



Katharine of Aragon Festival | 2023

Wednesday 25th to Sunday 29th January 2023



**KATHARINE
OF ARAGON
Festival**
25TH TO 29TH
JANUARY 2023

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

Information and tickets: www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/katharine.aspx

WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY

11.30am and 2.30pm – Tudor Tours of Peterborough Cathedral

A guided tour of the Cathedral focusing on the sixteenth century and how dramatic events at the royal court played out here in Peterborough.

- Tickets: £8 per person.



THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY

7.30pm, online via Zoom – Portraits of Catherine

Prof Theresa M Earenfight of Seattle University (pictured right) will give an illustrated talk on the theme of her new book, Catherine of Aragon, Infanta of Spain, Queen of England. This is not a conventional academic study nor a biography, but uses material culture in the form of the clothing and shoes Catherine wore, the books she commissioned and read, the paintings and objects of art that she owned, to get a richer sense of who she was as a person.

- Tickets: £7 per viewing.

In Tudor times spelling was much less fixed than it is today and names were spelt in various ways.



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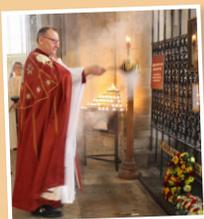


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FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY

8.30am – Roman Catholic Mass

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.

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. The tour then enters Peterborough Cathedral where you will hear about the funeral of Queen Katharine.

- Tickets: £7 adults, £5 U16's peterboroughmuseum.org.uk or 01733 864 663.



SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

10.00am Family Service

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

- All welcome.

10.00am – 4.00pm – At Court with the Tudors

At the Cathedral all are welcome, especially families, to drop in and spend time in royal company, meeting Queen Katharine and her ladies. Look out for King Henry VIII himself too, and his right hand man Thomas Cromwell.

The reenactors of Regal Rose Historical Portrayal will be chatting to visitors, showing off their period costumes and also inviting you to join in a Tudor dance from time to time.

There will also be hands-on children's activities on a Tudor theme.

- This is a drop-in event. There is no fixed charge so please make a donation at the Cathedral.



- All welcome.

5.30pm – Vespers

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

- All welcome.

6.30pm – The Cathedral at Night

Imagine yourself back in Tudor times when you drop in to spend time in the Cathedral after-hours! As you explore the beautiful building in atmospheric lighting, look out for members of King Henry VIII's Court, played by the costumed re-enactors of Regal Rose Historical Portrayal. They not only set the scene but can also answer questions about the person they represent and about their carefully researched period costumes. Expect a little sixteenth century music too, courtesy of Jay Britton of 'The Tudor Songbook'.

The Cathedral at Night event closes at 8.30pm. Do stay and round off your evening as Queen Katharine often would, by hearing Compline.

- This is a drop-in event. There is no fixed charge so please make a donation at the Cathedral.

9.00pm – Compline

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

- All welcome.



10.00am – 4.00pm – At Home with the Tudors

📍 At Peterborough Museum.

Travel back in time to the 1500s, with a chance to meet Tudor characters at Peterborough Museum. Try out some Tudor food and find out about life for everyday people in the sixteenth century.

There will be family craft activities and you can take a taster tour of the Tudor vaults of the Museum.

- Tickets: £4 adults, £3 concessions, £12 families, under 5s free. This is a drop-in event, so there's no need to pre-book. Last entry 3.30pm.



SATURDAY 28TH JANUARY

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: £5 per person, £20 family (2 adults + 3 children)
Children receive a free copy of 'Monks, Mischief & Marauders' activity book.



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SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY

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

10.00am – 4.00pm At Home with the Tudors

📍 At Peterborough Museum

Details as Saturday 28th January

2.00pm – Tudor Peterborough Walk

📍 Meet at Peterborough Museum

Details as Friday 27th January



The Katharine of Aragon Festival is a collaboration between Peterborough Cathedral and Peterborough Museum.



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All events take place at Peterborough Cathedral unless otherwise specified.
A booking fee applies to tickets purchased via TicketSource.

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