



# THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL

## GLOUCESTER 2026

### ACCESS INFORMATION

We welcome all visitors to the Festival and will be happy to help with any access requirements you may have. If you need assistance at any of our festival events, please ask the stewards on duty at the venue who will be happy to help. It will help us to help you if, when booking your tickets, you indicate the nature of assistance you require and any additional requirements you may have.

#### WHEELCHAIRS AND MOBILITY AIDS

When you book your tickets, it would be helpful to know whether you will need a wheelchair space for concerts. Specific wheelchair spaces are available within the following venues:

- Gloucester Cathedral
- St Nicholas' Church, Gloucester
- St John's Northgate, Gloucester
- St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester
- St Mary de Lode, Gloucester
- St Peter's Church, Gloucester

*Please note that wheelchair spaces are only interchangeable with standard seats in some venues.*

All our venues are wheelchair accessible, and further information on entrances, exits and more can be found at the specific venue sections below.

Wheelchair spaces are associated with a designated essential companion seat and are available at no extra cost.

If you use a mobility aid for ease of access to the venue but can then transfer to a standard seat, when booking please ask the Box Office for a seat in an appropriate location, e.g. the end of a row. The seating stewards on duty will assist you to park your mobility aid in an appropriate place.

#### PARKING

For drivers with a blue badge, a limited number of parking spaces under the Festival's control are available in the Cathedral College Green. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you need one, please ensure that you request it with the Box Office at the time of booking. Any passes issued for parking near the Cathedral will be specific to the times of the concert(s)/other event(s) being attended.



## HEARING IMPAIRMENT

There are hearing aid induction loops at Gloucester Cathedral, St John's Northgate, St Mary De Crypt, St Mary de Lode and St Peter's. For performances in St Nicholas' Church, there will be no hearing enhancement; please arrive early so that you can sit close to the front.

Spoken word events will be amplified in The Deanery, King's School Dining Hall, St John's Northgate, St Mary de Crypt and St Nicholas' Church. We are not planning to amplify events in the Chapter House.



## VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Please ask the seating stewards on duty if you need help finding your seat. If you have a guide-dog, when buying your ticket please ask for a seat at the end of a row so that your guide may sit beside you.

## ACCESS TO VENUES

### THE FOLLOWING PAGES DESCRIBE THE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS LOCATION BY LOCATION.

If you use a wheelchair and need to sit in it for the concert (or other event), please ask the Box Office for one of the wheelchair spaces when booking: these are designated on all our seating plans, together with a carer's seat in most cases.

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## BOX OFFICE – GL1 2LX



### Access

The Box Office is situated in Wardle House, the King's School Art Department situated in the Southeast corner of the Cathedral Close. There is ramp access to the Box Office.



### Parking

There is no parking at the Box Office, but the parking spaces for blue badge holders at the lower end of the Cathedral Close are available to be booked in advance.



There are no WCs at the Box Office, please use the facilities at the Cathedral.

## GLoucester Cathedral – GL1 2LX

Wheelchairs can be accommodated in all price bands at the Cathedral.



Step-free access is through the South Porch. All seating areas inside the Cathedral are accessible via ramps or lifts, apart from South Transept and the raked seating at the back of the nave.



There are access WCs in the temporary toilet block in the Cathedral Close. There is also a disabled toilet in the Cloisters through the glass West Cloister door.



For drivers with a blue badge, a limited number of car parking spaces under the Festival's control are available in the Cathedral Close. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you need one, please ensure that you request it with the Box Office at the time of booking. Passes will be specific to the times of the concert(s)/other event(s) being attended.

## FESTIVAL VILLAGE – GL1 2LX



This is in the Cathedral Close. There is wheelchair access to all areas.



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## CHAPTER HOUSE – GL1 2LX

This venue is inside Gloucester Cathedral. There is wheelchair access to all areas.



