



The Lincoln Cathedral Magna Carta

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Bury St Edmunds is very grateful to Lincoln Cathedral for this opportunity to display the Magna Carta for local schools and people to see free of charge. This is likely to be the only time that an original 1215 Magna Carta comes to our town. From spring 2015 it will be displayed in a new exhibition space in Lincoln Castle alongside the Charter of the Forest (1217).



Archbishop Stephen Langton was from Lincolnshire. He was Archbishop of Canterbury, chosen by the Pope in 1205 but acknowledged by King John only under threat of French invasion in 1213.



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His thinking on kingship was at the heart of Magna Carta. Langton remained loyal to the beleaguered King John. But he urged the king to meet the barons' demands for a charter of rights and liberties.



The Charter of Liberties by William Wood c.1880

At Runnymede on 15 June 1215, the king reluctantly agreed to 'the Great Charter', Magna Carta, 'for the honour of God and the exaltation of Holy Church and the reform of the king's realm'.

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