

**ST. ALBANS
CATHEDRAL**

St Albans Roman Festival

21 – 30 June 2019



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Family Fun | Food & Drink | Talks & Tours | Cinema



St Albans
City & District Council

Alban

STREET FESTIVAL

2019

Sunday 23 June
from 12-6pm

- » Roman Arena
- » Music Stages
- » Street Food
- » Crafts
- » Performers
- » Family Fun

**FREE COMMUNITY
FESTIVAL**

www.enjoystalbans.com/albanfestival

ST ALBANS
CHOOSE YOUR STORY



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Welcome to St Albans Roman Festival

St Albans Roman Festival is a celebration of the magnificent story of Roman St Albans. From the story of **Alban, Britain's first saint**, a romano-british citizen martyred around 300 AD; remarkable reminders of Roman life, from the **Roman Theatre** to the Roman ruins of **Verulamium**; to amazing activities such as reenactments of **Roman Battles, Toga Yoga, Roman food and films** - and much, much more!

Whether you're a local or a visitor, we look forward to welcoming you to this truly unique Festival.

Events & Booking

Where applicable, the web addresses of individual venues are included in this programme. All the events are also listed on St Albans Cathedral's website **stalbanscathedral.org** with full details about ticket booking, prices, and contact details for individual venues.

Festival Highlights

Saturday 22 June



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The Alban Pilgrimage

At 11am a magnificent procession celebrating the story of Alban, Britain's first saint, will set off from St Peter's Church, St Albans.

Alban was a romano-british citizen, martyred in around 300 AD. 12ft carnival puppets take to the streets, to tell his story, resulting in a spectacular show of colour and community!

Find out more at stalbanscathedral.org

St Albans Cathedral's new Welcome Centre & Exhibition!

Drop in to the Cathedral to see its rich history - starting with the story of St Alban - brought to life through new displays, trails, stunning audiovisuals and artefacts.

Children can also enjoy a host of new activities, including brass rubbing, dressing up, explorer backpacks and much, much more!



Alban Fest!

12noon to 6pm

A FREE afternoon of Roman themed fun!

Taking place on the **Abbey Orchard**, Alban Fest is an afternoon of free, Roman themed activities for the whole family.

Experience the drama of a **Roman battle** with a live re-enactment by the Ermine Street Guard, witness the incredible skill of **medieval badge making** and create a **clay sculpture** of St Albans Cathedral.

Activities also include:

- Festival glitter and face painting
- A visit from the Alban Pilgrimage puppets
- Live Roman pottery demonstrations
- Fun and games with the St Albans Scouts

There will be wonderful music by the Maida Vales with delicious Roman-themed food on sale nearby.

We can't wait to welcome you! Find out more at stalbanscathedral.org

The Ermine Street Guard



Festival Programme



Friday 21 June

Welcoming Pilgrims from London

To mark the launch of the Roman Festival, we will be greeting pilgrims who have completed a brand new 3 day pilgrimage from London. Applaud the walkers as they take their final strides!

St Albans Cathedral

Meet at the West End
4pm – 5pm
stalbanscathedral.org

Roman BBQ

A tasty Roman BBQ at Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, the oldest pub in Britain. Available at weekends throughout the festival.

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks

01727 869152
yeoldefightingcocks.co.uk

The Passion of Alban & Livia

Witness the legend of Alban come to life in a new play presenting the events around the death of St Alban. Evening performances will be introduced by Pete the Temp, performance poet. Suitable for ages 12+. Tickets: £15 & £10 (youth concessions)
Book: www.ticketsource.co.uk/ovo

Roman Theatre of Verulamium

8pm – 10pm
Presented by Act of God.
romantheatre.org.uk

Saturday 22 June - St Alban's Day!

Alban Pilgrimage

A magnificent procession through the city, celebrating the story of Alban. Free!

St Peter's Church to St Albans Cathedral

From 11am
See page 4 for details.

Alban Fest!

An afternoon of Roman themed activities for the whole family. Free!

The Abbey Orchard

12noon – 6pm
See page 5 for details.

