

GUILDFORD
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MAGNA CARTA

Events at **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL**

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**FACSIMILE
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8 June – 8 August

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LIBERTY
HOME OF MAGNA CARTA
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Commemorating **MAGNA CARTA**



FACSIMILE AND SEAL
on display in the Cathedral Treasury

All events are
FREE!

Monday 8 June – Saturday 8 August

Magna Carta, the Great Charter of the Liberties, was agreed by King John of England in 1215 at Runnymede near Windsor where the King placed his Great Seal upon the document making concessions to England's barons. A facsimile of Magna Carta document and replica seal has been loaned to Guildford Cathedral by Salisbury Cathedral as part of the worldwide commemorations and will be displayed in the Cathedral Treasury.

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MAGNA CARTA THEN AND NOW

New discoveries and new perspectives

By Professor David Carpenter

Monday 8 June, 7.00pm

The lecture will explain how Magna Carta, in 1215, was designed to re-enforce a hierarchical society dominated by great lords. It asserted a fundamental principle, that the ruler was subject to the law, but excluded a large proportion of the king's subjects from any benefit. The talk will also reveal new discoveries about the four surviving originals of Magna Carta, discoveries which help explain how the Charter survived to become one of the most famous documents in world constitutional history.

David Carpenter is a Professor of Medieval History at King's College London. He is a leading authority on Magna Carta and was on the advisory committee for The British Library's Magna Carta exhibition. His new book *Magna Carta*, published in January in the Penguin Classics series, is already regarded as a landmark in Magna Carta studies.

THE SHOP AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

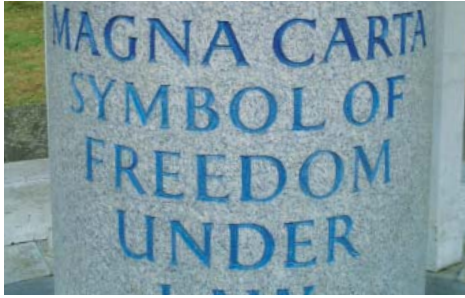
Stocked with a quality range of Magna Carta gifts and souvenirs for young and old, a visit to the Cathedral Shop is essential. Books, toys, games, scarves, bags and more. From children's pocket money items, there are gifts for all price ranges.

ART WORKSHOP

Workshop: Wednesday 10 June
Artwork on view until 12 June

The 800th anniversary of Magna Carta is an occasion to deepen our understanding of the crucial role it has played in the development of human rights, democracy and liberty. Surrey Minority Ethnic Forum (SMEF) will take part in the celebrations by involving its members in a communal art activity which will remind us of the history behind the human rights we enjoy today. Marios Panteli a local artist will lead the groups to create a piece of 3D art on the floor of Guildford Cathedral.

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RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Sunday 14 June, 2.30pm–6.30pm

The day before the national commemoration of the anniversary, a peal called *Runnymede Surprise Maximus* will be rung on the Cathedral bells in recognition of the Surrey location where Magna Carta was sealed under oath by King John in 1215.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 14 June, 6.30pm

The same day a specially commissioned anthem will be sung across the nation during the commemorations and will be performed by the Cathedral Choir at Evensong.

MAGNA CARTA: *the Bible of the English Constitution or disgrace to the English nation?*

By Lord Neuberger

Thursday 18 June, 7.45pm

Lord Neuberger will start by setting Magna Carta in its historical and legal context from the Norman conquest to the confrontation between King John and the Barons, and then discusses the perceptions and influence of the Great Charter over the ensuing 800 years, and finally he explains how the two fundamental modern constitutional principles of democratic government and the rule of law can be traced back to Magna Carta, and why they are so important today.

Lord Neuberger became President of the Supreme Court of the UK in October 2012 previously he was Master of the Rolls. Appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal in January 2004, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in January 2007 and given a life peerage. He has led an investigation for the Bar Council into widening access to the barrister profession and also served on the panel on fair access to the professions led by Alan Milburn.

MAGNA CARTA QUILTS

800 years of history and legacy in cloth

Friday 19 June – Saturday 8 August

Magna Carta Quilters are a group of quilters living in the Runnymede area who are making a series of eight quilts to celebrate this anniversary.

