Durham City Church Map - a journey through time

So you think you know Durham City? You have enjoyed the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Durham Cathedral and Castle, explored other fascinating attractions, shopped until you have dropped and strolled along the city's picturesque riverbanks.

Stay longer - we have other special places to share with you. Whilst Durham Cathedral is undoubtedly the largest church in the city and worthy of its international reputation, it is not the only church with a captivating story to tell. Our intriguing parish churches and places of worship allow you to discover heritage on a personal level embracing the quirky, the poignant and the charming.

Some are architectural gems. Many display beautiful, decorative art. Others have interesting links with the world of music. They all have their own stories that are linked by one common thread, because as active living places of worship, each and every one of them is achieving something quite remarkable.

You may want to linger at some of the cafés, tea rooms and coffee shops listed in this guide, which can serve you delicious food and refreshing drinks.

So, take some tranquil time out from the hustle and bustle of the city's narrow medieval streets and explore the oasis of calm these places offer. Look beyond the obvious to find the unusual. These are 'story books in stone' which will appeal to all ages. Be prepared to smile at what you see, reflect on what you read and delighted by what you discover.



Our Lady of Mercy and St. Godric Church

This church was founded in 1864 to accommodate the large number of Irish labourers who came to help build the railway and contributed to the growing Catholic population of

St. Godric (c1065-1170) was a Norfolk-born merchant, ship's captain and possibly a pirate, before

conversion to religious life, retreating to Finchale to live the remainder of his life as a monk and hermit. He reputedly lived to 105.

The architect was Edward (Teddy) Welby Pugin (1834-75), a member of one of the most influential families of 19th century architectural history. His career benefitted from a major growth in the building of Roman Catholic churches across the country. He produced dignified places of worship even when working to a limited budget. The church was badly damaged by fire in 1985, but re-opened after two years of careful restoration in 1987.

Refer to website or helpline. Service and worship times:

Sunday 9am-10.45am and 3pm-4pm, Weekdays 10am-10.30am and 2pm-3pm. Open on request, subject to availability.

Our Lady of Mercy and St. Godric Church, Castle Chare, Durham DH1 4RA.

0191 384 3810 www.durhammartyrs.co.uk





Fascinating fact...

The martyr, St. John Boste, executed at nearby Dryburn is depicted in pitman sculptor Michael Doyle's carved wooden statue as having six digits on his right hand. Known as the 'Penny Church', because it was funded by subscriptions from local working class families and Irish workers building the viaduct in 1857.



Durham Castle -The Norman Chapel and The Tunstall Chapel

The Tunstall Chapel was created in the 16th century by a Prince Bishop of Durham, Cuthbert Tunstall (1474-1559), and was built during the early days of the English Reformation, when King Henry VIII broke with the church of

The wood panelling of the Tunstall Chapel is notable for several unusual 15th century folding seats called misericords or 'mercy seats' which depict various mythical beasts. One carving shows a man apparently carrying his wife in a wheelbarrow.

The Norman Chapel is among the most important spaces in the castle and the city. It was built around 1080, is the oldest standing building in Durham and has a powerful atmosphere.

Opening times

Refer to website or helpline. University term time: Guided tours only most days in the afternoon. University holidays: Guided tours only - most days in the morning and afternoon.

There is a charge for admission, which is by guided tour only. Facilities for the visually impaired are available so please request when you book on to the tour.

The Norman Chapel and The Tunstall Chapel, Durham Castle, Palace Green,

www.dur.ac.uk/durham.castle 0191 334 2932

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castle.tours@durham.ac.uk @durham_uni

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Fascinating fact..

The stone columns of the Norman Chapel are decorated with original carvings representing a variety of animals and strange creatures, including one of the oldest depictions of a mermaid in the country.



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church

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e church was designed by English ize Courts, which stand opposite e church and a railway bridge for the ewly opened Stockton and Darlingtor

In 1931 a stained glass window designe by Irish born Harry Clarke (1889-1931) was installed. Displaying all the tradition craftsmanship of the Arts and Crafts

Opening times

Refer to website or helpline. Sunday 8.30am-12.30pm and 6pm-7.45pm, Friday 10am-3pm, Saturday 10am-12 noon. Open for a short time before and after mass at 10am and 6.30pm on Sundays. Open on request, subject to availability during parish office hours.

St. Cuthbert's Catholic Church, Old Elvet

www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk 0191 384 3442

✓ office@stcuthberts-durham.org.uk

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Fascinating fact... Technically Durham Cathedral is within the boundaries of the Parish, which makes St. Cuthbert's Roman Catholic church unusual among Catholic churches in having its patron saint enshrined within the Parish.



