



Your Visit



Booking is essential



A Morning on the Hill of Armagh

We suggest that you allow approximately two and a half hours for a visit to all three places. Large groups will be invited to divide into three, and we ask schools and youth groups to have an adult available to accompany each group. The Music Hall is available where refreshments may be enjoyed and items left securely.

All of this is offered free of charge to schools. For adult groups we request a fee of £7.50 per person to cover the whole visit. If you need further information before booking, please contact us or go to either website:

armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk

www.stpatricks-cathedral.org

Joint visits can be booked for the Cathedral, No 5 and the Library by contacting:

Armagh Robinson Library
43 Abbey Street
Armagh BT61 7DY

Tel. 028 3752 3142
E-mail admin@armaghrobinsonlibrary.co.uk

For Cathedral-only visits, please contact:

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Armagh Robinson Library

Since 1771



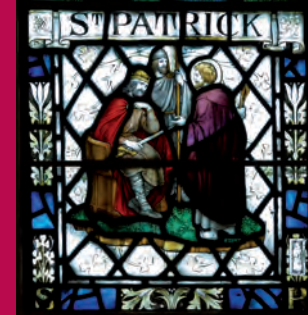
No.5 Vicars' Hill

Since 1772



St Patrick's Cathedral

Since 445



We invite schools and groups of all ages to a morning (or an afternoon or a day) on the Hill of Armagh. This is a three-fold visit to Armagh's ancient hill, with representatives to greet groups and show them the treasures.

Armagh Robinson Library, formerly Armagh Public Library, is the oldest public library in Northern Ireland. It was founded in 1771 by Archbishop Richard Robinson as part of his plans to establish a university and to improve the City of Armagh. The basis of the collection is Archbishop Robinson's own library of 8,000 books on theology, philosophy, classic and modern literature, voyages and travels, history, medicine and law. Temporary exhibitions are organised to highlight particular themes and writers.

This part of the visit will be led by the Assistant Keeper. Visitors will be encouraged to handle 18th and 19th century books with care, and will be able to look at the 1835 Ordnance Survey Maps to find out how their townland, village or town looked all those years ago.

The Diocesan Registry was built in 1772 to hold records for the Cathedral and Diocese of Armagh. Its octagonal rooms contained many public as well as church records. Whilst the records are no longer kept in the building, some examples are on view. Armagh Robinson Library owns the building and displays items from its collections of ancient coins, gems, prints and early Christian and pre-Christian artefacts. The latter includes an Ogham Stone. This deceptively large building has a fascinating interior and retains many of its original features. There is also a great view at the rear of the building towards the ancient Emain Macha – Navan Fort.

This part of the visit will be led by the Registry Officer. Touch screens provide the opportunity to explore the collections in more detail.

Advice and information can be provided to those who wish to carry out more in-depth research in the archives, many of which are stored in Armagh Robinson Library.

The story of Armagh Cathedral begins in the year 445 when, according to tradition, St Patrick built a church on the hill from which the City derives its name 'Ard Mhacha – The Height of Mhacha'. The plan of the Cathedral, as it now stands, is the design of Archbishop O'Scanlain in 1268.

The Cathedral was greatly restored in the 1830s. Further work between 1890 and 1913 gave us the Cathedral much as it is today. It is still in use daily for Christian worship.



This tour, led by the Cathedral Steward, will include the history of the Cathedral, information on its windows and monuments, and access to the 13th century Crypt.

