

St Paul's Cathedral opening hour variations and closures
December 2025 – May 2026

Please note that the Cathedral is not open for sightseeing on Sundays, but the shop is open.

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The Cathedral usually opens for sightseeing Monday to Saturday at 08.30. (10.00 on Wednesday). Last admission to the Cathedral is usually at 16.00. Once inside the Cathedral, access to the Dome Galleries is usually from 09.30 to 16.15 (10.00 to 16.15 on Wednesdays). The Cathedral usually closes for sightseeing at 16.30. The shop closes at 16.30.

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Within the Dome, all three Galleries (Whispering, Stone and Golden Galleries) are currently open. Entry to the Golden Gallery is subject to availability due to capacity management at busy times and there may be time restrictions in place.

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The restaurant is closed. Our café is open in the Crypt Monday – Saturday.

Wed 3rd December Last entry for sightseeing 15.15. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.30.
Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.30

Tue 9th December Last entry for sightseeing 15.00. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.15.
Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.30.

Fri 12th December Last entry for sightseeing 15.30. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.45.
Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.30.

Sat 13th December Last entry for sightseeing 14.45. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.00.
Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.00.

Sat 20th December Cathedral opens for sightseeing 13.00.

Mon 22nd December Last entry for sightseeing 15.30. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.45.
Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.30.

Tue 23rd December Last entry for sightseeing 13.15. Last access to Dome Galleries 13.30.
Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 14.15.

Wed 24th December Last entry for sightseeing 13.15. Last access to Dome Galleries 13.30.

	Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 14.15.
Thu 25 th December	Christmas Day. Open for prayer and worship only. No sightseeing.
Fri 26 th December	Cathedral opens for sightseeing 09.00.
Thu 1 st January	Cathedral opens for sightseeing 09.00.
Sat 17 th January	Last entry for sightseeing 13.00. Last access to Dome Galleries 13.15. Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 14.00.
Mon 19 th January	Cathedral closed. No sightseeing.
Tue 20 th January	Cathedral closed. No sightseeing.
Wed 28 th January	Cathedral opens for sightseeing 13.00.
Thu 12 th February	Last entry for sightseeing 11.00. Last access to Dome Galleries 11.15. Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 12.30.
Wed 18 th February	Ash Wednesday. Cathedral open for prayer and worship only. No sightseeing.
Fri 20 th March	Cathedral Floor closed all morning, expected to re-open at 13.00.
Wed 25 th March	Last entry for sightseeing 15.15. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.30 Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.30.
Thu 2 nd April	Cathedral floor closed all morning expected to re-open at 12.45pm
Fri 3 rd April	Good Friday. Cathedral open for prayer and worship only. No sightseeing.
Sat 4 th April	Last entry for sightseeing 15.00. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.15. Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.30.
Tue 12 th May	Last entry for sightseeing 14.30. Last access to Dome Galleries 14.45. Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 15.30.
Sat 16 th May	Last entry for sightseeing 15.00. Last access to Dome Galleries 15.15. Cathedral Floor clear of visitors 16.00.

Tue 19th May Cathedral floor closed all morning, expected to re-open at 13.00.

If you would like to advise us of a group visit or have any questions about visiting St Paul's Cathedral
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