



WHAT'S ON 2016

Spring

- 16 Feb Little Crackers
- 22 Mar – 27 Mar Spirituality Maze in the Abbey
- 26 – 27 Mar, Kirkstall Abbey Markets
- 30 Apr – 1 May & 28 – 29 May
- 1 Apr – 18 Apr Easter school holidays fun
- 27 May – 6 June Owl Trail

Summer

- 25 – 26 June, Kirkstall Abbey Markets
- 30 – 31 Jul & 27 – 28 Aug
- 9 Jul Kirkstall Festival
- 27 Jul – 5 Sep Summer Holidays Family Fun
- 17 – 19 Aug Children's Festival of Imagination

Autumn/Winter

- 24 – 25 Sep, Kirkstall Abbey Markets
- 29 – 30 Oct & 26 – 27 Nov
- 21 Oct – 31 Oct Halloween Scarecrow Trail
- 11 Dec Carols in the Abbey
- 16 Dec – 3 Jan Christmas school holidays

School Holidays

Kirkstall Abbey is the perfect place to visit come rain or shine. For up-to-date school holiday events and activities please visit leeds.gov.uk/schoolholidays.

Or ask about The Vintage Youth Club (14-21 years) and Teens workshops (13-19 years). Find out more at www.leeds.gov.uk/youthengagement

The 1152 Club

We also have a free, friendly local history and special interest group for adults aged 55+. To find out more please visit leeds.gov.uk/the1152club.

Opening times

Mon: Closed
Tues – Sun: 10am – 4.30pm (Apr – Sept)
10am–4pm (Oct – Mar). Last entry 30 mins before closing

Price

Kirkstall Abbey is **FREE** to visit and enjoy.

How to find us

Kirkstall Abbey sits within Kirkstall Abbey Park and is approx. 3.5 miles from the city centre of Leeds. **By bus:** Bus numbers 33, 33a and 757 travel from the city centre to Kirkstall Road. **By train:** The nearest train station is Headingley which is a one mile walk from the museum. **By car:** If you are using a route planner, our postcode is LS5 3EH. **Parking:** A large free car park with disabled parking is situated next to Abbey House Museum on Abbey Walk.



Accessibility

The Visitor Centre and abbey ruins are wheelchair accessible. Accessible toilets are situated in the Visitor Centre.

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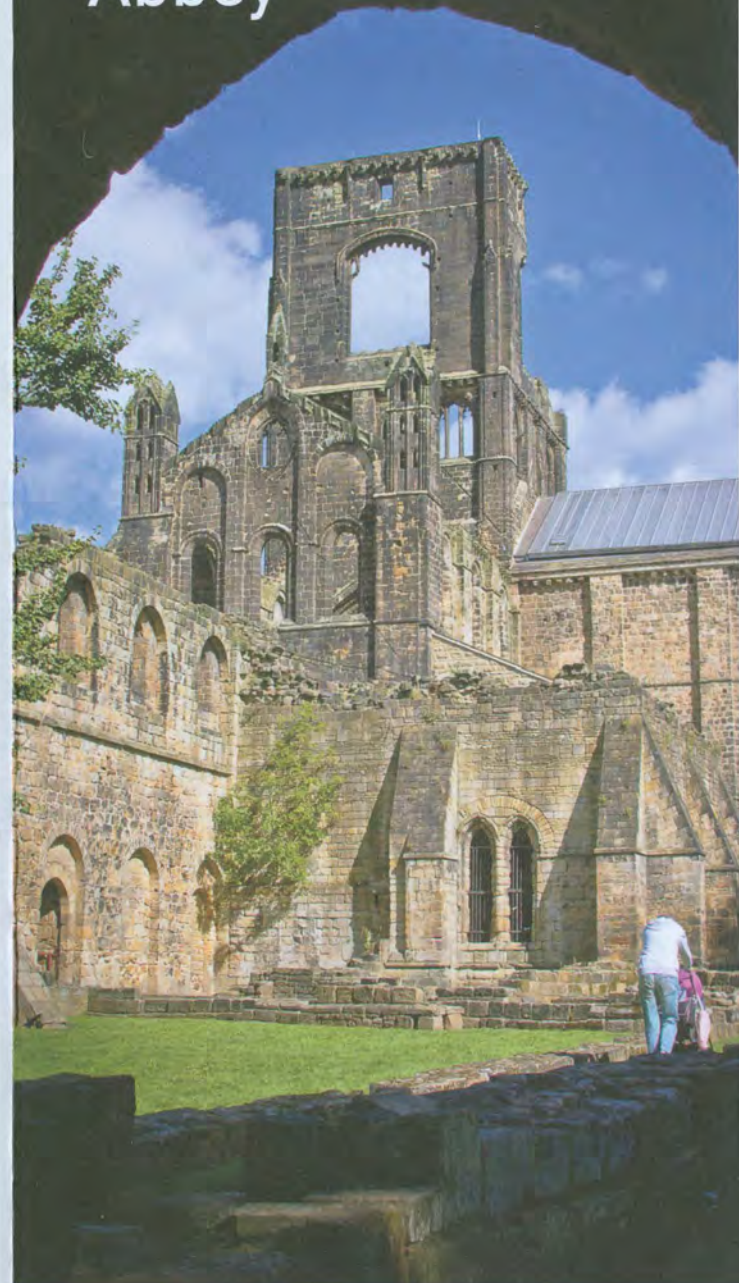
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Kirkstall Abbey