The accessible entrance for events in the Chapter House will either be via the Monk's Kitchen entrance during the day/cathedral cafe opening hours ; or via the South Porch or the dark entrance for evening events.

The South Porch entrance is preferable as it's less of a distance, but this isn't always possible if there is a service or event in the main cathedral.



There are access WCs in the temporary toilet block in the Cathedral Close. There is also a disabled toilet in the Cloisters through the glass West Cloister door.



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## **LADY CHAPEL – GL1 2LX**

This venue is inside Gloucester Cathedral. There is wheelchair access to all areas.



The accessible entrance to the Cathedral is via the South Porch.



There are access WCs in the temporary toilet block in the Cathedral Close. There is also a disabled toilet in the Cloisters through the glass West Cloister door.



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## **KING'S SCHOOL DINING HALL – GL1 2BD**

Wheelchairs can be accommodated.



The accessible entrance to the hall is via Pitt Street Gate.



A disabled access WC is available in the Junior School foyer by the Hall.



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## **OLD BISHOP'S PALACE GARDEN – GL1 2BH**

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at the Bishop's Palace Garden.



Access to the garden is via one entrance, on Pitt Street, which will be signposted from the Festival Village. This entrance is accessible and wheelchairs can access the whole garden.



The nearest WCs are in the Festival Village, in the temporary toilet block in the Cathedral Close.



There is limited public parking available along Pitt Street, otherwise please use the city centre car parks.

### ST MARY DE CRYPT – GL1 1TP

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at St Mary de Crypt.



There is step-free access available via the South Porch.



There is an access WC available on the ground floor in the nave.



Please use city centre car parks. There is no parking or drop-off directly outside St Mary de Crypt before 5pm.

### ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH – GL1 02PG

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at St Nicholas' Church.



There is step-free access available via the back of the Church.



There is no WC in the church. Please use the WC in The Folk of Gloucester, which is located on the other side of the church on Westgate Street, and which will be opened during our events.



For drivers with a blue badge, there are a few bay spaces located on Upper Quay Street. Otherwise, please use the city centre car parks.

### ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – GL1 3EX

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at St Peter's Catholic Church.



There is step-free access available via a separate entrance to the left of the church's main entrance. The main church is then accessible by a manual ramp that needs putting on and off. Please ask a TCF volunteer for assistance finding this entrance.



There is one accessible WC available to the rear of the building, near the disabled entrance.



The church has a parking lot to the left, at the junction of London Road and the A430, including Blue Badge parking. However, there is no barrier to limit access to church attendees only. Otherwise, please use the city centre car parks.

## ST JOHN'S NORTHGATE CHURCH – GL1 2AN

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at St John's Northgate.



There is step-free access available via the back of the church, on St John's Lane.



There is one accessible WC at the back of the church, next to the kitchen.



For drivers with a blue badge, there are a few bay street parking on St Aldate Street, a no-through road. Otherwise, please use the city centre car parks.

## ST MARY DE LODDE – GL1 2TB

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at St Mary de Lode.



There is step-free access available via the South Door.



There is accessible WC available in the church.



There is a very small parking lot at the back of the church, on Archdeacon Street. Otherwise, please use the city centre car parks. There is no blue badge parking near the church.

## THE DEANERY – GL7 1 2BP

Wheelchairs cannot be accommodated at The Deanery.



This is a non-accessible venue. The entrance is on St Mary's Street and there are steps before and after the door. The foot path inside the Deanery's garden is paved and unstable.



The nearest toilets will be the Portaloo's located in the Festival Village, on College Green. The nearest accessible toilet is in the Cathedral.



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## **IVOR GURNEY HALL – GL1 2BG**

Wheelchairs can be accommodated at Ivor Gurney Hall.



Step-free access from Pitt Street, through the old infirmary arches.



The hall has one non-wheelchair toilet. Please use the Cathedral cloisters for accessible WC.



Drop off only on Pitt Street.

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