



**NEWCASTLE  
CATHEDRAL**

# **FREE LEARNING PROGRAMME**

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Newcastle Cathedral is currently undergoing a transformative project to become a multipurpose space used for worship, creativity, celebration, exploration and community.

We remain open during this time of change and are still welcoming visitors and school groups to the Cathedral. We will be visiting schools across the North East to share the history of the Cathedral and its exciting programme going forward.

Whether you want to learn more about the Christian faith, the history of the Cathedral, the people who are remembered here or the artists and designers who helped build it, we have something to suit your group.





## Key Stage 1

### **Beautiful Birds Paper Crafting**

This one-hour cross curricular workshop explores some of the marble, brass and glass birds that you can find hidden around the Cathedral and the meanings that they hold. Students will learn basic paper-crafting techniques and will make their own 'Beautiful Bird' headdresses.



### **Bright, Light, Build**

This one-hour cross curricular workshop explores some of the stained glass windows in Newcastle Cathedral, and the artists who made them. Working in groups, students will explore colour and light, build large scale dens\* and use collage techniques to create their own stained 'glass' windows.



\* Please note that if held at your school this workshop requires the use of a large, open space to accommodate den building.



## Key Stage 2

### **Curious Creatures Carving**

This 90-minute cross curricular workshop explores some of the 'curious creatures' that can be found in Newcastle Cathedral and looks at the North East artist Ralph Hedley who created many of them. Students will learn basic carving techniques and will make their own mini 'curious creature' carving using safe tools and bars of soap.

### **Magnificent Memorial Making**

This two-hour cross curricular workshop explores some of the memorials that can be found in Newcastle Cathedral, and the people that they were made for. Using basic engraving techniques students will create their own version of the famous 'Thornton Brass' and will use printmaking techniques to make their own prints.





### Behind the Scenes Tour

Throughout 2020, you can arrange a behind the scenes 'hard hat' tour with Newcastle Cathedral's specialist building contractors. Get a close up look at some of the changes taking place and learn about the unique skills needed to work on a Heritage site.

## How to book

If you are interested in booking any of the offers in this leaflet please contact the Learning team at **learning@newcastlecathedral.org.uk** or call 0191 232 1939 with at least 3 weeks' notice.

These activities are FREE\* and open to all schools that teach KS1 and/or KS2 students. All materials and equipment are included. Creative History workshops are led by a member of Newcastle

Cathedral's Learning team. Workshops can either be held at your school or at Newcastle Cathedral.

Our workshops are cross-curricular and have been designed using the National Curriculum for guidance. All our workshops include elements of Literacy, History, RE and Art and Design. Please let us know if you would like us to incorporate a specific theme or topic into your session.

\*We can provide one Creative History workshop per school free of charge. Additional workshop bookings come with a cost of £2 per child.

This activity is kindly supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.



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### Religious Education

If you are interested in booking a Religious Education session at the Cathedral, we can arrange time with a member of the Cathedral clergy to explore one or more of the following themes:

- New songs for collective worship
- Saints of the North East
- 'Awe and Wonder' a mindfulness experience
- Special places in a Cathedral
- What do Christians believe?
- Themed acts of Christian worship

### Music

Music plays an important role in the educational and spiritual life of Newcastle Cathedral. The Cathedral Music Department enjoys working in partnership with a range of local schools and offers children a unique musical education completely free of charge. If working with the Cathedral Music Department could benefit a specific child, or indeed a whole school with which you are involved, please contact the Music team at [music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk](mailto:music@newcastlecathedral.org.uk)



### Cathedral Characters

Students and staff from St. Michael's Church of England Primary School, Whitley Memorial Church of England First School and Choppington Primary School have all worked with illustrator Josie Brookes to create a series of illustrations bringing to life some of the people remembered in the large collection of ledger stones (grave slabs) in Newcastle Cathedral. Their colourful and creative work will be on display on the hoardings surrounding the Cathedral until Spring 2021.