

**The Friends of Steyning Parish Church &
The Steyning Society**

In the Footsteps of Bishop Henry

A visit to the **Hospital of St Cross** and Almshouse of
Noble Poverty and **Winchester Cathedral**

Tuesday 20 May 2025 at 9am

Coach departs Fletchers Croft at 9am, returns at 6pm

Tickets: £55 per person. *Limited to 34 people*

Includes coach travel, morning coffee at St Cross, a sandwich and fruit salad lunch in a private room at the Cathedral, entry tickets and guided tours at both venues.

Tickets available at Steyning Society meetings and the
Steyning Book Shop

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Henry of Blois, Bishop of Winchester founded the Hospital of St Cross in 1132 and around 1158 he commissioned its splendid Church. It contains features which only appear there and at Steyning Parish Church. The nave at Steyning was built after St Cross and at the time one of Bishop Henry's nephews was the Abbot of Fécamp, which owned it. So it's thought that one or more of the masons who built St Cross came to make the sculptures for our nave.

We will have a guided tour of the fifteenth century buildings and the Church.

Energetic people may like to walk from St Cross to the Cathedral, along the River Itchen, which takes about 40 minutes.

After lunch we will have a guided tour of the Cathedral and visit the Kings and Scribes exhibition. This includes the splendid Winchester Bible commissioned by Bishop Henry and the archaeological work on the royal family of Wessex who were buried in the Cathedral.