

Stained Glass Festival

During August 2023, St Mary's will host a festival celebrating the history of the church and its stained glass collection. Unless otherwise stated, events and activities will take place in St Mary's Church in Shrewsbury.



The festival is part of the Shrewsbury Arts Trail: shrewsburyartstrail.com

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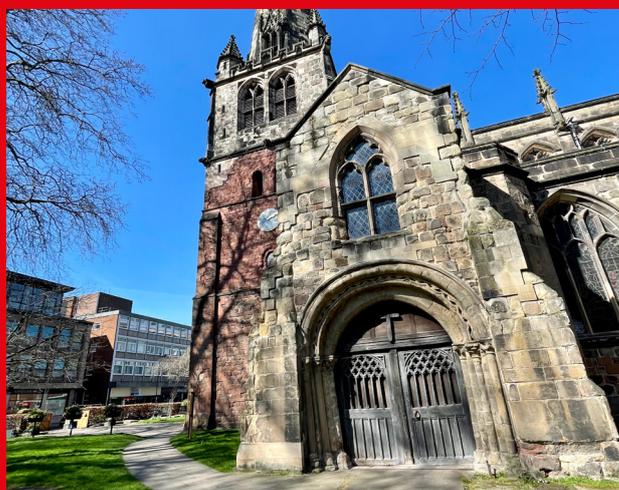
'How Not To Be Famous: the Story of Shrewsbury's Great Stained Glass Artist, Margaret Rope'

Tuesday 1 August, 14:00-15:00

Shrewsbury Library £3 per person

This talk is a slightly tongue-in-cheek look at why so few people are aware of Margaret Agnes Rope, arguably Shropshire's greatest artist. Ten of her finest works can be seen in Shrewsbury alone, and she is collected by American museums, but still is largely unknown. This talk attempts to explain why.

The talk is presented by Mark Stewart of the Margaret Agnes Rope Appreciation Trust. The talk lasts 40 minutes, with time for questions.



Stained Glass Arts Project

01-31 August, Mon-Sat, 10:00-16:00

Free – donations welcome

Pupils from Oxon CE Primary School and St George's Junior School, and students from the University of Chester, will create and display stained glass designs. The designs will be applied to window arches made from 100% recycled clear Greencast Acrylic.



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Stained Glass Painting

Friday 11 August, 11:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 15:00

£10 per person

Learn about the traditional methods of stained glass painting and create designs inspired by the stained glass windows at St Mary's Church. Nathalie Hildegarde Liege will run these sessions: couleurlive.com

Each workshop will last 50 minutes and is limited to five people. Suitable for adults and young people (13 years +).

Book here:
www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-s-on/stained-glass-painting-.html

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Stained Glass Tours

Saturday 12 / Saturday 19 / Saturday 26 August, 13:00-15:00

Free – donations welcome at each site.

Tour format:

13:00-13:45: Start at Shrewsbury Cathedral for a tour of the building, overview of stained glass and Margaret Agnes Rope – led by Mark Stewart from the Margaret Agnes Rope Appreciation Trust.

13:45-14:15: Walk over to St Mary's Church (group will be led by a guide who will stop and highlight points of interest in the town).

14:15-15:00: Tour of St Mary's learning about its history and impressive continental stained glass collection.

These tours celebrate the stained glass collections within St Mary's Church and Shrewsbury Cathedral, with focus on the amazing work of Shropshire artist Margaret Agnes Rope.

Booking not necessary. Tours start promptly at 13:00. Please arrive at the entrance of the Cathedral on your chosen date.



Stained Glass Festival – Art Sessions

Wednesday 16 August, 11:00-15:00

Free – donations welcome

Creating clay tiles using impressions from around the church and the flora/foilage in the churchyard. Drop-in session for adults and children (4 years +). All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Book here:
<https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-s-on/stained-glass-festival-shrewsbury.html>



Historic and Contemporary Glass

01-31 August, Mon-Sat, 10:00-16:00

Free – donations welcome

Displays of historic stained and painted glass and contemporary designs. Artists will include Bethany Halbreich, Founder and Executive Director of Paint the World. She will be exhibiting the Symbols Series which explores the relationship between communities and symbols/iconography featured in different artwork. A special selection of work focusing on the stained glass will be created for the Festival.

Musical Moments

Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 16 August

Free – donations welcome

Relax and unwind listening to music played on our baby grand piano.