

Welcome to Glastonbury Abbey

Glastonbury Abbey has legendary status as the earliest Christian monastic site in Britain and by Domesday it was the wealthiest abbey in England. One of its great abbots, St Dunstan devised the coronation ceremony still used today, including that for Queen Elizabeth II.

The abbey played a major part in the development of Arthurian legend and visitors could be following in the footsteps of the legendary King Arthur, whose grave monks in the 12th century claimed to have discovered. They can also take the opportunity to see the Holy Thorn, believed to be descended from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea.

The abbey featured in Matthew Paris' map of the world in 1250 and today continues to attract visitors from around the globe, keen to discover the history, heritage, myths, legends and spirituality of this nationally important ancient monument in the heart of Somerset.

Our visitors can meet characters from its historic past who give colourful insights with free tours of the ruins; there's also a gift shop, seasonal outdoor café and an active events calendar.

- A guide book giving you a full history is available to buy at our Ticket Office and Shop.
- You are welcome to take photographs or video for private use but commercial photography is with permission only – please contact the Abbey office via the details below.
- There are 36 acres of fine parkland to enjoy with a cider orchard, two ponds, a wildlife area and seasonal flower displays. Your ticket is valid for the entire day of admission and you can upgrade to a membership, giving you access for a full year.
- For your safety we ask you to take care as the varying ground levels can be hazardous especially in wet weather.
- Please take extra care around the ponds and rough stonework.
- Please do not climb on the ruins as it is dangerous and causes damage.
- Children aged under 16 must be supervised at all times.
- There is an outdoor café during the summer months.
- There is a first aid kit in the Ticket Office.
- Dogs are welcome, if kept on leads. There are dog loos in the grounds and plastic bags kept in the Ticket Office. In summer there is a water bowl by St Patrick's Chapel.
- No services, prayers, music ceremonies or rituals can take place without written permission from the Director of the Abbey.

We hope you enjoy your visit

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