Magna Carta Quilts comprise four Medieval Quilts and four Legacy Quilts. The four Medieval Quilts tell the story of how Magna Carta came to be, are rendered in a graphic novel style based on illustrations and colours used in 13th century illuminated manuscripts. The four Legacy Quilts are modern in style, and depict images and words of people who have embodied the spirit of Magna Carta by speaking out and acting on behalf of various human rights issues across the centuries. Magna Carta Quilts combine traditional quilt making skills with modern techniques and tools of textile art to create a unique and visually stunning display.

MAGNA CARTA QUILT

Preview Evening

Monday 22 June, 6.30pm–8.30pm

All welcome.



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CATHEDRAL TOURS AND GROUP VISITS

There's so much to see and discover in the Cathedral; why not pre-book a tour with our knowledgeable Cathedral Guides, who can tell you all about our amazing story. Between 8 June – 8 August your guided tour could include a viewing of a facsimile Magna Carta and replica Seal and a short talk on the Magna Carta itself.



Pre-booked Cathedral Tours

Guided tours can be arranged in advance - from groups of two individuals up to large groups of 100+ - by contacting Katrina Jenkins 01483 547 881
katrina@guildford-cathedral.org

The charge for a guided tour is £4 per head for adults and £1 for children (aged 5–16 years); payment in advance is appreciated. Tours normally take an hour for an adult party (shorter tours can always be arranged if requested at the time of booking.)

Cathedral Guides are on duty from 9.30am–4.30pm, Monday–Saturday and from 2.00pm–4.30pm on Sundays. Special requests and arrangements can be made for tours if notified in advance.

Pre-booked Group Visits (self-guided)

Group visits are welcomed. Groups are asked to pre-book, contact: Katrina Jenkins, 01483 547 881
katrina@guildford-cathedral.org
so that we can make sure the Cathedral is available.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MAGNA CARTA

By Professor Justin Champion
Monday 29 June, 7.45pm

This lecture will explore the rediscovery of the text, and significance of Magna Carta, from the first printing and translations in the early sixteenth century, through the reworking by the eminent common lawyer Sir Edward Coke, most controversially as a means to constrain the potential tyranny of Charles I in the Petition of Right 1628. The suppression and then Parliamentary publication in 1642

of Coke's long and important commentary on Magna Carta provided a resource that legitimised a series of popular resistances to the illegitimate actions of Kings, Parliaments and Courts from the times of Freeborn John Lilburne, through the eighteenth century moments of Whig radicalism with John Wilkes and Arthur Beardmore in the 1760s.

The lecture will explore how the tradition not only authorised the rule of law and due process, but empowered minorities and radical voices to successfully challenge state power. Fully illustrated!

All events are
FREE!

FREEDOM: REALITY OR DREAM?

By the Reverend Adrian Leak

Monday 6 July, 7.30pm

The Liberty trail from Magna Carta to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Reverend Adrian Leak will trace the developing concepts of freedom and human rights, from Magna Carta to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). He will explore the issues of licence and restraint, and examine the principle of human rights vis-à-vis the Gospel precepts of duty to God and Neighbour.

There will be an opportunity to view the Cathedral's Magna Carta interpretation project before this session.

Adrian is now retired from stipendiary ministry and is an honorary assistant priest at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. He is a freelance writer and a regular contributor to the Church Times.



MAGNA CARTA:

*Charter for our times
or antiquarian icon?*

By the Reverend Robin Griffiths-Jones
Tuesday 21 July, 7.45pm

What are the celebrations of Magna Carta intended to achieve? What good will be in place or under way by the end of 2015 that would not have been without the anniversary's celebration? Historical retrospect, symbolism and pageantry have real value. But we want the reality to match the rhetoric. We are bound to ask what more should we, the heirs of Magna Carta, be undertaking in our own time to do justice to this ancient document.

The Reverend Dr Robin Griffiths-Jones, DLitt, is The Reverend and Valiant Master of the Temple at the Temple Church, London, and Senior Lecturer in Theology at King's College, London University. He has worked extensively on law and religion. The Temple Church is the collegiate church of the two legal colleges or Inns of Court, Inner and Middle Temple; it is famous as 'the mother-church of the Common Law'.