Elvet Methodist Church

"Christ The Good Shepherd 1996), an original bronze statue made by a former nember of the community, ne late Mr Robert Raymond yos spected to mark 225 years of Methodism i Durham City.

possesses a fine three manu pipe organ, built in 1934 by the Durham firm of Nelson and now maintained by the internationally

famous Durham organ builders Harrison and Harrison Ltd. As well as being used for regular worship, the church and ancillary rooms are the venue for other public events including concerts, musical

Fascinating fact...

There has been formal Methodism in the Elvet area of Durham City for almost 250 years, centred on the Meeting House in Rattan Row, the Wesleyan Chapel (which existed in the grounds of the present Marriott Royal County Hotel) and the present Methodist Church.

191 384 7599

Elvet Methodist Church, Old Elvel Durham DH1 3HL.



St. Cuthbert's 5 North Road

The church was completed in 1863 and the architect was **Durham-born Edward Robert** Robson (1836-1917). This was his first church design and shows interesting French influence, built of pale sandstone with grey slates, laid in a diaper pattern over the huge south facing roof.

The church interior has a stunningly spacious nave. Ten magnificent stained-glass windows commemorating the

patron saints of other city churches decorate the semi-circular apse and were donated in memory of William Lloyd Wharton (1789-1867), creator of neighbouring Wharton Park.

In 1831, North Road was extended to join Framwellgate Peth, allowing quicker access to the north from the city centre.

Fascinating fact...

A beautiful Grade 1 listed Lych Gate provides an impressive entrance. From the German word "leiche" meaning corpse, in past years these gates were traditionally where a coffin would be rested before moving into the church. This one was unveiled in 1921 as a First World War Memorial then re-consecrated in 1988 to commemorate the Second World War. War graves are located in the burial ground. The present day church stands on the site of the medieval Chapel of St. Lawrence.

Opening times

Refer to website or helpline for more information. Open to visitors Wednesday 10am-3pm and for services.

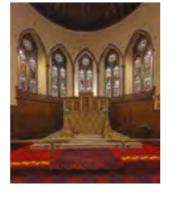
Open on request and subject to availability, call 0191 384 7825. Free entry.

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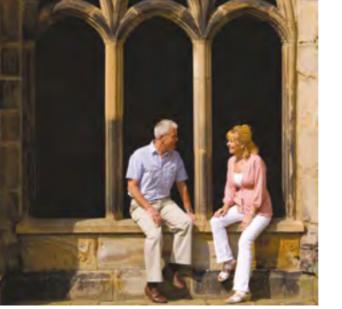
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Please note the churches are listed in alphabetical order and not trail order. This is a map and you should plan your own routes according to opening times and locations of the churches and cafés.



Tea room and/or coffee shop

Key to contact information / facilities symbols

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Durham County Record Office

County Hall, Dryburn Road, Durham DH1 5UL. Would you like to find out more about any of the churches in the leaflet or your family history? Contact Durham County Record Office, which cares for parish archives.

Open Monday to Tuesday 8.45am-4.45pm, Wednesday 8.45am-8pm.

www.durhamrecordoffice.org.uk 📞 03000 267 619

Visitor information For information on attractions, events, places to stay and where to eat, contact Durham's official visitor contact centre

www.thisisdurham.com

03000 262626 f @thisisdurham

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Information points:

Durham Indoor Market, Market Place Gala Theatre & Cinema, Millennium Place **Durham Town Hall**, Market Place

World Heritage Site Visitor Centre, 7 Owengate

Durham Pointers (Seasonal), Market Place – Look out for the Market Place, alongside their distinctive trike. Assisting visitors with directions to attractions, places to eat, leaflets and maps, the North East England 'Visitor Information Provider' 2018 winners are present 7 days a week from mid-May to early October.

Durham City Shopmobility – For information and guidance, contact on www.durhamshopmobility.co.uk or call 0191 386 8556.

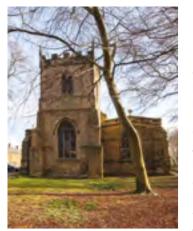
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Church

St. Giles was founded in 1112 by the Bishop of Durham, Ranulf Flambard (c1060-1128). It was constructed as a chapel for nearby Kepier Hospital, an almshouse which the same Bishop had also established.

