

A photograph of Salisbury Cathedral, a large Gothic-style building with a prominent tall spire, set against a blue sky with light clouds. The cathedral is surrounded by green grass and some trees in the foreground.

Today in History

September 20, 1258

▲ **Salisbury Cathedral** in southern England was consecrated. The main building was completed in just 38 years from 1220, while the famous spire was added in 1320

1946: The Cannes Film Festival was held for the first time, and rapidly gained an international reputation

1952: Alfred Hershey and Martha Chase demonstrated that DNA rather than protein held hereditary data

1990: Czechoslovakia rejoined the IMF and World Bank after a break of more than 35 years

2022: Russia ordered a mobilisation of 300,000 reservists as its forces continued to lose ground in Ukraine