

St Paul's Cathedral Visual Story

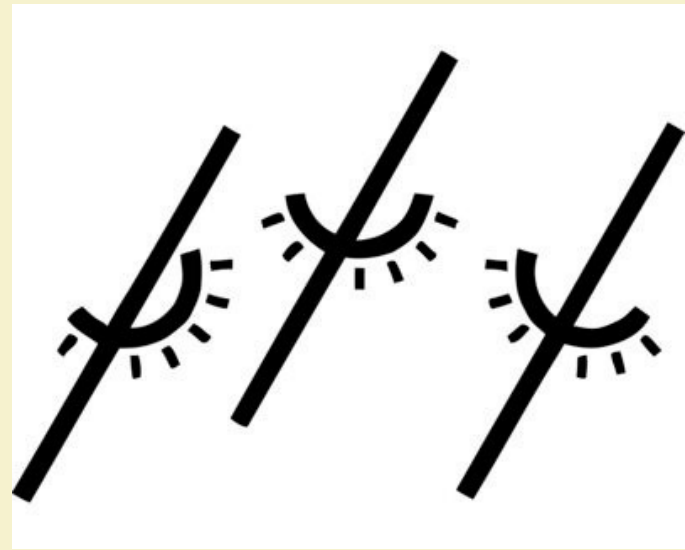


This is St Paul's Cathedral. It is a church and everyone is welcome.

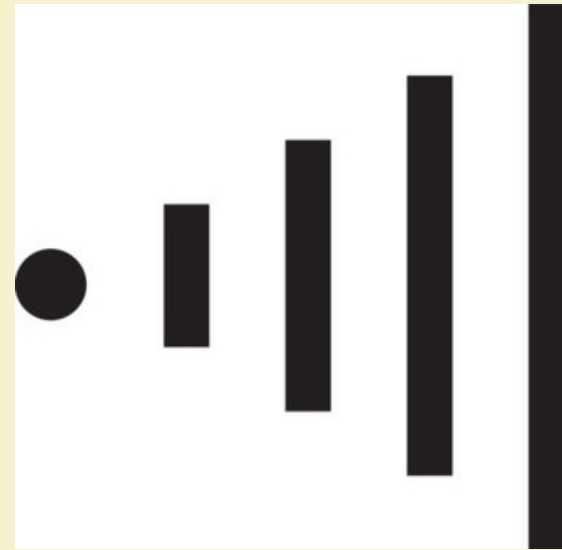


Look out for these symbols in the top corner.

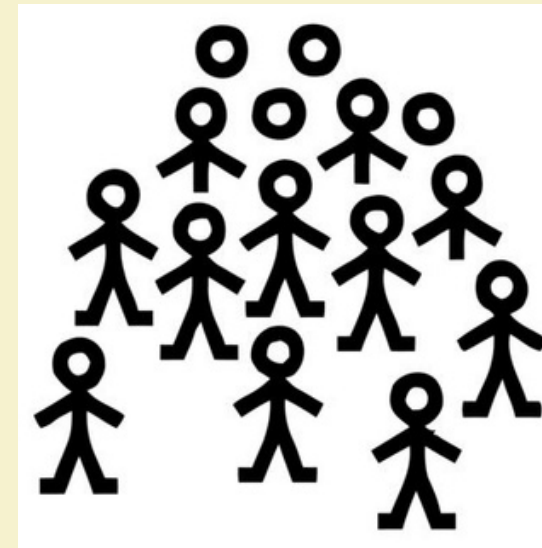
They link to the senses that you might use in the space