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Uncover the history of one of the best preserved medieval Cistercian abbeys in Britain. With its beautiful and iconic ruins, award-winning Park and interactive visitor centre Kirkstall Abbey is a place that visitors of all ages can enjoy.

The Ruins

This charming structure, which is still standing substantially complete up to its full height, presents a unique example of early Cistercian architecture. From the majesty of the church to the peace of the cloisters enjoy walking through one of the most complete examples of a medieval Cistercian abbey in Britain.



The Visitor Centre

Today the story of the abbey and its community is explored in the Visitor Centre. Founded over 800 years ago in 1152, discover more about this famous Leeds landmark and what life was like for the Cistercian monks who lived there for nearly 400 years.



The Park

Enjoy the abbey's spectacular parkland setting next to the River Aire. Take a walk along the river or enjoy a picnic in the picturesque open spaces. There is also a small children's playground near to the car park for the little ones to enjoy.

Plan an Event

The ruins of Kirkstall Abbey can provide a breath-taking background to your wedding photography, blessings, vow renewals and baby naming ceremonies. They can also offer a unique location for an event or a dramatic backdrop for film and photography. To find out more contact **0113 378 4079**.

Kirkstall Abbey Market

Our popular Kirkstall Abbey Market is held 12pm - 3pm on the last Saturday and Sunday of the month between March and November. With over 40 stalls in the cloisters of the abbey, it's the perfect place to find high quality Yorkshire produce, handmade crafts and collectables, and freshly cooked treats for a tasty lunch.

Visit leeds.gov.uk/kirkstallabbeymarket



Shopping

You'll find a host of souvenirs and great gifts inspired by the abbey and its collections in our wonderful gift shop located in the Visitor Centre. Enjoy an excellent selection of themed toys, books and costumes plus games to play with in the park.

Don't Miss!

Combine your visit with a journey back in time to 19th century Leeds at nearby Abbey House Museum located just across the road. This popular family-friendly and award winning museum, houses three recreated Victorian streets, toys and games from our vast collections in the Childhood Galleries plus our 'new for 2016' exhibition exploring the dramatic changes in crime and punishment over time. Visit leeds.gov.uk/abbeyhouse for more information.



Food & Drink

Abbey House Museum is also home to The Gatehouse Café. With its 12th century architecture and vaulted ceiling, it provides a unique setting for morning coffee, light lunch or afternoon tea.

