

Opening Hours

The cathedral building is open to visitors at the following times:

Summer (April to September)

Tuesday: 1 pm - 3.00 pm

Wednesday to Saturday: 11 am - 3.00 pm

Winter (October to March)

Tuesday: 12 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday to Saturday: 10 am - 1 pm

Regular Services

Sunday

11.00 am

Sung Eucharist
Young Church, activities for Children, teenagers and Crèche. Refreshments

Sunday

6.00 pm

1st Sunday of the month:
Prayer for Healing.
2nd Sunday: Choral Evensong.
3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday:
Sung Evening Prayer
(except July/August)

Tuesday

1.00 pm

Midday Prayer

Wednesday

1.00 pm

Midday Prayer and Eucharist

Thursday

9.45 am

Eucharist (said)

1.00 pm

Midday Prayer

Friday

1.00 pm

Midday Prayer and Eucharist

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St Paul's Cathedral Tour Guide

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Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral in Dundee. We hope the information in this guide is useful as you explore this building.

St Paul's was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott. The foundation stone was laid in 1853 and the building was completed and dedicated for worship in 1855. It was consecrated St Paul's Church in 1865 then consecrated as a cathedral in 1905.

Start at the rear of the church, and move to your right:

The Font

This is placed in the traditional position near the entrance of the church, symbolising that baptism signifies entry into the church. Parts of this font (which came originally from Lindores Abbey in Fife) were found in a garden in Newburgh, Fife.

Portrait of Bishop Forbes by Otto Leyde

Alexander Penrose Forbes became Bishop of Brechin in 1848 and was responsible for the building of this beautiful Cathedral. In the 1850's Dundee had its share of poverty and squalor: Bishop Forbes had a vision of a building which would provide a refuge and inspiration for Dundonians who lived in the city's crowded tenements.

Between this portrait and the Lady Chapel there are various commemorative plaques, the first of which is...

The Chalmers Plaque

James Chalmers was a local Castle Street stationery shop owner who invented the adhesive postage stamp. Failure to patent this invention has resulted in few people outside Scotland crediting him with this invention. *Move to the front right hand corner of the church...*

The Lady Chapel

When the Earl of Huntington was a victim of a shipwreck near the mouth of the River Tay, he was washed up on the shore near Dundee. As an act of thanks he founded a church of St Mary in Dundee, and Mary replaced St Clement as the town's patron saint. The altar in the Lady Chapel was brought here from an earlier St Paul's Chapel in Castle Street. The mosaic depicting the Angel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary were added at a later date.

The High Altar

This mosaic reredos was designed by Salviati of Venice. To the left of the altar is the Bishop's seat, or *Cathedra* (having a bishop's seat is what changes a church into being a cathedral).

The carvings on either side of the Bishop's seat are (right) **St Margaret**, Queen of Scotland and wife of Malcolm III, and their sixth and youngest son, **King David I**, who is holding a model of Brechin Cathedral, which he founded. On the same side of these carvings are **St Andrew**, patron saint of Scotland (holding the Saltire cross of his martyrdom); **St Paul** (who this Cathedral is dedicated to) holding his symbol the sword; and **St Modwenna**, former abbess of a religious house in the nearby Carse of Gowrie.

Tomb of Bishop Forbes

Bishop Forbes died on October 8, 1875. Such was the esteem he was held in, this memorial was paid for by the congregation and people of Dundee.

The Organ

The organ has three manuals and was constructed by Hill & Son of London in 1865. There have been alterations over the years, the latest being in 1975 when the organ was reconstructed by Hill, Norman & Beard. *Move down past the organ, and turn right...*

St Roque's Altar

Dedicated to the patron saint of plague victims, Roque (or Roche) was a 14th century Italian hero. Originally St Roque's Church stood in the Blackcroft area of Dundee. In the 1950's it was closed and the altar and war memorial were moved to here.

Stained Glass Windows

These were constructed mainly by Harman and Co. of Birmingham, with some others by Scott & Draper of Carlisle and Gibbs of London. *Move to the rear of the church...*

Lindores Cabinet

Some of the panels of this cabinet are medieval, coming from Lindores Abbey. The panels found their way to Dundee Parish Church and were built into the church's pulpit. They remained there until 1688, and some panels were then built into this cabinet.