. And the Cathedral houses more than a thousand beautiful medieval roof boss sculptures.

You can join a free tour (hourly, 10am –3pm, Monday – Saturda) to gain a wonderful insight into this 900-year-old building.

The Cathedral’s bright Refectory Cafe is run by popular local bakery Bread Source, perfect for tea and cake, a light snack, or a delicious lunch (8am – 6pm, Monday – Saturday & 8.30am - 4pm, Sunday).

**Price:** FREE, donations welcome

**Opening Hours:** 7am – 6.30pm, Monday - Sunday

**Location:** Cathedral Close

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, head north past City Hall and follow the road right down Gaol Hill. Cross Exchange Street and follow London Street northeast, crossing Bank Plain to Queen Street. At Tombland, cross the road to Ethelbert Gate, directly in front of you, into Cathedral Close. The Hostry entrance to Norwich Cathedral will be on your left across the green.

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<https://cathedral.org.uk/>

**St Peter Mancroft**

St Peter Mancroft is Norwich’s largest medieval church and centrally located. Holding services every day, the church is a place of prayer and sanctuary. It is known for its place in the community, holding concerts and carol services throughout the year.

The church boasts the largest ringing peal in East Anglia (14 bells), which you can hear daily and features a fine stained-glass East Window and hammerbeam arch-braced roof decorated with wooden angels. At the West End, is the ‘Easter Tapestry’, woven by refugee Flemish weavers (also known as Strangers) in 1573 showing the resurrection of Christ.

**Price:** FREE, donations welcome

**Opening Hours:** 10.30am - 3.30pm, Monday – Saturday.

**Location:** Millennium Plain

**Route from The Forum:** The entrance to St Peter Mancroft is opposite The Forum on Millennium Plain.

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<https://www.stpetermancroft.org.uk/>

**St Julians and The Julian Shrine**

St Julians is one of the oldest churches in Norwich. Despite being dedicated to French (and male) Saint Julian, the church is best known for its association with (female) anchoress Julian of Norwich.

Known as the Julian Shrine, you can visit the site of Julian of Norwich’s cell where she wrote her renowned book Revelations of Divine Love, the first book published by a woman in the English language. This holy site is one many pilgrimage to.

While you’re here, spend a moment in the churchyard garden or visit the Julian Centre to learn more about Julian of Norwich.

**Price:** FREE, donations welcome

**Opening Hours:** 8.30am - 6pm, Monday - Sunday

**Location:** St Julian's Alley

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, head east down Hay Hill and north along the Haymarket to White Lion Street on your right. Follow the road round east to Red Lion Street. Cross the road, heading left, past The Bell Hotel, and then right up Farmers Avenue. At the top of farmers Avenue, cross Cattle Market Street to Rouen Road, follow the road down the hill until St Julian’s Alley is on your left. St Julians church will be on your right.

***13 minutes***

<http://julianshrine.org/>

**St Peter Hungate**

St Peter Hungate houses a beautiful collection of medieval stained-glass windows. Most of the glass still dates from 15th century and depicts scenes of angels, the Apostles and more.

Today, St Peter Hungate is quite aptly home to Hungate Medieval Art. The charity exhibits aspects of medieval art and architecture, as well as heritage-inspired contemporary works.

**Price:** FREE, donations welcome

**Opening Hours:** 10am - 4pm, Saturday & 1pm – 4pm, Sunday (open at other times for special events)

**Location:** Princes Street

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, make your way north past City Hall and turn east down Gaol Hill. Follow Exchange Street north to the junction with St Andrews Street and turn right. Cross the road opposite Cinema City, north to Princes Street. At the top of the hill is St Peter Hungate church.

***9 minutes***

<https://hungate.org.uk/>

**St Gregorys**

St Gregorys is a medieval church recognised for its dramatic height. Inside, your eye is drawn upward to the original wooden ceiling, large windows, and magnificent arches. St Gregorys is also home to some of the best 15th century wall paintings in England, including one of St George and the Dragon.

Today, the church is home to St Gregorys Antiques and Collectables, a treasure trove of vintage fashion and jewellery, collectable books and toys, records, glass, and more.

**Price:** FREE

**Opening Hours:** 10am – 5pm, Monday – Friday, 10am – 6pm, Saturday & 11am – 4pm, Sunday

**Location:** St Gregorys Green

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, head north past City Hall and cross the road to Lower Goat Lane. Head down the hill to Pottergate, where St Gregorys Green will be on your left.

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<https://www.visitnorwich.co.uk/service/st-gregorys-and-all-saints-westlegate/>

**The Halls**

The Halls is made up of St Andrew’s and Blackfriars Halls.

As part of the Norwich 12 heritage buildings, it’s the most complete medieval friary complex to survive in England. The building itself has a Victorian Gothic porch, plain hammerbeam roof and striking flintwork. Unusually, The Halls’ tower wasn’t rebuilt after it collapsed in 1712.

Blackfriars’ Hall is home to the original copy of one of the last portraits of Norfolk naval hero Nelson, painted in 1802.

Today, The Halls are known as a venue for markets, fairs, concerts, beer festivals and more.

**Price:** Dependent on event.

**Opening Hours:** Dependent on event.

**Location:** St Andrew’s Plain

**Route from The Forum:** From The Forum, head north past City Hall and turn right down Gaol Hill. Cross Exchange Street to London Street and follow the path until you reach Cosy Club. Here, turn left down St Andrews Hill, crossing the road at Cinema City to St Andrews Plain. The Halls will be in front of you.

***7 minutes***

<https://www.thehallsnorwich.com/site/index.php>