Roman Dressing Up

Climb to the top of the Clock Tower where the whole family can dress up as Roman soldiers, complete with tunics, breastplates, helmets and swords. There will be fun and games on the way up!

Entrance fee: Adults £1, children under 12 go free

St Albans Clock Tower

10.30am – 5pm
stalbanstmuseums.org.uk

Hypocaust in the Park

Visit the Hypocaust and mosaic floor on show in Verulamium Park. The St Albans Tour Guides will be on hand to tell you how it was made and describe the grand house in which it was situated. Free!

Hypocaust, Verulamium Park

2pm – 4pm
stalbanstmuseums.org.uk
See website for main opening hours.

The Passion of Alban & Livia

See page 6 for details. Timings opposite.

Roman Theatre of Verulamium

2pm – 3.30pm & 8pm – 10pm



Sunday 23 June

Patronal Eucharist with Blessing of St Albans Cathedral's new Welcome Centre

St Albans Cathedral welcomes all to a special Eucharist to celebrate St Alban, which will finish with the Blessing of the new Welcome Centre.

St Albans Cathedral

10am – 11.30am

stalbanscathedral.org

Roman Dressing Up

See page 7 for details.

St Albans Clock Tower

Empress and Emperor Party

Dress up in your best toga and join Empress Kate from Wish Upon a Party for traditional party games along with Roman themed story telling & drama activities. Suitable for ages 3-8. Tickets: £8.50 for each session. Book: In the café, or call **01727 838246**

Inn on the Park

Verulamium Park

11am – 11.45am

12.30pm – 1.15pm

inn-on-the-park.com

Cathedral Tower Tours

See the remains of Verulamium from new heights on one of the Cathedral's amazing Tower Tours! Suitable for ages 11+.

Restrictions apply - see website for details.

Tickets: £9.50. Book: stalbanscathedral.org

St Albans Cathedral

Meet in the South Transept

2pm & 3.30pm

Tours last approximately 1 hr.

A Roman City Revealed Guided Walk

Join a St Albans City Tour Guide for a walk round the visible remains of Verulamium and hear about the wonderful buildings that stood here nearly 2000 years ago. Suitable for ages 10+.

Tickets: £5, plus £2 for Roman Theatre. **Pay on the day.**

Verulamium Museum

(Meet outside)

2.30pm – 4pm

3pm – 4.30pm

Roman Film Club

Film screening of Stanley Kubrick's *Spartacus*, starring Kirk Douglas and Laurence Olivier, at The Pudding Stop. There are no bookings, simply turn up, take a seat, have a cocktail and eat pudding! Suitable for 18+. Free!

The Pudding Stop, St Albans

8pm – 10pm

thepuddingstop.com

Quiet Abbey

Lit only by candlelight, come and experience this ancient building in meditative silence as we mark a peaceful end to Alban weekend.

St Albans Cathedral

6.30pm

stalbanscathedral.org



Sunday 23 June

12noon - 6pm

The Alban Street Festival is a free community event in the heart of St Albans. The street will come alive with an array of food and drink stalls, street entertainers and music stages. Look out for the authentic Roman market along with Roman mosaic and pottery workshops.

enjoystalbens.com

Alban Street Festival



Stephanie Belton

Monday 24 June

Young People's Puppet Theatre

Watch your favourite Cathedral characters take to the stage in two marionette-puppet productions.

The Crossing Place is a re-imagining of the Alban story.

A Grim Day Out is the story of Lord Grimthorpe, the Cathedral's eccentric Victorian architect, and how two children show him what really matters in life.

Suitable for ages 7+. Tickets: £5

Book: stalbanscathedral.org

St Albans Cathedral

The Crossing Place

7.30pm – 8.30pm

A Grim Day Out

8:30pm – 9.30pm

Presented in collaboration with Cathedral volunteers and Yr 6 students from Alban City School.

Tuesday 25 June

Roman Festival

Dine like the Romans at the White Lion's 'Festival' this summer. Enjoy Roman food fit for an emperor, featuring exciting dishes like Wild Boar, Venison and Suckling Pig. There will also be a Roman pub quiz on 27 June!

