

# The Shroud of Turin Exhibition



St Chad's RC Cathedral, Birmingham



Coventry Cathedral

The Shroud of Turin is an extraordinary cloth. It contains the image of a man, (front and back) who has been crucified. His injuries exactly match the Biblical descriptions of Jesus, leading many to believe it is His burial cloth. The cloth is unique and mysterious – scientists are still unable to determine how the image is formed.

The purpose of the exhibition is to use the Shroud as a visual aid to explain the events of Good Friday. It also allows people to see it in life-sized proportions – rather than in the miniature of a book or a television screen. The Shrouds in the exhibitions are photographs taken by Barrie Schwartz, the official photographer of the STURP examination of the Shroud in 1978. The one which shows the Shroud as it looks to the naked eye is printed on cotton and is very rare.

There are three options for churches and Cathedrals to explore this exhibition

1. A Talk. This is usually illustrated with a black and white photographic negative of the Shroud. The talk is interactive. It asks the question 'what injuries did Jesus sustain' and illustrates them using the Shroud. It then explores the question of how the image appears on the cloth.
2. The two Shrouds. Some churches have had the Shrouds on display (see the image of St Chad's) but have not had the exhibition because of lack of space. This option can include a talk, or the Shroud can be explained with some literature to help visitors. A short leaflet and a colour printed booklet are available.
3. The full exhibition. This consists of 7 boards explaining the nature of the injuries Jesus sustained, and the theories of image formation. There are replica nails, a spear and whip and a large wooden cross. The work of the modern artist Paul Hill – retelling the Stations of the Cross is also available if wished.

If you are interested in any of the options above please contact Pam Moon, The Vicarage, 3 Walsall Road, Little Aston, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. B74 3BD. [familyofmoon@aol.com](mailto:familyofmoon@aol.com) 0121 352 1076.

The exhibition is offered on a not for profit basis – so there is no charge. However, travelling expenses would be appreciated. The full colour booklet *The Cross, the Resurrection and the Shroud of Turin*, priced at £3 would be available for sale – all proceeds to charity via the PCC of St Peter's, Little Aston.