



# Katharine of Aragon Festival | 2022

Thursday 27th to Sunday 30th January 2022



**KATHARINE  
OF ARAGON  
Festival**  
27TH TO 30TH  
JANUARY 2022

A Tudor festival at Peterborough Cathedral and Peterborough Museum, on the anniversary of the burial of King Henry VIII's first wife, Katharine of Aragon, at the Cathedral on 29th January 1536.

Information and tickets: [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/katharine.aspx](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/katharine.aspx)

## THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY

**7.30pm, Sacred Music from  
Katharine of Aragon's Time**  
Online via Zoom

Canon Tim Alban Jones will take us on an audio tour of the music that would have been sung in church services at the Tudor Court, introducing each piece of music and pausing for questions at the end.

■ Tickets: £7 per viewing + booking fee.  
Around 50 mins.



## FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY

**8.30am, Mass**

A Roman Catholic service attended by local Catholic parishes.

**11.00am, Commemoration Service  
with Wreath Laying**

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston, Dean of Peterborough, will lead a short service of commemoration with readings, prayers and wreaths laid by dignitaries on Katharine's tomb.

■ All welcome. Around 30 mins.



**2.00pm, Tudor Peterborough Walk**  
Meet at Peterborough Museum

Explore Peterborough's historic city centre with a costumed guide and find out what the city was like during the time of Katharine of Aragon.

■ Tickets: £6 (£4 under 16s) via [cityculturepeterborough.org.uk/museum-art-gallery](http://cityculturepeterborough.org.uk/museum-art-gallery) or on 01733 864663. Around 60 mins.



**5.30pm, Vespers**  
At the Cathedral

Worship in a form that would have been familiar in Tudor times, sung by the Cathedral Choir.

■ All welcome.



**6.30pm, Cathedral Open Evening**

Following Vespers the Cathedral will remain open for visitors to drop in and take time to enjoy the special atmosphere of the building at night. Candles will be lit and there will be background music to listen to. It is a great opportunity to take photos, or simply to sit quietly. The Open Evening ends at 8.30pm, when visitors are invited to take a seat ready to hear Compline sung.

■ All welcome. Donations invited.



**9.00pm, Compline**

A service at the close of the day, sung by the Cathedral Choir. Like Vespers, Compline would have been part of the daily Divine Office observed by the monks of Peterborough Abbey in Tudor times.

■ All welcome. Around 30 mins.

## SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY

### 10.00am, Family Service

A short service especially for families with children to commemorate Katharine of Aragon.

■ All welcome. Around 30 mins.

### 10.00am – 4.00pm, At Home with the Tudors

Travel back in time to the 1500s, with a chance to meet Tudor characters at Peterborough Museum & Art Gallery. Mind your manners with a Tudor lady, try period food, and find out all about life in the times of Katharine of Aragon. There will also be family craft activities with a Tudor theme.



■ Tickets: £4.00 adults, £3 concessions, £12 families, under 5s FREE. This is a drop-in event, so there's no need to pre-book.

### 11.00am, 1.00pm and 2.00pm, Old Scarlett Tours

This family friendly tour of the Cathedral will be led by 'Old Scarlett the Tudor gravedigger', who lived to be 98 and buried both Katharine of Aragon and Mary, Queen of Scots.



■ Tickets: £3.50 per person, £12 family (family of 4) Children receive a free copy of 'Monks, Mischief & Marauders' activity book.

### 11.00am and 2.00pm, Tower Tours

Explore the fascinating upper levels of the Cathedral with a knowledgeable guide, emerging to take in the views across the city from the central tower.



■ Tickets: £15 per person. Ages 8+. Conditions apply. Allow 2 hours.

### 11.30am and 2.30pm, Tudor Cathedral Tours

A tour of the Cathedral with the focus on its Tudor history, led by a guide in period costume.



■ Tickets: £8 per person. Around 90 mins.



John White, performance historian, as King Henry VIII.

### 7.00pm, Conflict between Church and State: An Audience with King Henry VIII

The year is 1542 and His Majesty, King Henry VIII, despite increasing age, is again engaged upon Royal Progress about His Realm. His Majesty is in contemplative mood with the events of recent years weighing heavily upon him: the annulment of his marriage to Aragon, the break with Rome, the dissolution of the monasteries, the revolt in the north. The ramifications for His Majesty's Realm, and for His people, have been great!

In the course of the 'Audience' His Majesty will invite his loyal subjects to petition him, or to ask of him a question: a lively Q&A is assured!

■ Tickets: £12.50 per person in the Cathedral. £10 per viewing for live stream. Around 60 mins.

## SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY

Services take place at Peterborough Cathedral at 8.00am, 9.15am, 10.30am and 3.30pm. All welcome.

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## Online Cathedral History Talks 2022



7.30pm  
via Zoom.

£7 per  
viewing.

Book via  
Cathedral  
website.

**Thursday 17th February**  
**Medieval Graffiti**  
Matthew Champion

**Thursday 21st April**  
**Medieval Eels**  
Dr John Wyatt Greenlee

**Thursday 3rd March**  
**The Saints of Peterborough**  
Dr Francis Young

**Thursday 5th May**  
**Women in Medieval Religion**  
Canon Dr Rowan Williams

The Katharine of Aragon Festival is a collaboration between Peterborough Cathedral and Peterborough Museum (City Culture Peterborough).

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When attending any event or service, please observe the Covid guidelines at Peterborough Cathedral or Peterborough Museum. All events will conform to government Covid restrictions in place at the time and may be subject to change at short notice.



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