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Peterborough city centre will see a spectacular celebration of colour, music and light take place this Saturday.

The city's annual Diwali celebration is being held on Saturday 27 October from 11am until 5pm and everyone is invited to come along.

Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights which has evolved into a global celebration. It is celebrated in the autumn during a dark new moon night, with light being a metaphor for God, truth and knowledge.

This will be the fifth year the event has been held in Peterborough and it will feature Indian classical dances, Bollywood dances and stalls selling Indian food, sweets, clothes and handicrafts.

There will also be energetic and colourful performances from the Gujarati, Tamal, Telugu, Kannada, Nepali and Bengali communities. These include a wide range of classical dance and song throughout the morning and evening.

Rajni Reddy, secretary of the Peterborough Diwali Festival Committee, said: "We are promoting Diwali at Cathedral Square not only as a Hindu Festival, but a cultural event for the whole city, which of course, is renowned for its diversity.

"We hope everyone will come to interact with each other and enjoy the music, dance, food and shopping."

Councillor Steve Allen, cabinet advisor to the leader for Peterborough City Council, said: "This will be a welcoming and uplifting event that everyone in Peterborough is invited to attend. As the evenings continue to draw in, the festival of Diwali offers a powerful reminder of the role of light in combating all forms of darkness.

"The Diwali festival is one of a number of community and faith festivals taking place in the city each year which we support. Each is a great opportunity for our many communities to come together in celebration and learn about each other's cultures and traditions."

To commemorate 900 years of Peterborough Cathedral, the Peterborough Diwali Festival Committee will be distributing 900 battery operated multicoloured tea lights to all the visitors.

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