Book: whitelionstabookings@gmail.com

The White Lion Pub

25 – 29 June

01727 850540

whitelionstalbens.co.uk



Wednesday 26 June

Roman Pub Quiz

Come to Ye Olde Fighting Cocks for a Roman Pub Quiz, led by Caesar Chris! Look out for the Roman Centurion standing guard outside...

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks

9pm
01727 869152

Outdoor Cinema: *Gladiator* (2000)

An outdoor screening of the Academy Award winning film *Gladiator* as part of the St Albans Film Festival. A once powerful Roman general is forced to become a gladiator. Tickets: £12.50. Suitable for ages 15+.

Book: stalbanfilmfestival.com

Abbey Orchard

8pm – 10.30pm

Thursday 27 June

The denarii in your pocket:

Roman coins and Verulamium

The Romans introduced the coin to Britain. How did the people of Verulamium use money and for what purpose? This talk includes an opportunity to handle examples of roman coinage. Tickets: £10.

Book: stalbanmuseums.org.uk

Verulamium Museum

7.30pm – 8.30pm

Friday 28 June

Roman BBQ

A tasty Roman BBQ at Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, the oldest pub in Britain. Available at weekends throughout the festival.

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks

01727 869152
yeoldefightingcocks.co.uk

Saturday 29 June

Making Mosaic Masks

Come to Trestle and find out about Roman Theatre masks and craft a card mask with mosaic decoration to take away with you! All ages are welcome and the Trestle café will be open for drinks and snacks.

Free entry - donations welcome.

Trestle Arts Base

Drop in between
10am and 12noon
01727 850950

trestle.org.uk

Cathedral Tower Tours

See page 8 for full details. Timings opposite.

Book: **stalbanscathedral.org**

St Albans Cathedral

Meet in the South Transept
10am, 11.30am,
1pm & 2.30pm

Verulamium: The Life and Death of a Roman City

Verulamium was the third largest city in Roman Britain. This one day conference, organised by St Albans and Hertfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society, will provide an overview of recent research on the Roman town. Tickets: £25. Concessions available.

Book: **stalbanshistory.org**

Marlborough Road

Methodist Church, St Albans

10am – 4.30pm

St Albans Folk Festival Day of Dance and Music

Featuring dance in St Albans City Centre, with St Albans folk dance groups and their guests, and music and singing in city centre pubs and other venues. Family Friendly. Free - donations welcome.

St Albans Folk Festival

Various city centre venues.

10am – 5pm

stalbansfolkmusic.org.uk

Celebrating 80 years of Verulamium Museum

Celebrate the museum's 80th year with hands on activities for all the family, gallery talks and costumed characters who will bring the stories from the third largest city in Roman Britain and its excavations to life.

Verulamium Museum

Free entry, 10am – 5pm

Free activities, 11am – 4pm

stalbanstmuseums.org.uk

A Roman City Revealed Guided Walk

See page 8 for details.

Verulamium Museum

(Meet outside)

St Albans Folk Festival Concert with Flook

The flutes and whistles of Brian Finnegan & Sarah Allen, the guitar of Ed Boyd and the bodhran of John Joe Kelly, weave and spin traditionally rooted tunes into an enthralling sound.

Tickets: £18 in advance, £19 on the door.

Book: **ticketsource.co.uk/ovo**

St Albans Folk Festival is also inviting entries for a Roman-themed song writing event. For details, see

stalbansfolkmusic.org.uk

Roman Theatre of Verulamium

8pm – 11pm

romantheatre.org.uk



Sunday 30 June

Toga Yoga

Join Louise Neicho from Woodland Yoga for an extra special Yoga Workshop in the Abbey Orchard overlooking the Cathedral. No experience necessary.

