

# Joyful Jubilee Family Trail

A Jubilee is a time of celebration across the country, where communities get together to mark a significant anniversary; the number of years the Monarch has led the nation. Each jubilee year is named after a precious stone or material. This year is the **Platinum Jubilee**. *Can you find out how many years this is?* There has never been a reign this long in our history!

Follow our digital trail and learn about Jubilees past and present and get creative after your visit and enter our competition for a free school trip.



Start your visit at the **Great West Doors** and **look up!**



*Can you spot an instrument up high above the doors?*



*What instrument do they remind you of?*



*What noise might they make?*

These are our jubilee fanfare pipes. They announce the arrival of HRH Queen Elizabeth II when she visits St Paul's Cathedral. [Listen](#) to the sound. These doors are 9 meters high and weigh 1 tonne each! They are opened on special occasions.





Next, walk down the long Nave.



Can you see how high the ceiling is?



What would it look like full of people?



In the image below, what musical instruments can you see being played?

This is an image of the **first jubilee service** to be held at St Paul's Cathedral. It was held for **King George III** in **1809** for his **Golden Jubilee** celebrating 50 years on the throne.

Sadly George III was not able to attend as he was unwell, but the whole country held parties and processions in his honor and all the shops were closed.







125 years ago, another Queen celebrated a **Diamond Jubilee** here at St. Paul's Cathedral, it was **Queen Victoria**.



*Look around, she couldn't climb the steps to the Cathedral, so where do you think they held the service?*



*Look at the painting below, can you imagine how it would have felt to be sat on a seat at the top of one of the buildings?*



*What will you write in your diary about this year's Platinum Jubilee?*

Queen Victoria was too frail to come in for her special service at St Paul's Cathedral in 1897, so everyone went outside instead! She wrote in her diary:

*'A never to be forgotten day, the crowds' cheering was quite deafening, & every face seemed to be filled with real joy. I was much moved and gratified'*





Stand under the Dome and look up!



*Take a moment to marvel at the huge Cathedral.*



*Lay down on the floor and look up. Can you see all the paintings?*



*Can you think of all the Kings and Queens who have visited St. Paul's Cathedral since it was built? They all looked at this same view.*

This is **King George V**, Queen Elizabeth II's Grandfather. He came to St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate his **Silver Jubilee** in **1935**.

In the picture below you might be able to spot **Queen Elizabeth** and her sister, **Princess Margaret**, wearing **pink dresses**. See if you can find them!

In the painting you can see the red **royal chairs**. Let's explore and see if we can find them in the Cathedral today!







For our final stop, go downstairs into the Crypt and explore our new exhibition '**Jubilee: St Paul's, The Monarch and the Changing World**'



*Take some time to look at all the wonderful items from the Cathedral's collections on display.*



*Imagine having your photograph on so many objects! From cups to tea-towels, coins to games!*



*Take a look at the memorabilia on display. Do you have any objects that help you remember big occasions?*

Find the fantastic **Jubilee Cope** designed by artist and embroider **Beryl Dean** and created by her needlework students from the Stanhope Institute.

A **cope** is a piece of **clothing** worn by **Bishops** for worship. This cope was made in 1977 for the **Silver Jubilee** and has been worn by the **Bishop of London** at every Jubilee since. It is decorated with gold thread and depicts **St Paul's Cathedral**, **Westminster Abbey** and all **73 church spires** in London.

Inspired by Beryl Dean's fantastic cope, **design your own** Platinum Jubilee Cope.

- **What would you design for the year 2022?**
- **What colours of thread would you use?**

What special **buildings**, **objects** or **people** could you **include** in your design that have made your **2022 important, hopeful and exciting?**

You can **draw**, **paint** or use **digital** software to **design your cope**. You can even embellish your design with collage, sewing or any decoration.

**Design a cope at home using the template and take a photo of your creation.**

Email it to us at [learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk](mailto:learning@stpaulscathedral.org.uk) to be in with a chance to **win a free school trip for your class.**

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