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St. Godric (c1065-1170), a retired sailor and merchant, was the doorkeeper of St. Giles church in the 12th century

before he settled at Finchale in the valley of the River Wear three miles from Durham, where he lived as a hermit for the rest of his long life.

In 1545 the estate at Kepier Hospital was sold during the period known as the Dissolution of the Monasteries and came into the ownership of the Heath family. In the chancel of the church stands the effigy of John Heath of Kepier (d.1591) which shows him dressed in armour. Fewer than 100 of these wooden effigies survive in England

Opening times

Refer to website or helpline. Tuesday to Friday mornings (university term-time only) 10am Wednesday - Communion Service, **10am Sunday - Communion Service**. Open on request subject to availability, call 0191 374 1079.

Free entry.

- St. Giles Church, Church Lane, Gilesgate, Durham DH1 1QQ.
- www.stgilesdurham.org.uk
- 0191 374 1079
- **StGilesDurham**
- @stgilesdurham



Fascinating fact...

In 1143, St. Giles was almost burnt down following a dispute between the Pope and King David I of Scotland (1084-1153) over who would be the next Bishop of Durham.





Built by St. Margaret's Church in the 1890s, St. John's initial role was as a 'Mission Church'. It originally stood surrounded by open green fields.

It was built with growth in mind and was designed so that additional capacity could be added as the congregation increased. Bricked-up arches were knocked through fifteen years later and one hundred years later to create space when the need arose.

Features include carved pews and screen by Yorkshire-based Robert 'Mousey' Thompson (1876-1955) and a colourful 21st century glass fon by local artist Janet Rogers.

The church is known locally for its multi-age congregation and is beautifully sunlit through clear glass windows.

Fascinating fact...

Since 2007, the church has hosted an annual Eco Festival featuring a free 'green' community event with live music each June.

Opening times

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- 0191 384 2433
- parish.smxg.sjnx@





St. Margaret of Antioch

St. Margaret's is a Grade 1 listed building of 'exceptional interest'. Take a trip through architectural history via its 12th century nave and chancel, 14th

century aisle, 15th century tower, 18th century memorials and 19th century stained glass

Features range from an original 12th century Frosterley Marble font to a late 20th century sculpture on the theme of universal motherhood: the "Madonna and Child" by local artist Brian Scraton.

The church has been home to a lively range of worship over recent years, from charismatic to Catholic, with active links to local schools, colleges and charities.

Fascinating fact...

Sir John Duck (c1632-1691), known as Durham's 'Dick Whittington', is buried here. According to local legend John Duck's bleak future took a turn for the better when a raven dropped a gold coin at his feet as he walked by the River Wear. The former butcher's apprentice progressed to become a coal entrepreneur, Mayor of Durham (in 1690) and was eventually knighted by King Charles II.

Opening times

Refer to website or helpline When possible, open on weekday mornings; please see vebsite for more info: www.stmargaretsdurham.org.uk Open on request and subject to vailability. Call 0191 384 2433.

- St. Margaret of Antioch, Crossgate, Durham DH1 4PR
- www.stmargaretsdurham.org.uk 0191 384 2433

Free entry.

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St. Mary The Less Church

St. Mary The Les was founded in the 12th century as a garrison stationed on th nearby city wa

Durham Cathed Mary the Virgin and St. Cuthbert of Durha

> Features include a rare 13th century sculpture depicting lesus Christ and a memorial to the 'Little Count' Joseph Boruwlaski (1739-1837), a Polish-born dwarf who entertained European courts and lived in a nouse close to the church

Fascinating fact...

His Royal Highness, Charles Prince of Wales is directly onnected to the church hrough his seven times grea grandmother, Dame Elizabeth Bowes (1651-1736). She and two of her daughters, Jane and Elizabeth, are buried in a vault in the chapel.

BOWES 1651-1736 lived here and lies buried in the Chapel of St Mary the Les HRH The Prince of Wales 15th February 201

t John's Colleg

BOWES HOUSE

DAME ELIZABETH

Daily during University term time between morning and evening prayer (approximately 9am-5pm) and weekends outside of services.

- St. Mary The Less Church, South Bailey, Durham DH1 3RJ.

got there. It returned home in 1904.

St. Nicholas Church



The 'church in the Market Place' was built in 1858 and restored in 1981. It occupies the site of an earlier church dating back 900 years which stood adjacent to the now-demolished Clayport and Walkergate entrances of the medieval city.

In the 1970s the vicar was the Reverend George Carey, who later became Archbishop of Canterbury (1991-2002). His vision was to have the church open every day of the week

The oldest object in the church is probably the communion table in the chapel. This was made out of wood from the belfry of the medieval church.

