



# The Bishop's Palace & Gardens

WELLS, SOMERSET

## Prices

Adult £10

Child (5-18) £5

Child (0-4) FREE

Family 2 Adults up to 3 children £25

Includes free daily guided tours

Dogs on leads welcomed throughout  
the Gardens

*Discover beauty,  
tranquillity and  
history in the  
heart of Somerset.*

## Opening dates 2020

WINTER

10am-4pm

(27th October - 30th March)

SUMMER

10am-6pm

(31st March - 26th October)

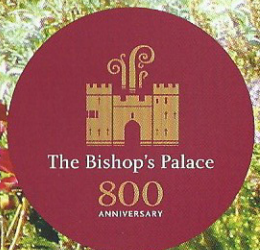
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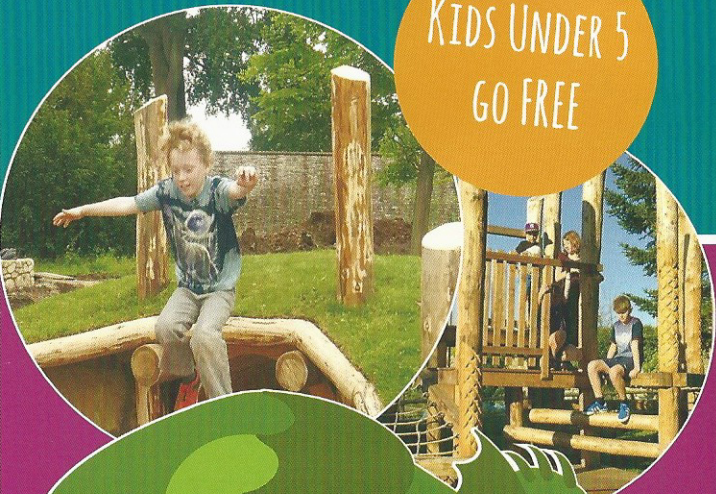
# FAMILY FUN AT THE BISHOP'S PALACE

## HOME TO THE DRAGON'S LAIR

*There's so much for families to do at The Bishop's Palace – whatever the weather, you can always have a great day out!*

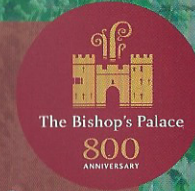
*Explore 14 acres of gardens: there are trees to climb, animals to discover, places to hide, and an ancient story map to follow, to find The Dragon's Lair play area. This new, interactive space is designed around the legend of the 13th century dragon – killed by the Bishop who built the Palace! With a pole jungle, tree pods, a waterwheel and sluice gates, it's sure to exercise both minds and bodies. Family activities also take place during school holidays.*

KIDS UNDER 5  
GO FREE



## Palace 800

### May-September 2020



*To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the building of the Palace, The Palace Trust is holding a programme of celebratory community events from May-September 2020. Events include a Pageant in May, a celebratory Evensong at Wells Cathedral, A Medieval Fair over August Bank Holiday, talks, recitals and an exhibition, and a People's Picnic in September.*

## Christmas Artisan Markets

### 6th-8th November

*Start your Christmas shopping off in style with our fabulous array of artisan stalls. Wander through the medieval rooms of the Palace filled with ideas, inspiration and unique gifts from over 40 local artisans.*

*Tickets will be available at a reduced price of £8 for Adults and £4 for children and the event is to raise funds for The Palace Trust*

## Garden Festival

### 19th-21st June

*Join us for our annual Garden Festival – one of the biggest events of the year in Wells. This long weekend is designed to celebrate the Great British Garden and the diverse gardens of the 14 acre site will be at their very best. Throughout the weekend there will be expert speakers, garden tours, stalls and nurseries, live music, and food and drink.*

## Christmas at the Palace

### 6th-23rd December

*This year, The Bishop's Palace will once again be celebrating the magic of the Christmas season with over two weeks of festive fun! See the Palace adorned with stunning decorations in the lead up to Christmas. Don't forget to book early to see Father Christmas – it always sells out.*



# Welcome to

## The Bishop's Palace, home to the Bishops of Bath & Wells for 800 years.

*"A stunning medieval Palace situated in 14 acres of RHS partner gardens and home to the well pools that give the City its name. Discover beauty, tranquillity and history within the ancient ramparts."*



### Explore the Gardens

Enjoy the wonderfully diverse planting of the Gardens encompassing formal, Dutch style, topiary, water gardens, an Arboretum, the contemporary Quiet Garden, the romantic, ruined Great Hall, and the new Dragon's Lair Play Area.



### The Bishop's Table

*"The best café view in Somerset"*

Locally sourced breakfast, lunch, cakes, drinks and snacks.

Children's Menu. Dog-friendly.

## *"A magical place"*



### Step inside the Palace...

... to find the vaulted, medieval Undercroft, an elegant Long Gallery, the historically significant Glastonbury Chair and regular, temporary exhibitions.



### Discover the Wells

Home to the well pools that give the City of Wells its name, the presence of water has shaped the unique architecture and landscape of the Palace.



### THE BISHOP'S SWANS

The Bishop's swans first learned to ring a bell for food in the 1870s. The tradition continues to this day.

## *"The highlight of our visit to Wells"*