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MAGNA CARTA FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 25 July, 11.00am–3.00pm

Guildford Cathedral will be bringing the story of the Magna Carta to life through a fun filled FREE Family Day courtesy of the Heritage Lottery Fund Project, *The People's Cathedral*. There will be a range of exciting Magna Carta themed craft activities for children aged between three and 12 including goblet making, shield decorating, have a go at calligraphy and design a dragon's egg.

Explore the Cathedral with Magna Carta Trail and discover a facsimile of the Charter and a replica seal!

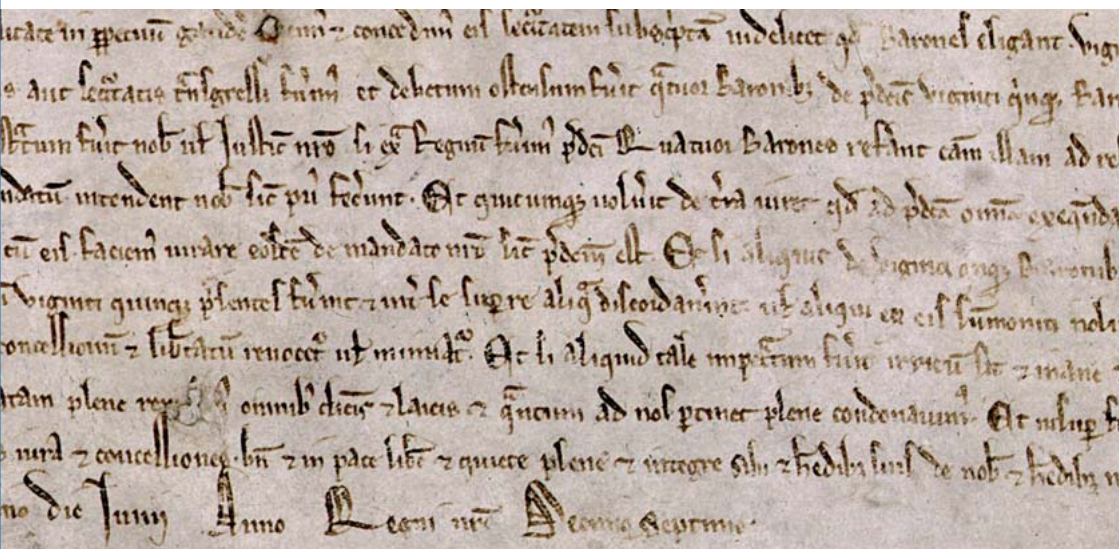


We are delighted to have renowned world history author Christopher Lloyd with us for the event. He will be leading a series of interactive storytelling sessions using a stunning eight metre long time-line to explain the significance of Magna Carta and its role in shaping freedom and liberty.

In addition, we will be joined by a series of musicians playing instruments from the time of Magna Carta. Families will have an opportunity to learn about the instruments and have a go at playing them!



If you are interested in knowing more about the event then please contact Helen Ellis, The People's Cathedral Manager
01483 547 888
helen@guildford-cathedral.org



PROCLAIMING LIBERTY

Thursdays, 7.45pm
8 October, 22 October,
5 November and 19 November

This autumn Guildford Cathedral will be hosting a series of public lectures on the theme of Proclaiming Liberty in response to the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta.

Through a programme of FREE lectures we will stimulate discussion and encourage engagement on how contemporary society faces questions of freedom and justice.

With keynote speakers from organisations such as Liberty and Stop the Traffik, we will tackle themes of

- Modern Slavery
- Civil Liberty
- Freedom of Speech
- Surveillance in Society

Booking is not necessary for these free events, however, for more information please contact Dr Julie Gittoes, Residentiary Canon julie@guildford-cathedral.org
01483 547 863

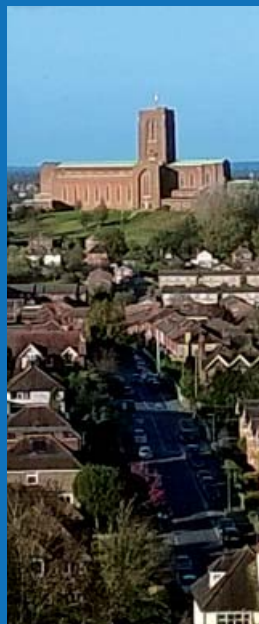
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