Opening times

Refer to website or helpline Open on request and subject to availability.

Free entry.

St. Nicholas Church, Market Place, Durham DH1 3NJ.

- www.stnics.org.uk 0191 384 1180
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- @stnicsdurham



Fascinating fact...

The old font, just inside the door, was lost for many years. It turned up in the London garden of a Member of Parliament. No one knows how it

Church St. Oswald's is probably the oldest of Durham City's parish churches

St. Oswald's

dating from 12th century and expanded in the 14th and 15th

15th century choir stalls, mediev roof brackets, sculpted medieva stone grave covers and stained glass ranging from medieval fragments to the 1970s.

famous composer of hymn tunes, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876) was vicar in the 19th century. His work included the tunes Hollingside ("Jesu lover of my Soul") and Melita ("Eternal Father, strong to save")

Opening times Refer to websites or helpline. Monday to

Friday during daylight hours. Open or request and subject to availability. Free entry. St. Oswald's Church, Church Street,

Durham DH1 3DQ

- www.oswalds.org.uk **C** 0191 383 0830
- ★ office@oswalds.org.uk

St. Oswald's, destroyir the organ and damaging the chancel. This event

Fascinating fact...





The Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St. Cuthbert of Durham

Founded in 1093, the nave was built in just 40 years. The UNESCO cathedral's stone vault was a Norman engineering feat made possible by the use of the first structural pointed arch.

St. Cuthbert (634-687AD) and the Venerable Bede (672-735AD). St. Cuthbert's Anglo-Saxon relics are beautifully displayed in Open Treasure, the cathedral's multi award-winning museum experience

Filming location for blockbuster films including two Harry Potter films (in 2001 and 2002) and Marvel Studios' Avengers: Endgame (2019).

On the north facing exterior wall of the cathedral, a stone carving of a cow and a milkmaid is a reference to the legendary story of how Durham City

Opening times

No admission charge, but suggested donation of £3 per person. Charges apply to Open Treasure, guided tours and tower trips.

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Waddington **Street United Reformed Church**

Built in 1872 as a Presbyterian Church by a group of expatriate Scots, this is a compact Victorian structure, externally unchanged and located in an urban conservation area.

The pipe organ was built in 1895 by the Durham organ builders Harrison and Harrison Ltd, a thriving company with an international reputation, which is still based in the county today.

The organ continues in regular use and is regarded as a classic example of Harrison and Harrison's work from the end of the 19th century.

The 'Waddington Street Fallen' booklet commemorates those from the church community who were killed in the two World Wars. It can be downloaded from the website and family history researchers may find

Sundays 10.45am for worship. Otherwise as advertised on the website. Open on request, subject to availability, email waddingtonsturc@gmail.com

Waddington Street United Reformed Church, Waddington Street, Durham

www.durhamurc.org.uk



Claypath.

Fascinating fact... Acts of Parliament in 1662 aimed to

St. Mary-le-Bow

medieval times to the 20th century in this former parish church and excellent local Enjoy models of



and the 19th century Market Place and explore the reconstruction of a Victorian prison cell. In the adjacent garden is a statue of 'Cuthbert of Farne' by renowned local artist Dr Fenwick Lawson.

Opening times

April & May: Weekends and Bank Holidays 11am-4.30pm. June, July, August and September: Daily 11am-4.30pm. October: Weekends 11am-4.30pm.

northroadwebsite@gmail.com

www.durhammuseum.co.uk 0191 384 5589 Durham Museum

North Road

Bethel Chapel, which is dates back to 1853.

This church does not

The details of its services and group events can be found on its website www.northroadmethodistchurch.org.uk/Events Access is limited due to the church being used on a daily basis by outside

have regular opening times for the public outside of the weekly services.

North Road Methodist Church, North Road, Durham DH1 4SG. NorthRoadMethodistChurch

The college has a chapel (built in 1851) which is open daily to students for use by university faith practise on the Harrison & Harrison organ in the

chapel.

The chapel is not open to the public, but Choral Evensong is held on Mondays at 6.30pm during the University term to which the public are welcome. The public are also welcome to organ recitals which are held from time to time. For more details contact: <a> 0191 334 2633.

Durham School Chapel

Only open to the public during the annual Heritage Open Days in September, certain concerts and publicised events.

Durham School Chapel, Durham DH1 4SZ.