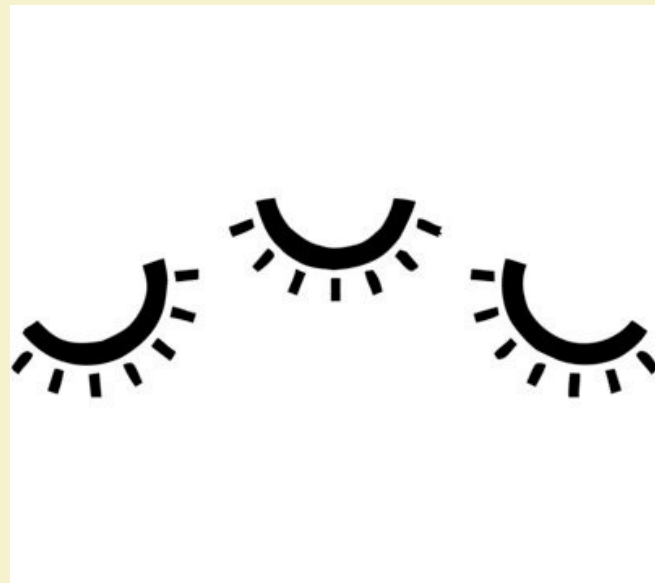
Dark space



Noisy space



Busy space



Light space

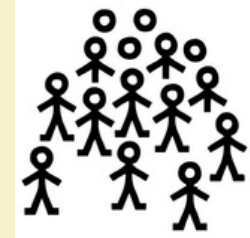


Quiet space

Some of these senses might change during your visit.

For example, it might get noisier or busier.

This is the main entrance to the Cathedral



There are friendly security staff here; they are here to keep us safe.

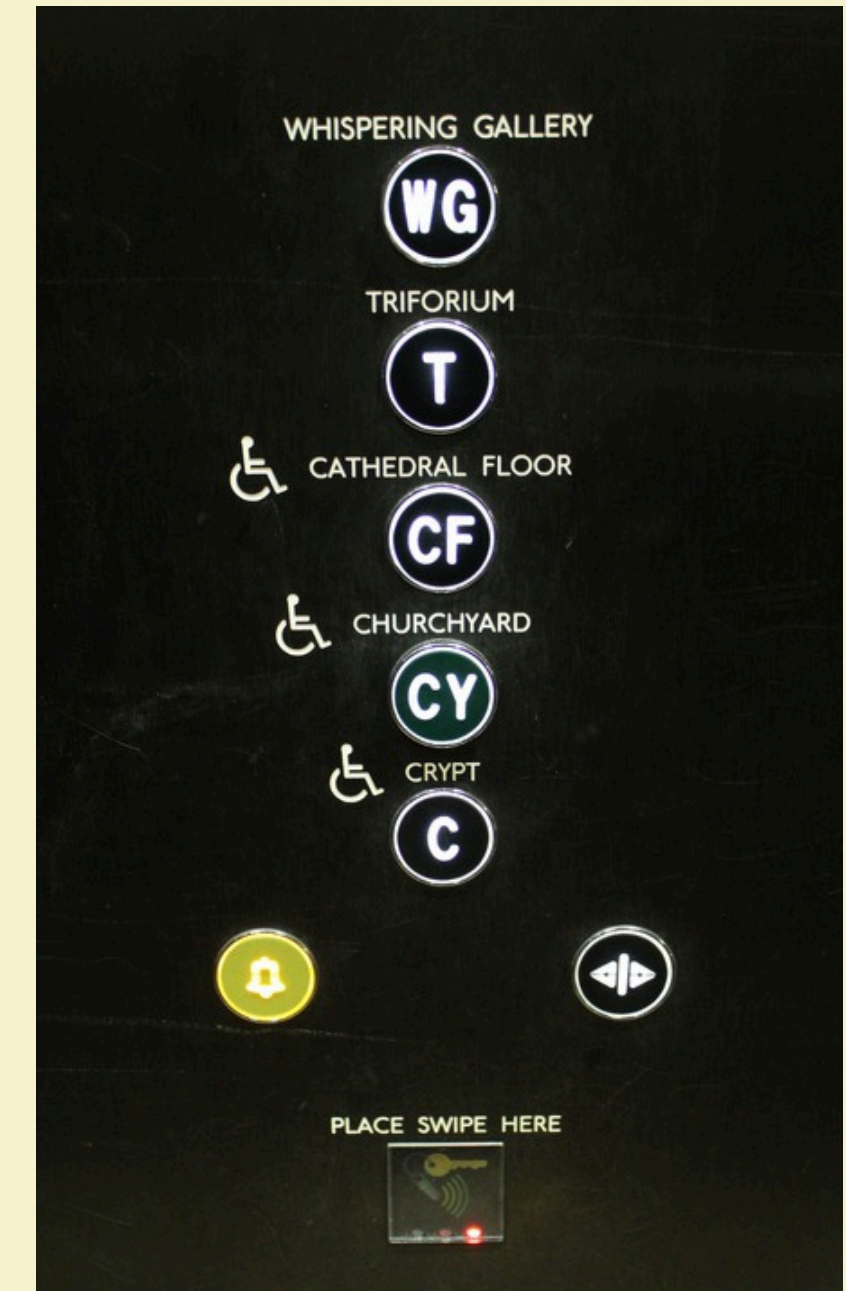
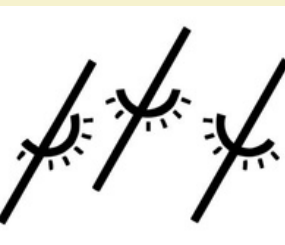


