

# Visit Us

We invite you to visit St Mary Redcliffe Church; a masterpiece of Gothic architecture once described by Queen Elizabeth I as:

*“The fairest, goodliest and most famous parish church in England.”*

This historic church has stood for over 800 years as a witness to the beauty and welcome of God, the skills and talents of craftsmen and women, and the care and faithfulness of generations of Christians.

*“Thou seest this maystrie of a human hand,  
The pride of Brystowe and the Westerne lande”*

From *Onn Oure Ladies Chyrche*  
By Thomas Chatterton

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## Opening Times

Sundays 7:30am - 8:00pm  
Weekdays 8:00am - 5:00pm  
Bank Hols 9:00am - 4:00pm



## Sunday Services

8:00am Holy Communion  
9:30am Sung Eucharist with Sunday School  
11:15am Choral Mattins  
6:30pm Choral Evensong

## Free Entry

# ST MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH

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visitor guide

# 12 things to see.....

- 1.** The tomb and effigy of William Canynge the Younger, five times Mayor, successful merchant and church benefactor. Find him in the south transept.
- 2.** The renovated St John's Chapel, containing the new 'boat' altar and a C16th statue of Queen Elizabeth I. Also look out for Cabot's whalebone!
- 3.** A stained glass window commemorating John Cabot's historic 1497 voyage of discovery to America aboard his ship, *The Matthew*.
- 4.** Medieval octagonal stone font with carved angel, a suspended golden dove and painted inscription at the west end of the nave.
- 5.** The remarkable, intricately carved entrance to the North Porch - an unusual hexagonal porch in front of a porch - displaying a strong Moorish influence.
- 6.** The luminous Lady Chapel containing modern stained glass designed by artist and sculptor Harry Stammers (1902-69). Look out for the handbag!
- 7.** A breathtaking view along the central aisle from the chancel to the west end of the nave, including the church's world famous Harrison & Harrison organ.
- 8.** C17th armour of Sir William Penn - father of William Penn the Quaker, who founded Pennsylvania. The tomb of the elder is near the south transept.
- 9.** Towering pillars and Gothic arches combine to breathtaking effect in the view from one transept to another, taking in the church crossing.
- 10.** Look up to see the journey of faith symbolised in the many decorative ceiling bosses. Each one unique!
- 11.** A model of *The Matthew*, John Cabot's ship. A larger reproduction can be seen floating in Bristol's harbour! Look left to see Cabot's whalebone.
- 12.** Heights of heaven... Don't forget to look up at the astonishingly beautiful vaulted ceiling.

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