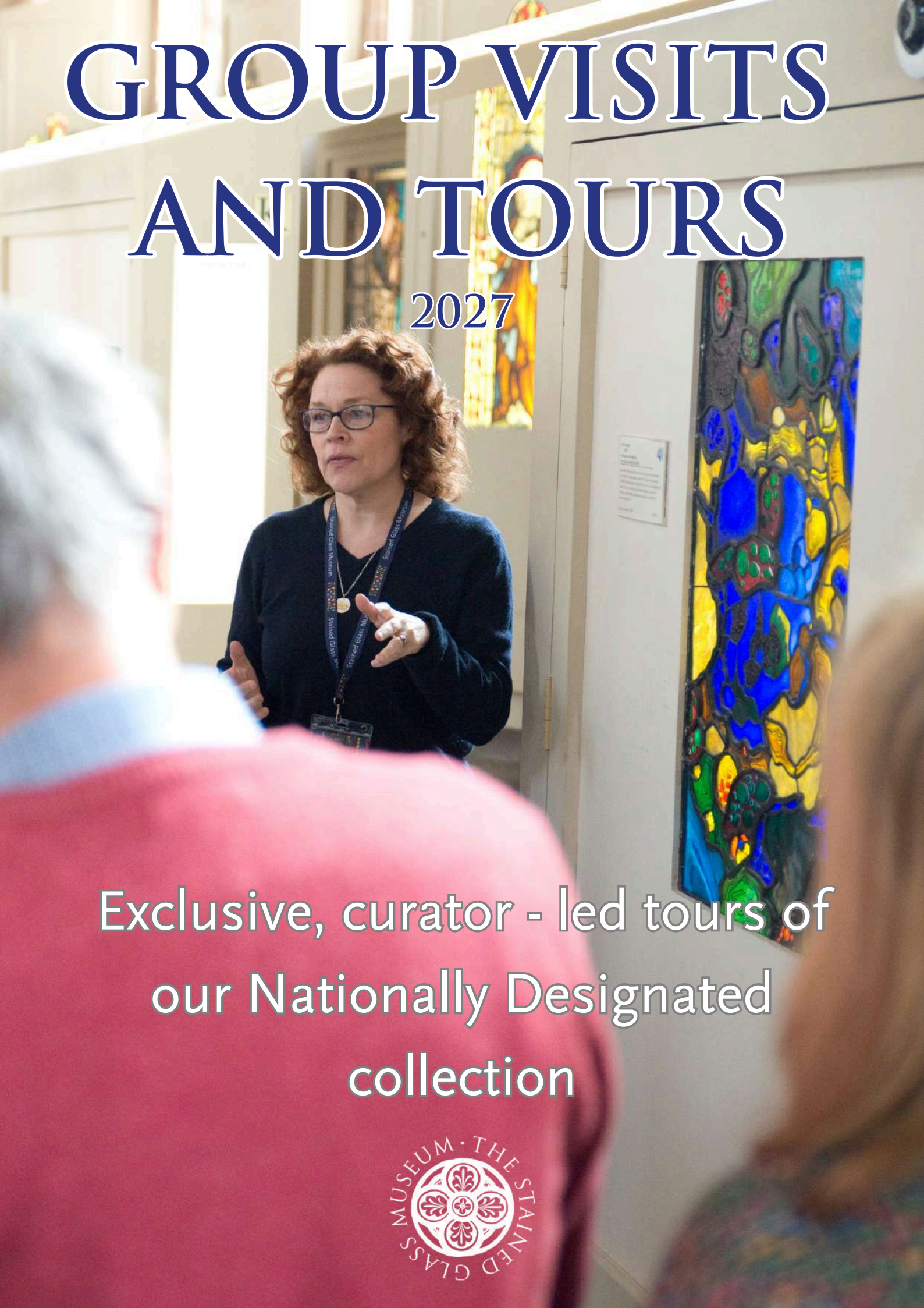
GROUP VISITS AND TOURS

2027



Exclusive, curator - led tours of our Nationally Designated collection

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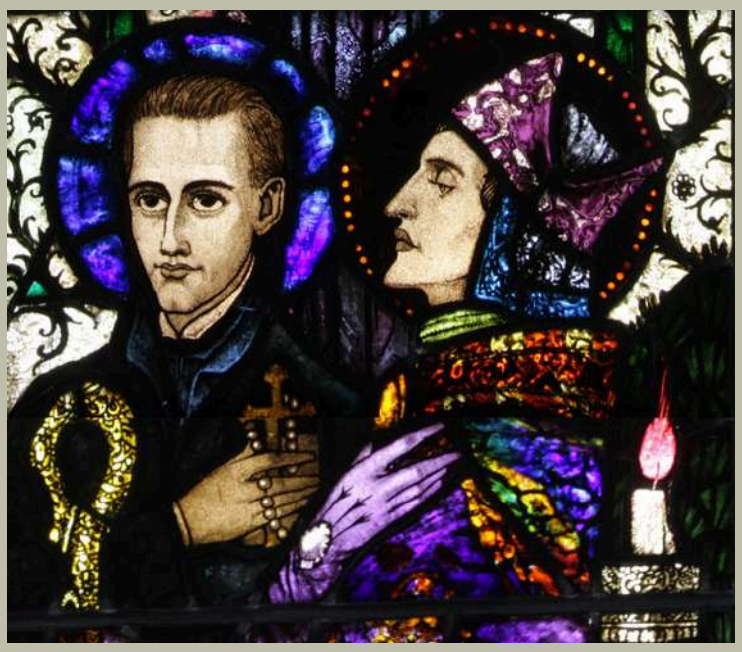







