

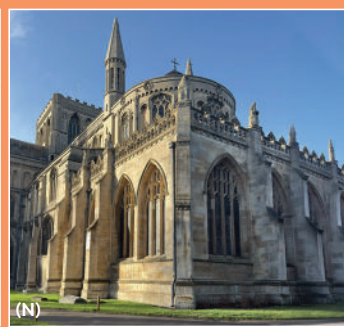


(M)

7. Carry on walking round the Cathedral. On your left you will see one of the sundials (L) on the south face (M). Continue round the south east face (N).



(L)

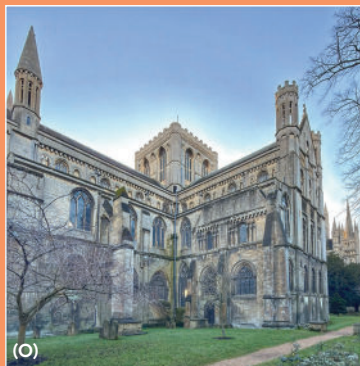


(N)

8. Walk on round the east end and then along the north face (O), (P)". On a wall to the right as you walk back you will see a blue plaque to dramatist John Fletcher who collaborated with William Shakespeare. Blue Plaque 21 – John Fletcher (Q)



(Q)



(O)



(P)

9. Once back to the west front to the Cathedral, if you have time, enter the Cathedral itself and spend time exploring and learning about its history. Take another look at the west front (R) and the cathedral gateway (S).

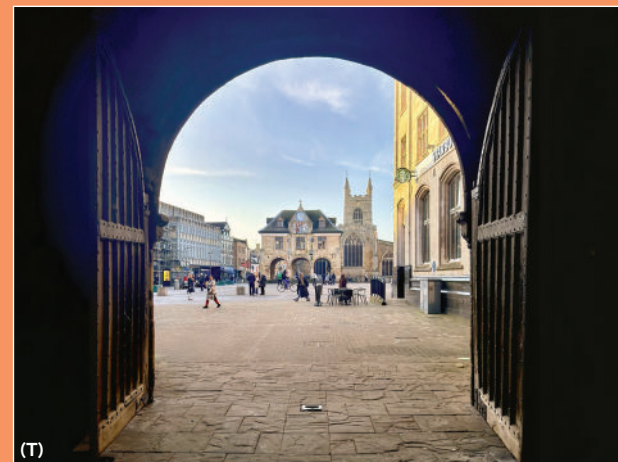


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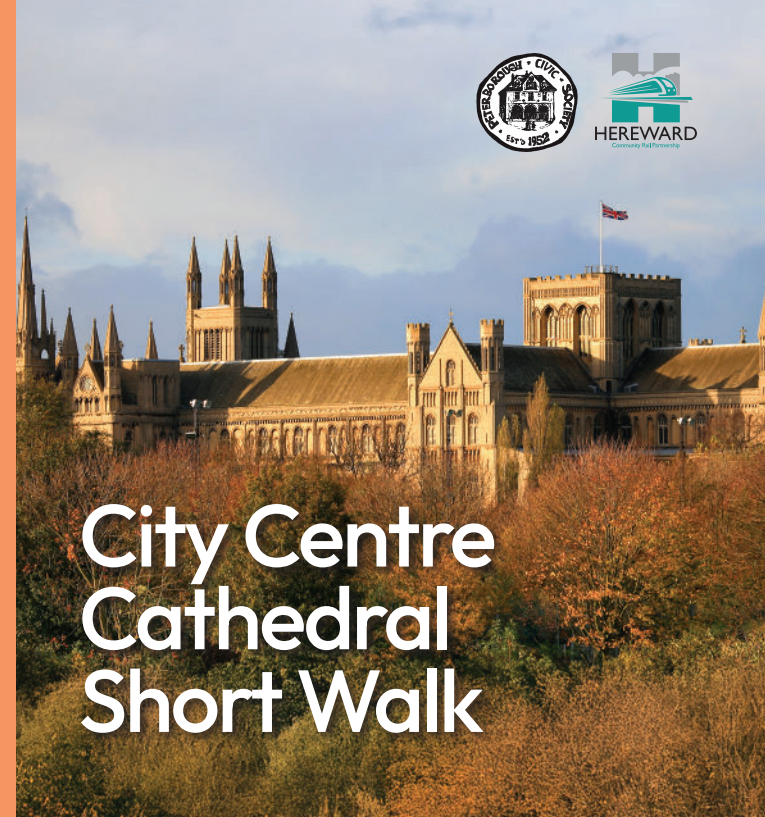


(S)

10. You can now walk back into Cathedral Square (T) and think about where else you might want to visit in Peterborough.



(T)



City Centre Cathedral Short Walk

A short circular walk from Cathedral Square, encompassing the Cathedral precincts and the outside of the Cathedral. The walk includes several of Peterborough Civic Society's blue plaques, identified in blue and expanded upon either in the Blue Plaques leaflet or on the website: www.peterboroughcivicsociety.org.uk

Description: This short walk takes you from the Guildhall in Cathedral Square, through the historic archway into the Cathedral grounds and then around the outside of the Cathedral before returning to Cathedral Square. There is an option to enter the Cathedral itself.

