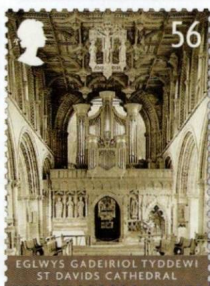
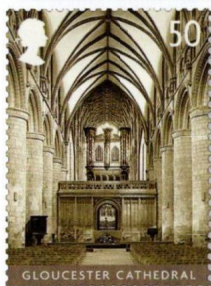
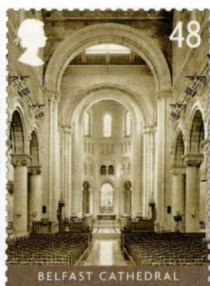
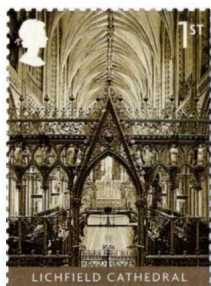


Cathedrals Six new stamps and a miniature



SIX STAMPS and a miniature sheet, to be issued on 13 May, will feature some of Britain's most interesting cathedrals. The six stamps are: Lichfield Cathedral (1st class); St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast (48p), Gloucester Cathedral (50p), St David's Cathedral (56p), Westminster Cathedral (72p) and St Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, Orkney (81p). The four stamps in the miniature sheet – 2 × 1st class and 2 × 81p – feature St Paul's Cathedral in London, to mark the 300th anniversary of its completion.

The stamps measure 27 × 37mm (perf 14). Sheets of 25 will be supplied to Post Office branches, and sheets of 50, with gutter margins, to Tallents House and Post Office philatelic outlets.

The miniature sheet stamps are 41 × 30mm (perf 14.5 × 14), and the sheet is 115 × 89mm. The sheet will also be available in a press sheet format, in a limited edition of 2008.

PHILATELIC PRODUCTS The presentation pack, which includes both the six stamps and the miniature sheet, was designed by Russell Warren-Fisher. Maev Kennedy writes about cathedrals in general, and the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's have provided text about their Cathedral. The illustrations include the famous Whispering Gallery of St Paul's. There will be a set of 11 stamp cards, featuring the six stamps, the four miniature sheet stamps, and the sheet itself. A St Paul's medal cover will be available, as will number one in a new Cathedrals ingot series. Details will be given nearer the time.

The stamps are designed by Howard Brown and printed in litho by Joh Enschedé Stamps of the Netherlands.

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Cathedrals Prices (miniature sheet is abbreviated MS)

Set of stamps	£3.43	Serviced FDC: stamps (overseas)	£ 3.84
Miniature sheet	£2.34	Serviced FDC: MS (UK customers)	£ 3.23
Presentation pack (stamps and MS)	£6.30	Serviced FDC: MS (overseas)	£ 2.75
FDC envelope	£0.30	Stamp cards set (11 cards)	£ 3.30
Serviced FDC: stamps (UK customers)	£4.51	Miniature sheet press sheet	£63.50