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ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Stained Glass Museum is the only museum dedicated to the art of stained glass in the UK. The museum boasts a Nationally Designated collection of stained glass, associated designs, materials and tools which reveal the development of this unique art from the 13th century to present day.

The museum's permanent gallery space in the triforium of Ely Cathedral houses a chronological display featuring stained glass from the museum's own collection as well as from partner organisations the V&A and the Royal Collection. Displayed at eye-level, visitors can experience this art form at close quarters.

An independent accredited museum and registered charity since its foundation in 1972, The Stained Glass Museum has rescued a large quantity of stained glass from redundant buildings, many of them churches and chapels, but also synagogues, hospitals, houses and schools, which otherwise would have been lost.



GUIDED TOURS

CURATORIAL TOURS

Discover the stories behind our collection on a specialist, bespoke tour thoughtfully tailored to your group's interests. Explore the history and development of stained glass through the ages and gain expert insight into the museum's collection.

Curatorial Tour fee: £15 per person

Minimum tour fee: £150



BEHIND THE SCENES TOURS

Go beyond the galleries and combine a Curatorial Tour with exclusive behind-the-scenes access to objects in our reserve collection store, rarely seen by the public. Selected works of art will be displayed for your group to enjoy on our lightbox.

Behind the Scenes Tour fee: £20 per person

Minimum tour fee: £200



MAKING AND MENDING: CONSERVATION TOURS

This curator-led tour of the gallery offers a closer look at the technical craft and intricate conservation of stained glass. Discover the specialist techniques used to care for these remarkable windows, both historically and today uncovering hidden details and restoration histories of windows on display. Plus, enjoy the opportunity to handle pieces from our handling collection and explore the tools and materials used to create, repair and conserve stained glass.

Conservation Tour fee: £18 per person

Minimum tour fee: £200



⁘ New for 2027 ⁘

Available March - September

MEET THE CONSERVATOR TOURS

Following an abridged tour of the gallery, step behind the scenes to meet our specialist stained glass conservator. Enjoy this rare opportunity to see conservation in action, find out more about stained glass conservation in the 21st century with a Q&A, and view pieces that are very rarely seen by the public.

Meet the Conservator Tour fee: £35 per person

Minimum tour fee: £200



GROUP SIZE

As the main gallery is narrow, in order to protect the collection and enable you to have the best visit possible, we can only accommodate groups of up to 15 at one time. We request that larger groups are split into smaller groups of up to 15. Entrance to the Stained Glass Museum can be staggered, especially if you are combining your visit with another attractions in Ely.

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....Thank you so much for the wonderful tour yesterday. It was the perfect tour for our group, and the stained glass was exceptional and so beautiful.

Specialist art tour group leader, 2025

★★★★★

It was a pleasure to visit the Stained Glass Museum - the group learnt a lot from our tour and from seeing the conservator at work. Thank you very much for making our visit such a success!

Art history society group leader, 2026

★★★★★

What a wonderful day we had at the Cathedral and museum. We had fantastic guides, and the tours really elevated our visit. We learnt so much and will definitely be back!

Local history group leader, 2026

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BOOKINGS

HOW TO BOOK

Please visit our website at www.stainedglassmuseum.com/groups to complete our simple online booking form.

For enquires about bespoke tours and events, suitability and availability, please email us at events@stainedglassmuseum.com

Please note; Museum Friends, Art Fund members and Museums Association members enjoy a 50% discount on their places. *Minimum tour fees apply*

ACCESS

The museum is located on an upper level of Ely Cathedral and accessed via a staircase of 40 steps. There is no lift

You can find more about accessing the museum on our website.



THE ELY EXPERIENCE

MAKE A DAY OF IT: THE ELY EXPERIENCE

The Stained Glass Museum is located inside Ely Cathedral and there is plenty to do in the building to fill a day's itinerary.

Nearby attractions include Ely Museum, and Oliver Cromwell's House (all within walking distance). The Museum is also a 15 minute train ride, or 30 minutes drive from Cambridge, and can easily be combined with a visit to one of Cambridge's many attractions.

TAKE A BREAK

Although the museum does not have a café, Ely Cathedral's Almonry Restaurant located in the Cathedral grounds is also very close by. There are a number of independent and national coffee shops and cafés in the city, all within 5-10 minute walking distance.

















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