Enter here

If you are using a wheelchair or have a pushchair, you might visit through this step free entrance



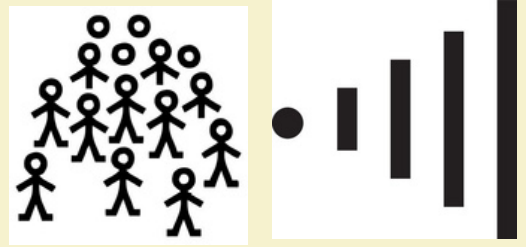
At the step free entrance you can get a lift fob from a Visitor Experience Assistant



This lift will take you downstairs to the Crypt and upstairs to the Cathedral Floor.

Hold the lift fob against the sensor and press either the 'Cathedral Floor' or 'Crypt' button.

When you enter the Cathedral...



You will come to the ticket desk to get your ticket or to show the ticket you brought online.

You can pick up a fun activity trail here!

You can pick up an audio guide from this stand to take around with you on your visit. It is included with your entry ticket.

Who will you meet in the Cathedral?



Security Staff

They might look in our bags to keep us safe



Visitor Experience Assistants

They work all around the Cathedral and are always on hand to help



Cathedral Volunteers

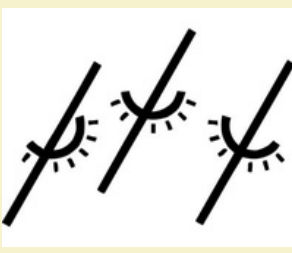
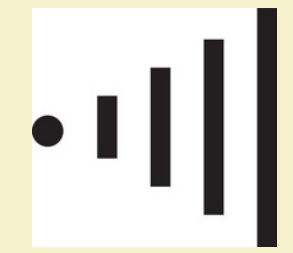
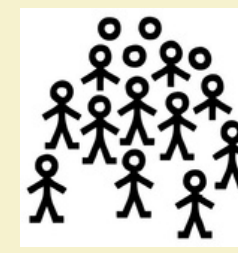
You can speak to our volunteers if you have any questions or would like to join a tour that is included with your ticket



Learning Department

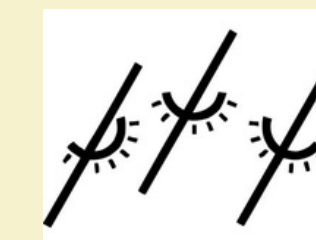
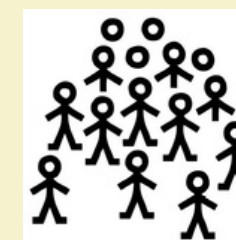
If you visit on one of our family events, you might meet some of our team


There are toilets to use when you arrive
in the Crypt



Accessible toilets are also available

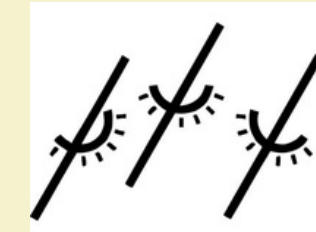
There is also a Cafe and Shop near the
toilets in the Crypt





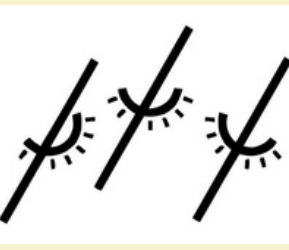
**The following pages
show some places
in the Cathedral you
might see on your visit**

The Crypt



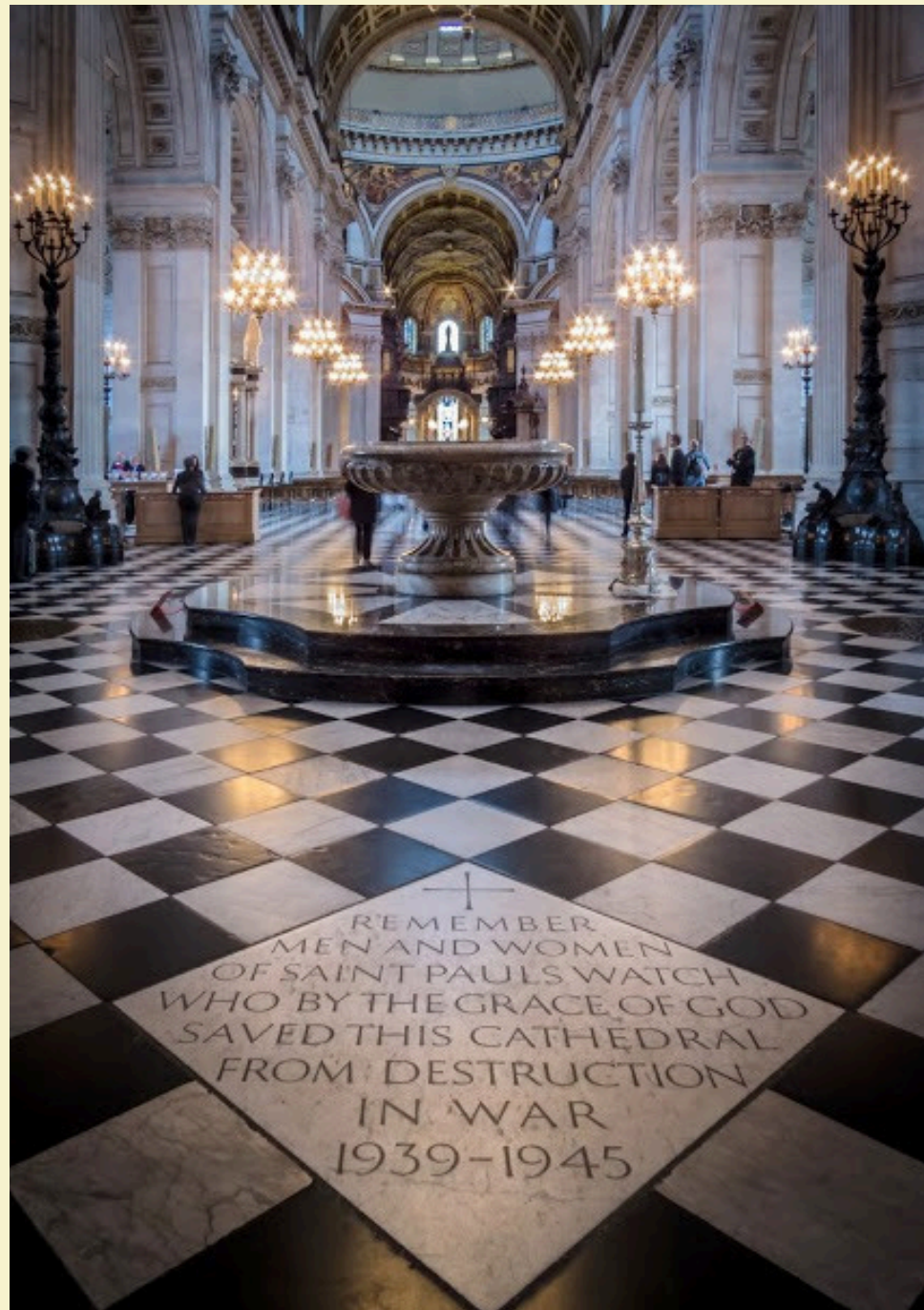
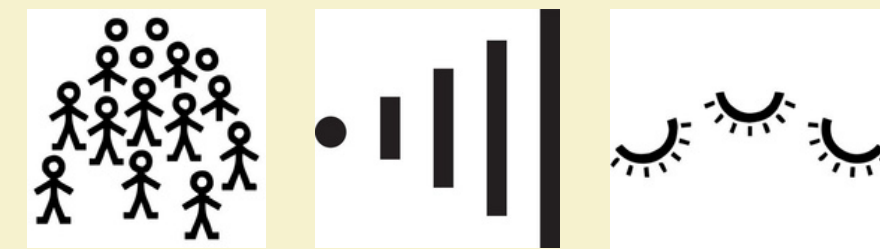
- This area is downstairs.
- It has lots of statues and memorials.
- You are allowed to walk over the graves and memorials on the floor.

