

## 'OLD JOE' CLOCK TOWER (AREA 5)

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Measuring 100 metres in height, the Joseph Chamberlain Memorial Clock Tower ('Old Joe') is the tallest free-standing clock tower on Earth. Situated on the University of Birmingham Campus, not only is it a symbol of the university, but it links with their motto, variously translated as 'Through steep places to the heights' or 'Through efforts to higher things'. My photographs hint at this by emerging from darker depths, then circumnavigating it as a point-reference both within the university campus and beyond.

The furthest vantage point included is from the 4th floor of the Custard Factory art and media complex in Deritend. I combine sunny conditions and rainy days, and all are unified by 'Old Joe' being the point-reference to establish orientation or direction while giving location reassurance.

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