Suitable for 18+. Tickets: £25

Book: woodlandyoga.co.uk/events

Abbey Orchard

10am – 12noon

Ben-Hur (1959)

This compelling classic tells the story of a Jewish prince (Charlton Heston) who vows revenge when he is enslaved by his Roman friend (Stephen Boyd). Encompassing 300 sets, nine sound stages and consuming 1.1 million feet of film, this special screening celebrates the Odyssey's 60th anniversary. Tickets from £8.

Book: odysseypictures.co.uk Call: **01727 453088**

The Odyssey Cinema

6pm

See website for more information.

Larkus in the Parkus - St Albans Arts Team

Larks in the Parks, the Free Annual Community Event, marches back to its roots as it embraces St Albans' Roman heritage. At five sites around the district, expect Gladiators, juggling centurions, laurel leaf headdresses and more.

Free! See facebook.com/larksinparks for details.

Full venue details available at stalbanscathedral.org

12noon – 5pm

Throughout the Festival

Roman Arts & Crafts

Drop in to the Cathedral throughout the Roman Festival for Roman themed arts and craft activities. On 29 June, there will be a special opportunity to explore the life of Alban by walking on the Labyrinth in the North Transept of the Cathedral. See website for details. Free entry - donations welcome.

St Albans Cathedral

Open daily
8.30am – 5.30pm
stalbanscathedral.org

Open Church

An ancient place of prayer and pilgrimage, built on the site of the headquarters of Roman Verulamium. St Michael's will be open throughout the Festival. Free entry.

St Michael's Church

Open daily, 9.30am – 5pm
stmichaels-parishchurch.org.uk

Verulamium Museum

Built on the site of one of the largest Roman cities in Britain, discover ancient treasures and some of the finest mosaics outside of the Mediterranean.

Verulamium Museum

Mon to Sat: 10am – 5pm
Sunday: 2pm – 5pm
stalbansmuseums.org.uk

Roman Themed Menu

Enjoy Roman themed surprises at St Albans Museum + Gallery's Café in celebration of the Roman Festival.

St Albans Museum + Gallery

Mon to Sat: 10am – 5pm
Sunday: 11am – 5pm
stalbansmuseums.org

New Bishop's Pale Ale

A new Bishop's Pale Ale has been specially brewed for the festival in association with Farr Brew. Available throughout the week at Ye Olde Fighting Cocks and The White Lion pubs.

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks & The White Lion

The Roman Theatre of Verulamium

Built in about 140 AD the Roman Theatre is the only example of its kind in Britain. Visit for a glimpse into Roman life and entertainment!

Roman Theatre of Verulamium

Ticket information available at
gorhamburyestate.co.uk

The Roman Theatre of Verulamium



The fun continues...

Company of Ten – Patrick Barlow’s Ben Hur

The ‘holy’ absorbing story of the struggle of Ben Hur at the time of Christ played by four actors. Scenes include the chariot race and sea battle - performed with real water! Family friendly. Book: abbeytheatre.org.uk

Abbey Theatre

5 – 7 and 9 – 13 July
8pm – 10pm
(plus 2.30pm on 7 July)

Latin Literature in a Day

Fancy skipping all that lengthy grammar study and simply reading some Latin literature... in Latin? This study day is a broad taster of how Latin works.

No previous knowledge required! Suitable for 16+

Tickets: £25. Book: stalbanscathedral.org

St Albans Cathedral

The Alban Room
Saturday 6 July
10.30am – 3.30pm

IOFringe - St Albans Arts Team

A host of exciting and mostly free Fringe events to compliment The International Organ Festival (8 - 20 July). IOFringe promotes the diversity of excellent local music whilst also offering inspirational performances and participatory opportunities.

St Albans City Centre

3 – 13 July
facebook.com/IOFringe

The Worlds of Alban and Amphibalus

An exciting study day at St Albans Cathedral, examining what we know about St Alban and St Amphibalus, and discussing the history of Christianity in early medieval Britain. Suitable for 16+.

Tickets: £25. Book: stalbanscathedral.org

St Albans Cathedral

The Offa Room
Saturday 13 July
10.30am – 3.30pm

Radical Romans Family Discovery Morning

A fun morning of Roman themed arts and crafts.

