

Photography in the Abbey

We do not allow photography in the Abbey. This has been our policy for many years. We well understand that this restriction upsets some of our visitors. It is a policy which we review regularly. But we believe firmly that the unique beauty and history of the Abbey are difficult to enjoy with the distractions which widespread photography would bring; and that photography would diminish the sacred and intimate atmosphere of a building which is, first and foremost, a living, working church. Given the special beauty of many parts of the church, there would also, in busy periods, be a serious problem of blockages to the normal flow of our visitors which would reduce further the ability of everyone to enjoy to the full their time in this special place.

We recognise however that many visitors will want to be able to obtain photographs of their visit. We have, as a result, created a photo gallery of a large number of images of the Abbey. These are freely available and can be easily downloaded from the Abbey website by going to www.westminster-abbey.org/visit-us/photo-gallery

We hope you will understand the reasons for the Abbey's policy, and that you will still take away with you many treasured memories of your time with us.