There are stone steps to go upstairs to the Cathedral Floor or downstairs to the Crypt



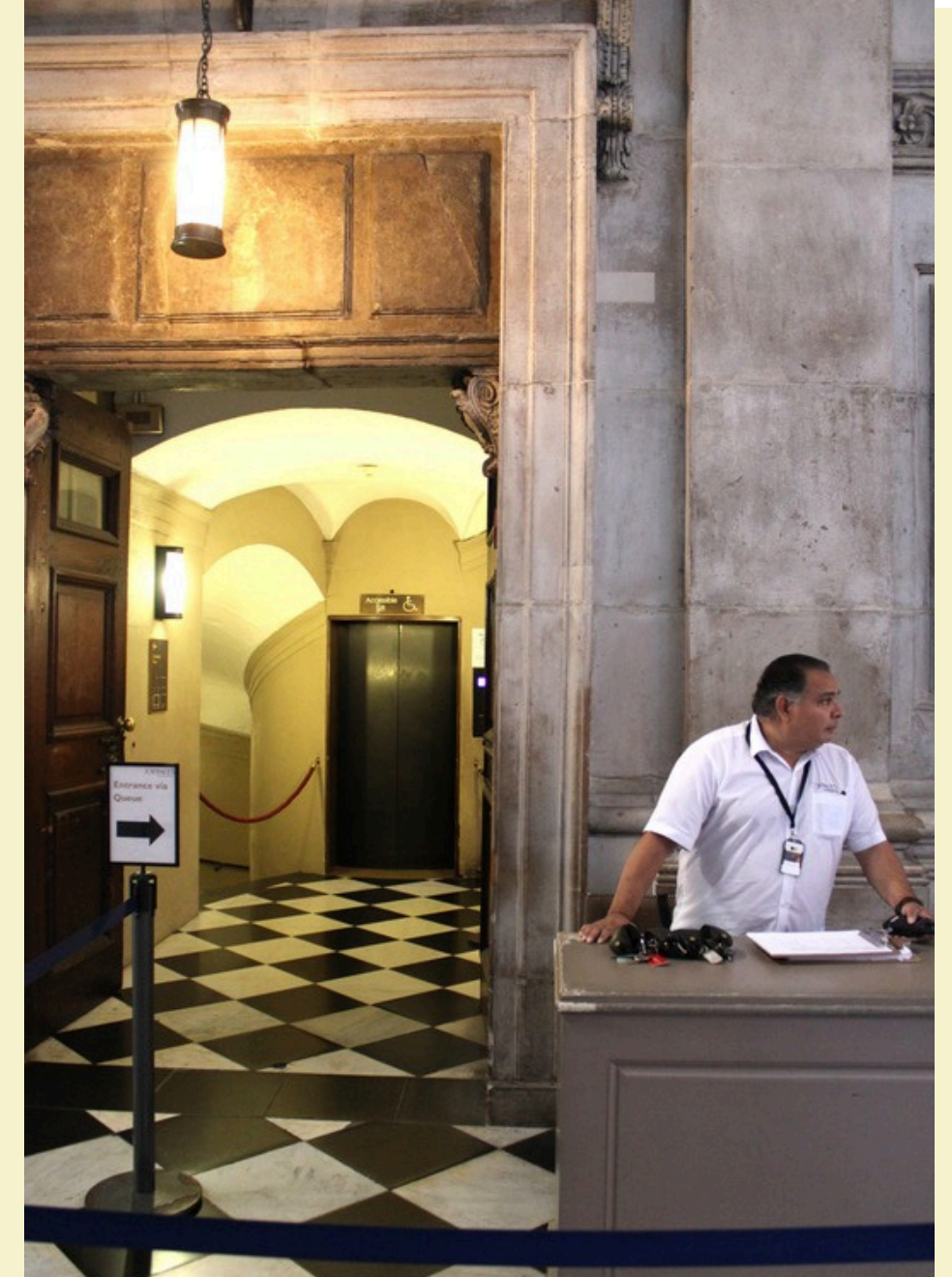
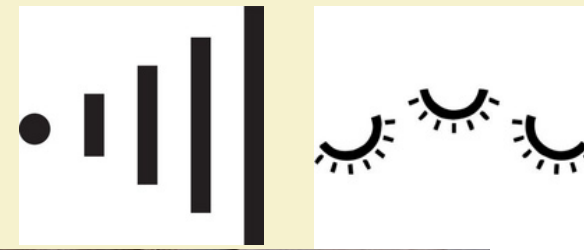
- Hold on to the metal rail; it is cold to touch.
- Wheelchair users can use the lift to get up to the Cathedral Floor.

