



Christ Church Cathedral Accessibility Policy

Everyone is welcome at Christ Church Cathedral and we are always looking at ways to improve accessibility to the cathedral.

Some of our most recent additions to the cathedral's experience have been developed with access in mind. They include:

- Our audio guide is available in Irish Sign Language and with audio description. Please ask at the welcome desk for assistance with either of these options.
- The bronze sculpture of the medieval cathedral in the grounds is designed to be tactile and has a key in braille. It is also wheelchair accessible.
- The Listening Bench in the crypt is wheelchair accessible and can be used with a hearing loop.
- The sound installation on the viewing platform in the grounds is wheelchair accessible.

However, as Christ Church is a medieval structure, there are some access limitations within the building.

The Belfry

- is accessible only on a guided tour
- is accessible only by a narrow spiral staircase containing 86 steps
- is not suitable for visitors with reduced mobility, vision impairments, claustrophobia, a fear of heights or children aged 12 years or under
- is not suitable for service animals
- sensible footwear is required and no large bags are allowed

The Crypt

- is accessible from the main cathedral by 17 steps.
- can also be accessed by an external entrance upon request. Advance notice for this option is appreciated.

The Cathedral

- is accessible via a ramp at the main entrance.
- access to the baptistery, quire and side chapels is by steps only.