Take a break at a tea room, a coffee house or a café

A family-run independent café based in Durham's historic subscription reading rooms serving a wide range of food from light bites and paninis through to home-made quiche, salads and soups. Facebook: @cafedral 1st Floor, Owengate House, Durham DH1 3HB. 💟 @cafedral

while sipping a glass of wine or a local craft ale. Palace Green, Durham DH1 3RL.

Claypath Delicatessen is a café and Delicatessen offering a wide range of carefully sourced produce to eat in or take away for breakfast or lunch. They source produce locally where possible. 57 Claypath, Durham DH1 1QS. 30191 340 7209

A family owned cake shop where all baked goods are made in their own local bakery. Offers a huge variety of traditional and modern delights plus freshly baked cookie doughs and topped waffles.

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The Garden Gate Café is open seven days a week serving breakfasts and light lunches alongside mouth-watering homemade cakes and

A family-run business specialising in using local producers and suppliers. Award-winning homemade food specially prepared and cooked on the premises from scratch. Durham Indoor Market, Durham DH1 3NJ. 383 1113

Durham Cathedral's Undercroft Restaurant The Undercroft Restaurant is located off the cloister and offers a selection of homemade snacks and meals in a beautiful medieval space.

B Café on the Green Come and enjoy freshly made sandwiches, toasties, delicious fruit scones with clotted cream and a selection of barista served hot drinks. Take a seat outside, enjoy the spectacular views of Durham Cathedral

D It's All About The Cake

■ 0191 447 6050 ■ @itsallaboutthecake

Unit 43, The Riverwalk, Durham DH1 4SL.

Linked to venues and attractions

Garden Gate Café at Crook Hall

Crook Hall & Gardens, Frankland Lane, Durham DH1 5TA.

Café Cenno – Market Hall



Riverside Bar & Café – Students' Union Riverside Café is open from 8.30am weekdays offering a wide range

of food and drink, including breakfast, sandwiches, coffee, snacks and a range of hot and cold drinks. Dunelm House, New Elvet, Durham DH1 3AN.

0191 334 1777 www.durhamsu.com/riverside

The Brew Bar

The Brew Bar in Durham city centre provides the perfect opportunity to relax and unwind whilst enjoying the city views. Durham Marriott Hotel Royal County, Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3JN.

Wharton Park Café

W Botanic Garden Café Visit the tranquil Botanic Garden nestled on the edge of Durham City. Freshly prepared sandwiches using local ingredients make this café a

destination venue. Durham University, Hollingside Lane, Durham DH1 3TN. 💟 0191 334 5518 🌐 www.dur.ac.uk/botanic.garden

Courtyard Café

A contemporary café located within Palace Green Library with a unique glass roof offering an alternative viewpoint of the cathedral towers. Come and visit us for a barista style coffee, fresh soup, sandwiches or a piece of delicious cake Palace Green Library, Palace Green, Durham DH1 3RN. 🔼 0191 334 3823

Tinderbox Coffee House at Hotel Indigo Tinderbox Expresso Emporium within Hotel Indigo Durham.

Hotel Indigo, 9 Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HL. 🕓 0191 329 3535 www.durham.hotelindigo.com/tinderbox-coffee-house/

Please check for opening times on the telephone numbers and websites as listed or check www.thisisdurham.com for details.



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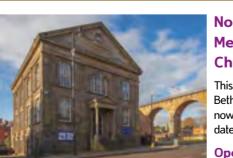
restrict the holders of public offices in England to members of the Church of England. This resulted in the persecution of Presbyterians around the country, forcing some to meet in secret by night or early morning. One such group in Durham, predecessors of the present day community, resorted to meeting secretly in a shoemaker's house in

More Durham City churches

Relive the story of Durham from history museum



Admission: Adults £2.50, concessions £2, children £1. Durham Museum and Heritage Centre, 40 North Bailey, Durham DH1 3ET.



Methodist Church This Grade 2 listed

now a Methodist Church. Opening times

Groups wishing to arrange private viewings can apply via email to

Hatfield College Chapel

quiet reflection and prayer. The chapel is bookable for groups. Students who play the organ may also book to

Opening times

Hatfield College Chapel, North Bailey, Durham DH1 3RQ.

War Memorial Chapel built in 1926.

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Claypath Delicatessen

0191 386 6821

Wharton Park Café is housed within the heritage centre of the park attraction in Durham City. North Road, Durham DH1 4RR. 3 03000 262 655

www.thisisdurham.com/food-and-drink/cafe-cenno-p97381

Durham Cathedral, Durham DH1 3EQ.