The West End



- This area is at the far end of the Cathedral Floor.
- The Great West Doors and Baptismal Font are here.
- You might see candles around the Cathedral. Please be careful when you are near them.

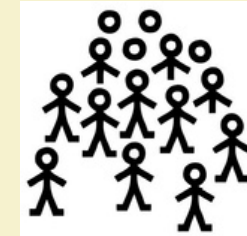
The Dome



- This area is in the middle of the Cathedral Floor.
- There are lots of chairs here where people sit.
- You might hear the organ playing and the hourly prayers.

- The entrance to the Dome Galleries is nearby. A member of staff will be here to check your ticket.

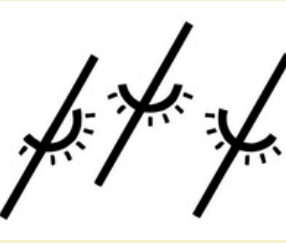
The Quire



- This area is at the east end of the Cathedral Floor.
- There are 4 steps up or there is a lift.
- You might hear the organ playing and the hourly prayers.

The Dome Galleries

The Whispering Gallery: 257 steps up



The steps up the Whispering Gallery are shallow and dark.

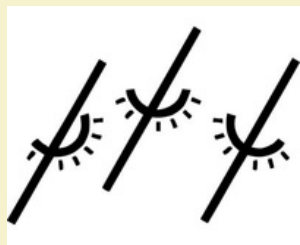


You have to go through some narrow corridors to get there.



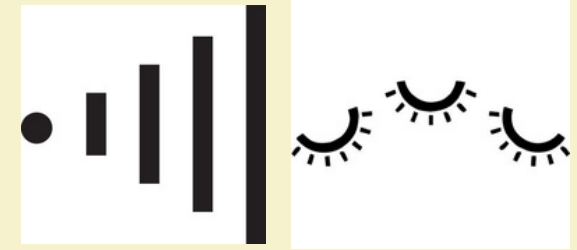
The Whispering Gallery is inside the Cathedral. You cannot take photographs here.

Steps



The Dome Galleries

Outside



The Stone Gallery: 376 steps up

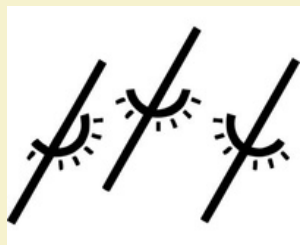


The steps up are twisty and dark.



The Stone Gallery is outside. You can walk around the dome to see a view of London.

Steps



The Dome Galleries

The Golden Gallery: 528 steps up

Outside



The steps are narrow and high up.

The Golden Gallery is at the top of the dome. It is a small area so can get crowded. There is a view of London here too.

You need to be over 11 years old to go here.

What will you experience if the fire alarm goes off?

If you come on a Monday morning whilst the fire alarm is tested, then you will hear someone from our security team say the following:

"Good morning, Today is Monday the (date), and this is a fire alarm voice test. 1,2,3,4,5 (PAUSE) 1,2,3,4,5. This will be shortly followed by a fire alarm test. No actions required, thank you."

A loud noise will then sound.

At any other time, if a fire alarm goes off you will hear a loud sound followed by an automated message to leave the Cathedral at the nearest exit.

You might visit on one of our family days...

On select days during the school holidays, we have activities available that all families can participate in, which are included with your entry ticket.



You could expect the following:

- A fun craft activity
- A SEND area and sensory resources
- A Book Nook
- A family tour



Take a look at our family page for more information:
<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/family>

We hope you enjoy your visit.

Take a look at our access page for more information.

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/accessibility-cathedral>

For more fun activities see the link below:

<https://www.stpauls.co.uk/our-learning-library>

Thank you and see you soon! 😊