

# A Visit to Rosslyn Chapel: A Visual Story Autism Accessibility Guide

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Welcome to Rosslyn Chapel. This visual story shows you what your visit to Rosslyn Chapel will probably be like.

# Approaching Rosslyn Chapel

Most people arrive at the Chapel by car or by bus. If you arrive by bus, you will have to walk down the lane called Chapel Loan to the Visitor Centre from the main street of Roslin village. The lane is pretty with hedges and trees on either side, but it is also narrow and there are often cars, coaches and caravans coming up and down. There are no pavements.



The Lane

# Approaching Rosslyn Chapel

If you arrive by car, you will park in either of the two big car parks. From there it is a short walk across the lane to the Visitor Centre.



Car Park

# Visitor Centre

You will approach the Visitor Centre up the concourse. Sometimes there will be a queue outside the Visitor Centre. The quietest times of day with the least likelihood of having to queue are first thing in the morning and mid- to late-afternoon.

The wall of the Visitor Centre is made entirely of glass. There are two sliding doors in the glass wall: an entrance door and an exit door. The entrance door is on the left.



Approach to Visitor Centre

# Visitor Centre

When you enter the Visitor Centre there is a very narrow space leading to the welcome desk. There are glass screens on the desk between staff and visitors.

The Centre can be noisy when busy.



Narrow entry way and welcome desk

# Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre has a shop, coffee shop, toilets and also some interactive games and information points. You can sit out on the terrace overlooking Roslin Glen, and, on fine days, the glass wall at the back of the coffee shop is completely open.

The hand dryers in the toilets are noisy.



Shop



Coffee shop

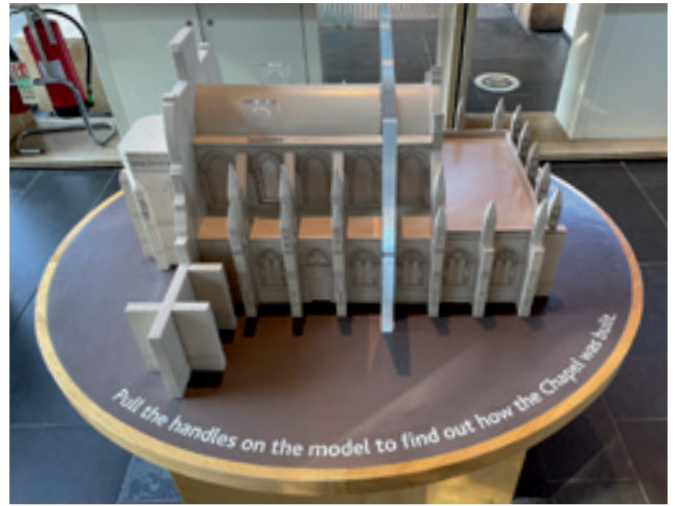


Terrace

# Visitor Centre



Interactive game



Interactive information point



Entrance to toilets area

# Outside the Chapel

Around a corner, through a door and you are outside, in the Chapel precinct. There is a wide area of gravel around the Chapel and some grassy spaces with graves. The gravel makes a crunchy noise underfoot.



Approach to Chapel

# Outside the Chapel

There are also several benches where you can sit if you want a quiet moment.



Bench in the grounds

# Into the Chapel

The entrance to the Chapel is through the Baptistry. This is a small extension to the main building.



Baptistry entrance

# Into the Chapel

As you go in, the baptismal font is right in front of you. This is a large stone structure. Make your way around it and go into the main Chapel building.



Font in the baptistery

# Into the Chapel

Once you step into the main Chapel building, the ceiling soars above you. You can either go straight down the middle of the building, to the right, or to the left. Feel free to explore every part of the Chapel.

The floor of the Chapel is uneven underfoot because the flagstones are so old and worn. There are pews in the middle of the building, and also down the sides. If you want to sit down at any point, feel free to take a seat on any of the pews.



The nave

# Into the Chapel

Because the Chapel has such good acoustics, if there are noises they may seem loud. However most visitors tend to speak quietly in a church, and so usually the Chapel is quiet and peaceful.

At busy times, the Chapel can get very crowded.



Visitors in the Chapel

# The Sacristy

The sacristy, or crypt, is down a steep flight of narrow stairs. There are handrails to hold onto, and a landing part way down. To leave the sacristy you will have to go up the same flight of stairs you came down.



Steps down to the sacristy

# The Sacristy

The sacristy is a smaller room with an arched ceiling. It feels like it is underground but actually it is not. This room has more of an echo and so voices may seem louder here.



The sacristy or crypt

# The Guides

There is always at least one guide on duty in the Chapel, and often there are two. If you have any questions at all, the guides will be very happy to help. The guides are friendly and approachable and wear name badges so that you know who they are.

Certain sessions include a sit-down talk by one of the guides, where the guide will speak for about 15 minutes about the history of the Chapel. You can sit and listen or you can wander about the Chapel while they talk. Check our website [www.rosslynchapel.com](http://www.rosslynchapel.com) to find out when the talks are.



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