



12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Get ready to walk on the moon at Peterborough Cathedral

This Saturday (17<sup>th</sup> July 2021), just days before the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Neil Armstrong's famous 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing on 20<sup>th</sup> July, you will be able to take your own 'walk on the moon' at Peterborough Cathedral.

The building is hosting *One Small Step*, a giant representation of the lunar surface created by the renowned artist and sculptor Peter Walker. The 36m x 7m artwork uses imagery from NASA to show all the craters and details of the lunar rock. It will transform a huge area of the floor in the Cathedral's north and south transepts into an image of the moon's terrain for visitors to walk on.

The exhibition will be on display at the Cathedral until 31<sup>st</sup> October and during this time lunar-themed events are planned. From 2<sup>nd</sup> until 7<sup>th</sup> August **One Giant Leap** will offer children a fun 'astronaut training' session, including a teddy bear parachute jump. On selected dates there will also be **Moon with a View**, an opportunity to see the artwork from above and then climb right up to see the view from the top of the Cathedral tower. On 24<sup>th</sup> July mezzo soprano Gabriella Pineda-Rodrigues will give a concert of **Songs to the Moon**, accompanied by the pianist Kate Wishart, and on 11<sup>th</sup> August the Cambridge Science Centre will be visiting with their show, **Safe in Space**. A silent disco with **Dancing on the Moon** will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> July and special series of services entitled **Space for God** will take place on Sunday evenings.

During the October Half Term the National Space Centre in Leicester will bring their **Inflatable Planetarium** to give a tour of the sky a night, and there will be also be a chance for families to get together and **Meet You at the Moon** when the cover band *Shakeout* entertains. Full details of all the events are on the Cathedral website.

Canon Tim Alban Jones, Vice Dean of Peterborough, said:

"As we slowly emerge from the restrictions of the global pandemic it's truly wonderful to have the opportunity to see things from such a different perspective. I hope that this close-up glimpse of somewhere that is normally hundreds of thousands of miles away will help visitors have a sense of the vastness of God's universe and to think about our place within it."

The artist, Peter Walker, said:

“This is an artwork designed to let us think about exploration, about possibilities and about how that one small step we might take in our own lives could bring us closer to our own understanding of the vastness and otherness of existence. It is an artwork designed for those who wish to examine closely the surface of the moon which we have all looked up and considered, but it is also designed as a playful space for family adventure. More than anything this is a fantastic opportunity to tell everyone that you have been somewhere quite different this summer and take a selfie on the moon.”

Entry to the Cathedral and the exhibition is by donation. The opening hours for *One Small Step* are usually 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Saturday, and 12.00 noon until 3.00pm on Sundays. On Thursdays during the school holidays the exhibition will also be open from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Times may vary and it is advisable to check the website before visiting.

Visitors are asked to ensure that they wear flat heeled shoes to walk on the moon surface. More information is at [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/onesmallstep](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/onesmallstep).

The exhibition is being supported by sponsors [Henson Crisp Ltd](#), [Independent Financial Advisers](#) and [Speed Agency](#).

## Lunar-themed events during *One Small Step* at Peterborough Cathedral

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 6.30pm**

### **Space for God**

In the Cathedral

A series of informal services using *One Small Step* as a prompt to consider the grandeur of God's creation. Bring a cushion if you'd like to sit on the moon floor (nearby chairs will be available).

**Saturday 24th July at 7.30pm**

### **Gabriella Sings 'Songs to the Moon'**

In the Cathedral

Mezzo soprano Gabriella Pineda-Rodrigues and her accompanist Kate Wishart present a programme of classical arias and popular songs with a distinctly lunar theme.

Tickets: £15 + booking fee.

**From Saturday 30th July**

**Selected Thursdays (evening), Fridays and Saturdays**

### **Moon with a View**

From 10.30am, every 45 minutes. Last climb at 1.30pm.

In the Cathedral

Climb the ancient stone steps and see *One Small Step* from above, then keep going up to see

the amazing view from the top of the central tower. Times may be subject to change.  
Tickets: £6 per person. Ages 8+. Book and pay on arrival. Conditions apply.

### **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

#### **Dancing on the Moon: A Silent Disco**

In the Cathedral

The Cathedral's ever-popular silent disco returns, this time with the added bonus of *One Small Step* in the Cathedral - so you really can dance on the moon! Flat shoes only please.

Tickets: £7 person + booking fee, with discount for groups of 10 or more.

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **One Giant Leap**

10.00am, 12.00 noon and 2.00pm. Session lasts 90 minutes

In the Cathedral

A children's activity session, including making a parachute for teddy to take 'One Giant Leap'! Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Tickets: £6 per child including a teddy to take home (parents/carers free of charge). Pre-booking strongly advised.

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

#### **Safe in Space**

10.00am, 12.00 noon and 2.00pm. Show lasts 30 minutes

Outside in the Cloisters

An outdoor science show led by the Cambridge Science Centre. This fun and engaging show will demonstrate how it is possible to be safe in space.

Tickets: Entry by donation. Numbers are limited so please book your place(s) in advance.

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

#### **Meet you at the Moon, with 'Shakeout'**

7.30pm for 8.00pm

In the Cathedral

Start your half term week with a great night out for all the family, entertained by the excellent covers band, *Shakeout*. They'll be selecting feel-good hits from their vast repertoire, including some moon-related favourites.

**Tickets:** £10 adult, £6 child, £30 family (2 adults, 3 children) + booking fee.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **Star Dome Inflatable Planetarium**

10.00am to 4.00pm. Sessions on the hour

In the Cathedral

The National Space Centre in Leicester bring their amazing inflatable planetarium to the Cathedral to give tours of the night sky.

Tickets: £5 per person + booking fee. Pre-booking strongly advised.

**For more information and to book tickets visit [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/events.aspx](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/events.aspx)**

## Notes to Editors

1. *One Small Step* was originally created by Peter Walker to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Lunar Landing in 2019, when it was shown at Lichfield Cathedral.
2. Alongside the exhibition are a set of interpretation panels, originally developed by Lichfield Cathedral and Kathryn Walker. These invite visitors to consider the questions about God, space, humanity and science that are raised by the artwork.
3. Apollo 11 was launched on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1969, the moon landing took place on 20<sup>th</sup> July and the mission returned to earth on 24<sup>th</sup> July.  
[https://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/apollo/apollo-11.html](https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/apollo/apollo-11.html).
4. The artist Peter Walker is also part of the artistic collaboration known as Luxmuralis whose stunning sound and light show, ***The Angels are Coming***, will be presented at Peterborough Cathedral from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Details coming soon.
5. Live in the Cloisters: During August the Cathedral is hosting several family-friendly outdoor theatre shows in the Cloisters, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> August. You can find full details here [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/live-in-the-cloisters.aspx](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/live-in-the-cloisters.aspx).

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