Distance: About 1.4 km (0.85 miles)

Time: 45 minutes (at a leisurely pace). The walk can take even more time if the visitor wishes to take in and read all the various plaques and interpretation boards along the way.

Starting & finishing point: The Guildhall, Cathedral Square

Access: The walk is on tarmac paths (little or no incline)

Facilities: There are multiple cafés and restaurants around Cathedral Square.



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Directions

1. Start at the Guildhall on Cathedral Square. On the south face of the Guildhall is a blue plaque describing its history.
Blue plaque 19 – Guildhall (A)

2. From the Guildhall walk towards the Cathedral gateway entrance. On the left, just before entering the Cathedral grounds notice the blue plaque to St Thomas Becket.
Blue plaque 22 – St Thomas Becket (B)
 Also, in front of you to the right of the entrance to the Cathedral grounds, through the Cathedral Gateway, (C) you will see a plaque to the Abbot's Gaol & King's Lodging.
Blue Plaque 21 – Abbot's Gaol & King's Lodging (D)

Peterborough Civic Society
 This building, known as **THE GUILDHALL**, was erected in 1671 to celebrate the restoration of the monarchy in 1660. It became part of Peterborough's council chambers until they were replaced by the present Town Hall in 1933. (A)

Peterborough Civic Society
 Site of a chapel dedicated to **ST THOMAS BECKET** murdered in 1170. It was completed shortly afterwards for pilgrims venerating relics of Becket brought here from Canterbury. (B)

Peterborough Civic Society
 Behind this modern wall is a 12th Century vaulted undercroft, part of a complex once containing the **ABBOT'S GAOL** (the town prison until 1842) and the **KING'S LODGING**. (D)

3. As you walk through the Cathedral gateway you will see the west front, (E) which is acknowledged as one of the finest in Europe. On the right-hand side you will see a plaque dedicated to Simon Gunton, vicar of Peterborough during the Great Plague.
Blue Plaque 23 – Simon Gunton (F)



Peterborough Civic Society
 In a house on this site lived **SIMON GUNTON** (1609-1678), Vicar of Peterborough during the Great Plague, historian and Prebendary of the Cathedral. His book 'The History of the Church of Peterburgh' was published in 1686. (F)

5. Walk across the diagonal path (I) and you will come to Laurel Court. There is a plaque on the iron railings in front of it explaining its history and relevance to Edith Cavell.
Blue Plaque 26 – Laurel Court/Edith Cavell (J)

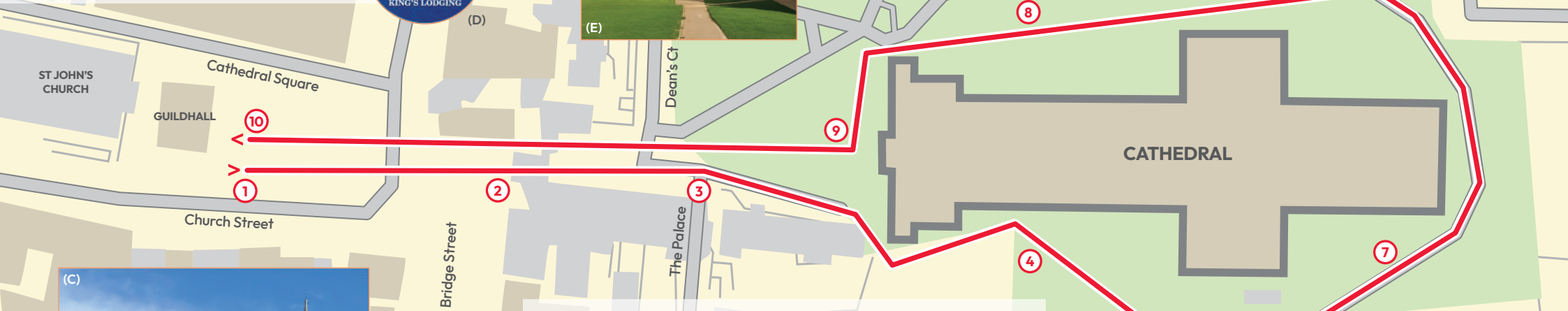


Peterborough Civic Society
 From 1870 Margaret Gibson, with Annette van Dissel, ran a school here at **LAUREL COURT** for nearly fifty years. Nurse **EDITH CAVELL**, executed in Brussels in 1915, attended as a pupil teacher from c.1884 to c.1886. (J)

4. Walk to the right of the Cathedral where you will come to a footpath (G) which will take you into the Cathedral cloisters. On the left-hand side as you enter the cloisters is a side doorway (H) to the Cathedral, unchanged for centuries. In the cloisters there are six interpretation boards explaining its history.



6. Go through the small archway into Minster Precincts. Almost immediately turn left and walk round towards the back of the Cathedral. Here you will see the remains of an infirmary (K) and a nearby ancient burial place.



ST JOHN'S CHURCH
 Cathedral Square
 GUILDHALL
 Church Street
 Bridge Street
 The Palace
 Dean's Ct

CATHEDRAL

Minster
 Precincts