Explore the Cathedral and the stories of Roman Verulamium. Suitable for ages 3-11.

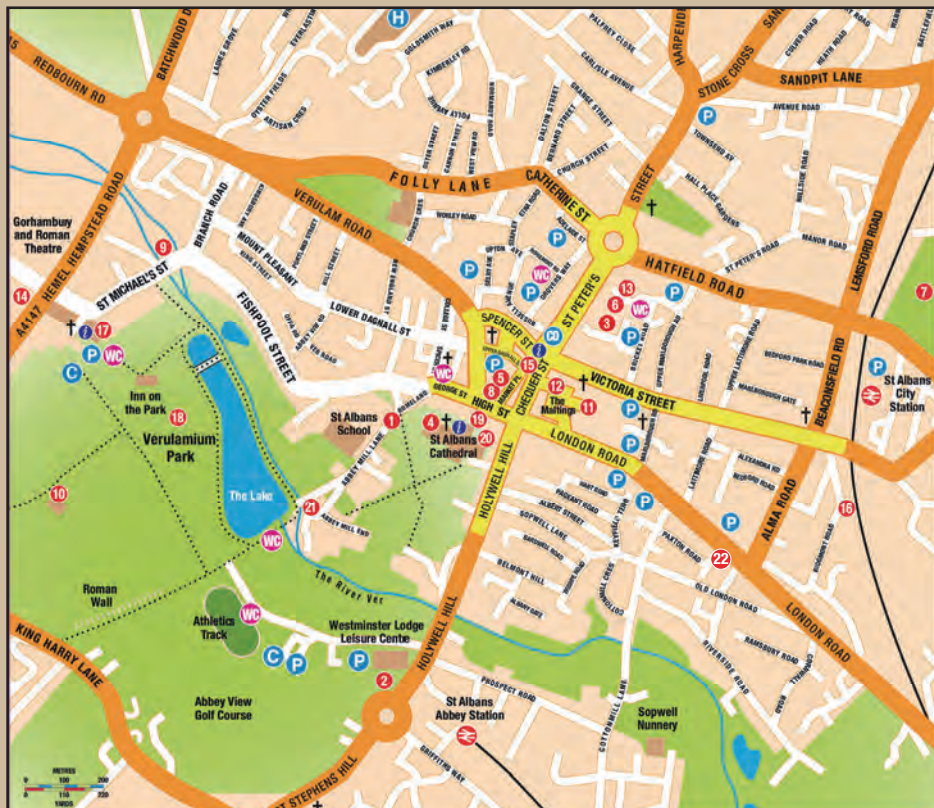
Free entry - donations welcome.

St Albans Cathedral

Thursday 1 August
10am – 12.30pm
stalbanscathedral.org



Finding your way around



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| ③ Alban Arena | ⑫ Verulamium Park |
| ④ St Albans Cathedral | ⑬ Village Arcade |
| ⑤ Christopher Place | ⑭ Vintry Garden |
| ⑥ Civic Centre | ⑮ Ye Olde Fighting Cocks |
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This map, along with further information about finding your way around St Albans, is available at enjoystalbens.com

Useful Information



Fred Stacey

Find us online

All of the events taking place during the Roman Festival can be found online at stalbanscathedral.org. Full details will be available here and, should any changes take place, these will be posted to the website.

Accessibility

If you have particular access requirements, please contact the organisation hosting the event in advance. Information about access at Alban Fest, the Alban Pilgrimage and St Albans Cathedral is available at stalbanscathedral.org

Parking

Please note that there is no visitor or disabled parking at St Albans Cathedral. If you require information about dropping off, please contact us. For information about parking at other venues, please contact the relevant venue directly. Useful information about public transport and parking in St Albans City Centre is available at enjoystalbans.com/travel-and-maps

Contact Us

If you have an enquiry, where possible, we advise contacting the organisation or venue hosting the event in the first instance. However, if you aren't sure who to speak to, please contact us: events@stalbanscathedral.org or **01727 890210**

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