



Key to locations

- 1 Coronation Chair
* Ask a marshal in a red gown for entry to the nave
- 2 Tomb of the Unknown Warrior
- 3 Scientists' Corner
- 4 Quire
- 5 High Altar and Cosmati Pavement
- 6 Tombs of medieval kings and queens
- 7 Tomb of Elizabeth I and Mary I
- 8 Lady Chapel and tomb of Henry VII
- 9 Poets' Corner and tomb of Geoffrey Chaucer
- 10 Cloisters
- 11 Chapter House
- 12 Pyx Chamber dating from 1070

After your visit please follow signs for the exit through the Great West Door

A Brief History

- c960 First Benedictine monks settle at Thorney Island, later to become Westminster
- 1065 December 28th, Edward the Confessor's Abbey dedicated
- 1066 Christmas Day, first recorded Coronation in the Abbey, of William the Conqueror
- 1245 Henry III begins building the present church
- 1301 Coronation Chair made, it has been used at every Coronation since 1308
- 1400 Geoffrey Chaucer buried in the south transept
- 1503 Henry VII begins construction of the Lady Chapel
- 1540 Dissolution of the monastery by Henry VIII
- 1560 Elizabeth establishes the Abbey as a collegiate church
- 1745 West towers completed
- 1920 Unknown Warrior buried in the nave
- 1953 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
- 1997 Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales
- 2002 Funeral of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother
- 2010 His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI attends a Service of Evening Prayer
- 2011 Wedding of TRH The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge