

What's On

September - December 2024

*Your guide to worship, events,
child-friendly activities, and new visitor
experiences at Canterbury Cathedral*



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Lots to discover:

Immersive light show
Corona Tower tours
Christmas at the Cathedral
New services & activities

**Kids Go
FREE***

until 31 December 2024

*Visitor entry. T&Cs apply

Visitor opening times and the availability of events and activities may change at short notice due to funerals, weddings, services or exceptional circumstances. Please check our website prior to your visit for closures and restrictions.

The Cathedral takes the safety and security of all our worshippers and visitors very seriously. If you are coming to the Cathedral, please be aware that as a condition of entry we reserve the right to search any bags or luggage on arrival.

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Welcome from Dean David

**Our theme for
September
– December is
JOURNEYS.**

We know from travelling that whilst the destination is important, it is also true that what happens along the way also matters greatly.

September and October focus on our journeys with creation and one another, as we celebrate the gift of creation and the world around us, and think about the ongoing work of reconnection and building community, including working with our differences.

November will take us on journeys with the saints – these are people like great stained glass through which beautiful light shines and they can be inspirations to us on our way.

Finally, December naturally will focus on the journey to Christmas, remembering all the journeys in the birth of Jesus but also all the journeys we take at that time, not least moving from one year to the next.

At the Cathedral we are aware of how the combination of faith, history, architecture, community and the arts shape our life journeys and help us to recover and heal.

Please come on the journey with us as together we are transformed.

David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury



How to use this guide

Services and events are listed in date order, with colour-coded symbols to show which type of event each is:

WS Worship & Spirituality

MP Music & Performance

AE Art & Exhibitions

TT Talks & Tours

MD Make & Do

CF Child Friendly



This guide offers a brief summary of these month's worship, events, child-friendly activities, and new visitor experiences at Canterbury Cathedral. Please go to our website for more information and ways to book, if required.



www.canterbury-cathedral.org/events

Subscribe to our newsletter and stay up to date with all the latest events, news and offers.

Please note, the contents of this guide are correct at the time of publication, but may be subject to change. New events and services may also be added.

To avoid disappointment, when planning your visit we advise you to check our website for up-to-date details, seasonal service changes and any closures in place.

Our Regular Services



All are welcome, and there is never a charge to attend a service of worship or to come into the Cathedral to pray.

Our Chaplains lead prayers on the hour and are available outside of our regular service times, should you want to speak with them. Confessions are also available throughout the day.

Monday to Saturday

07:30 **Monday-Friday:** Morning Prayer

08:00 Holy Communion

09:15 **Saturdays:** Morning Prayer

12:30 **Mondays, during choir term time:** Taizé Prayer

Wednesdays: Holy Communion

Fridays: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and Counsel

17:30 **Mon-Wed & Fri-Sat:** Choral Evensong[†]

Thursdays: Said Evening Prayer

Sunday

08:00 Holy Communion (using the Book of Common Prayer)

09:15 Morning Prayer

10:30 Children's Church in the Community Studio

11:00 Choral Eucharist[†]

17:30 Choral Evensong[†]

Sunday Worship for Children

Children and young people are a valued part of our worshipping community and there are a variety of ways for them to get involved and for families to find support.

At our 11:00 Sung Eucharist there are parent-led creche facilities for babies and toddlers and we invite 5–11** year olds to join us for Children's Church from 10:30, where through story, songs, craft and games we worship together before joining the church family for communion.

Children's Church is free, but with a suggested donation of £1 per family to contribute to running costs.

For full details and to keep updated with news of developing provision for young people, please see our website.

**Under 5s are welcome, but must be supervised by an adult.

[†] Livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

Regular Talks & Tours

FREE* Mini Talks

DAILY Between 10:00-16:00, various intervals

15-minute bite-sized talks about the Cathedral's history, delivered by our knowledgeable team. Subject to availability on the day. Ask at our Visitor Centre.

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***Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass.**

£5 Guided Tours

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

'The Inside Story'

Mon-Sat 10:30, 12:00 & 14:00; Sun 13:00

Discover the story of Canterbury Cathedral through its soaring architecture, beautiful medieval stained glass and the history that helped to make and shape it.

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'The St Thomas Becket Story'

Wednesdays, 11:15-12:30

(with some exceptions - please check our website.)

Uncover the full story of St Thomas Becket in the Cathedral, where echoes of his life and legacy resound.

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Stained Glass Windows

Fridays, 11:15-12:15

(some exceptions - please check our website.)

An introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern.

Between 6-20 December, this will be a Christmas-themed 'Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour' (see page 29).

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Crown and Coronation

Explore Canterbury and the Cathedral's fascinating royal links with our FREE limited duration exhibition, themed tour (see page 8) and the magnificent Crown and Coronation light show, created by Luxmuralis and Historic Royal Palaces (see page 14).

Discover our range of Crown and Coronation products instore or online



FREE AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Celebrations and Ceremonies: City, Cathedral and Crown

AE

From September 2024 in the Viewing Gallery

Discover objects that bring to life stories from the history of Canterbury and the Cathedral, and their royal connections.

The exhibition includes striking and rarely-seen items dating from the medieval period onwards. Admire their fine craftsmanship and find out how they were used in celebrations and ceremonies.

Artwork created by local children and inspired by the objects on display will also be showcased in the Gallery.



You do not need a Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' card to view this exhibition.

September:

Journeying with Creation

NEW AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

'Climb the Corona' Tour

Monday-Friday until 13 September, 15:30-16:30

The Corona Chapel was built in the 12th century to house the crown - corona in Latin - of St Thomas Becket's skull, which had been sliced off during his murder and was revered as a saintly relic.

Explore the Chapel, usually closed to the public, before climbing the 95 steps to the top of the Corona Tower itself!

Over 16s only.

£15 per person.

Cathedral admission not included.

Bookable on the day only at our Visitor Centre.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

You will be required to sign a disclaimer on the day, to confirm you have understood and will abide by the tour guidelines and restrictions.

NEW AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

'The Crown and the Cathedral' Tour

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:15-12:30

Discover Canterbury Cathedral's rich royal heritage while exploring some of its most famous places, and hear stories of royal pomp and ceremony.

From the Black Prince's tomb - a masterpiece of medieval craftsmanship - to modern windows and statues which reflect our present-day relationship with the monarchy and reflect its enduring power and prestige.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space

American Connections Tour

Labor Day: 2 September, 11:15-12:30

Patriot Day: 11 September, 11:15-12:30

Discover the strong bond Canterbury Cathedral has with the United States.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

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Canterbury Cathedral Library Tour

Thurs 5 & 19 September, 14:00-15:00

Learn about our Library and view some of the collection.

£8 per person.

Cathedral admission not included.

Pre-booking required; not suitable for under 12s.

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Informal Organ Recital

with Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music

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Free and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection.

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Please note, this is a rescheduled event, previously advertised as Saturday 7 September.

FREE AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Canterbury Cathedral Memorial Garden & Bastion Chapel Tour

Fri 6, Mon 9 & Wed 11 September, 11:30-12:30

A guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral's Memorial Garden including the rare opportunity to visit the tiny medieval Bastion Chapel set in the city walls.

Free to attend, as part of our Heritage Open Days.

Pre-booking is required, as spaces are limited.

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FREE 'Back to School' Event

Sat 7 September, 10:00-12:30



Whether your child is starting school for the first time or transitioning into their next school year, this event offers a truly unique and unforgettable experience for all the family to enjoy!

Participate in a fun musical workshop with members of the Cathedral's Music Department, followed by a joyful talk with a blessing, and make your own personalized bookmark.

All children will be given a special Canterbury Cathedral bag tag.

From 10:00-12:30 Make your own bookmark

10:30-10:55 Musical workshop

11:10-11:30 Joyful talk and blessing

Free event - booking is preferred but not essential.

Book at canterbury-cathedral.org/back-to-school

Bag tags have kindly been sponsored by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 256575).

Harvest Festival

Sun 8 September, in the Cathedral

We shall be supporting local charity Food Larder as part of our harvest celebrations.

See further details in our weekly pew sheet.



Canterbury Cathedral Precincts and Garden Tour

Sun 8 & Sun 15 September, 14:00-15:15

A guided tour of the Cathedral's outside spaces, including the Great Cloister, Chapter House and monastery ruins, uncovering traces of the lives of the monks who were the site's early inhabitants. Learn more about the creation of the Cathedral's public gardens and discover how they are cared for today.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

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Free to attend, but donations welcomed.

No need to book.



NEW Online Book Group:

The Book of Margery Kempe (c.1436-8)

Tuesdays, over 10 weeks (starting 10 September), 20:00 - 21:00, via Zoom

Known as the earliest autobiography written in the English language, *The Book of Margery Kempe* (c.1436-8) describes the dramatic transformation of its heroine from failed business woman and lustful young wife to devout and chaste pilgrim.

You are warmly invited to join Canon Emma online via Zoom, to reflect and discuss this extraordinary account of a medieval wife, mother and mystic.

This group is free, but donations are kindly accepted.

Reserve your space to be sent a Zoom link.

Find out more & reserve your space at canterbury-cathedral.org/events



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Queen Bertha's Walking Tour

Tues 10 & Thurs 12 September, 11:00-12:30

Retrace the daily walk of Queen Bertha of Kent from St Martin's Church, via St Augustine's Abbey to Canterbury Cathedral, and learn about the re-introduction of Christianity to this part of the world in the 6th century.

Free to attend, as part of our Heritage Open Days.

Pre-booking is required, as spaces are limited.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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FREE AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Canterbury Cathedral Historic Graffiti Tour

Thurs 12 & Fri 13 September: 12:30-13:45

A guided tour of Canterbury Cathedral's mysterious wall markings in the Eastern Crypt, depicting religious pictures and symbols. The tour will explore the origin of these marks and talk about who might have made them.

Free to attend, as part of our Heritage Open Days.

Pre-booking is required, as spaces are limited.

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Hop Hoodening Service

Sat 14 September, 11:00 in the Cathedral

Join us for a uniquely Kentish celebration of the hops and harvest. Service followed at 12:00 by dancing in the Precincts and through Canterbury.

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Taizé Lunchtime Prayer

**Mondays, 12:30-13:00 in the Crypt
(16 September - 21 October)**

The worship of Taizé is based on simple repetitive chants, the reading of scripture and silence. All are welcome to come and experience this way of praying, as we connect with God and one another through sound and silence.

This event is free, but donations are kindly accepted.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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'Highly-Spiced Novelties'?

The Anglican Church in All the World

**Thurs 19 September, 10:30-11:30
in the Clagett Auditorium**

Canon Tim has lived and worked with the Church in different parts of the Anglican Communion, including south India, Zaire (as it then was) and Uganda. In this talk he'll combine stories from his experience with bits of the story of the Anglican Church worldwide.

He will reflect on the Anglican Communion today and the challenges it faces, and the place and work of our Cathedral within it. And he will ponder the importance of effective cross-cultural communication in our world, which is where the 'highly-spiced novelties' come into it...

**Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral,
£15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.**

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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Summer Serenade

**Fri 20 September, 18:30-19:45
in the Campanile Garden**

Join us for a late-summer evening of cocktails and canapés whilst we are entertained by some of our talented Cathedral musicians. Enjoy a mixed medley of classical and folk music in the stunning garden of The Cathedral Lodge which overlooks our Cathedral.

Tickets: £20 Friends, £25 non-members.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

MP

Creationtide Quiet Day

**'All that is made': Contemplating Creation
with Julian of Norwich**

Sat 21 September, 10:00-16:00

Reflect on the beauty of creation and our place within, through the writings of Julian of Norwich, the peace of the Crypt, and the Quiet garden in No 15.

This event is free, but donations are kindly accepted.

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'A History of Canterbury Cathedral in 20 Objects' Archives Talk and Afternoon Tea

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Mon 23 September, 14:30-16:30 in the AV Theatre and Refectory Restaurant

Join us for a fascinating illustrated talk by Cressida Williams, Cathedral Archivist, as she provides a potted history of the Cathedral, told through some of the many fascinating items from its collections. The event includes a full afternoon tea after the talk.

£25 per person. Cathedral admission not included.

Pre-booking and pre-payment essential (see full T&Cs).

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

LUXMURALIS & HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES PRESENT:

Crown and Coronation

Tues 24 – Sat 28 September,

18:30-21:30. Visit duration: 45-60 minutes.

Experience the splendour of Coronations and the Crown Jewels in this amazing immersive light show, featuring stunning imagery spanning more than 1,000 years of history, enhanced by the magnificence of Canterbury Cathedral where the projections and soundscape will sweep through the amazing interiors.

Tickets: £16 per person.

Book at canterbury-cathedral.org/crownandcoronation

Mothers' Union Monthly Prayers

Thurs 26 September, 12:00-13:30 in the Jesus Chapel

All are welcome.

Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Sun 29 September, 17:30 Choral Evensong

with the Dedication of the newly-restored angel frieze in the Chapel of Our Lady Martyrdom.

The Chapel of Our Lady Martyrdom suffered in the iconoclasm of the 16th century. Thanks to the generosity of a donor, three angels have now been carved by Nina Bilbey in the style of the 15th-century originals; adorning this chapel for worship and contemplation.

FREE* AND FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Cross-Currents: Life as Journey

AE

at Canterbury Cathedral

18 Oct 2024 – Early 2025

Artist: Frances Carlile

Curated by: Jacqueline Creswell

Canterbury Cathedral has for centuries been the focus of pilgrimages and journeys started in hope and faith. The Cathedral will now host an exhibition of a fleet of countless ephemeral vessels.

These beautiful and fragile hand-crafted boats serve as a powerful metaphor for the impermanence of life and human vulnerability

In an ecclesiastical setting, *Cross-Currents* prompts contemplation on the shared experiences of seeking sanctuary, embarking on spiritual quests, and navigating the unpredictable waters of life.



***This exhibition is included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends Card. Children aged 17 and under go free (T&Cs apply).**



October:

Journeying with one another

The Difference Course



Make your faith count in a complex and divided world

Wed 18 September - Wed 16 October: 18.30-20.00 in the AV Theatre in the Cathedral Lodge

Difference is a five-session course for you to explore following Jesus in a conflicted world. The course will take place on the following five Wednesdays, running from 18.30 - 20.00 each session:

- Wednesday 18 September
- Wednesday 25 September
- Wednesday 2 October
- Wednesday 9 October
- Wednesday 16 October

The event is free, but donations are kindly accepted.

Book your place at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

COMING SOON

Intergenerational Pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral



Date to be announced

This pilgrimage is suitable for all ages, and whether you wish to join us to walk for half an hour or half a day, we would love for you to be involved.

We will start our pilgrimage in Wye, with stops where you can join us along the way at Chilham, Chartham and Westgate Gardens.

As part of our theme of 'Journeys', and in support of our 'Cross-currents' exhibition, we invite you to gather natural items along the way to mark your journey.

At the end of the day there is also an opportunity to craft these items into your own unique boat, which will be added to the larger fleet in the Cathedral, as part of the exhibition.

Full details available soon at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

To express your interest in this pilgrimage, please email Events@canterbury-cathedral.org

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£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

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Canterbury Cathedral Library Tour



Thurs 3 & 17 October, 14:00-15:00

Learn about our Library and view some of the collection.

£8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

Pre-booking required; not suitable for under 12s.

Informal Organ Recital



with David Newsholme, Director of Music

Fri 4 October, 18:15 in the Quire after 17:30 Evensong

Free and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

Week of Accompanied Prayer



Sat 5 - Sun 13 October, in the Crypt

Have the opportunity for a retreat in daily life and explore ways of praying which are helpful to you.

Set aside up to 30 minutes each day for private prayer and meet with your Prayer Guide Mon-Fri, to reflect.

This event is free, but donations are kindly accepted.

Organised and led by 'Weeks of Accompanied Prayer'.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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Pet Blessing Service

Sun 6 October 15:00-15:30 in the Cathedral

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September's 'Journeying with Creation' theme comes to a close with a special service inspired by St Francis, Patron Saint of Animals. In this short child-friendly service, we welcome creatures great and small, or photos of family pets, all of which have the opportunity to be blessed.

Free and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection.

All animals must be kept on a leash or in a secure carrycase; Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.



'Royal Canterbury: Crown, Cathedral and City Through the Ages' Talk & Afternoon Tea

Mon 7 October, 14:00-16:30

View our new exhibition featuring objects that bring to life some of the stories from the history of the Cathedral, and their royal connections. Enjoy an illustrated talk by Cressida, Cathedral Archivist, followed by afternoon tea.

£27 per person. Cathedral admission not included.

Pre-booking and pre-payment essential (see full T&Cs).

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

AE TT

Pre-Raphaelite Women: Mistresses, Models and Wives

Tues 8 October, 10:30-11:30 in the Kentish Barn

Brenda Tate-Loverly, former Open University lecturer and Friend, will explore the stories of some of these women.

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

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St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 INH

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Free to attend, but donations welcomed.

No need to book.

MD MP

The Archbishop's Walking Stick: A Canterbury Journey

Thurs 17 October, 10:30-11:30 - Claggett Auditorium

Canon Roger Symon will look back on his experiences in The Precincts and give an insight into the heavy responsibilities which weigh on the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his role as senior bishop of the whole Anglican Communion, at home and overseas.

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

Tenebrae Path of Miracles

Sat 19 October, 19:00 in the Nave

Joby Talbot's modern masterpiece, *Path of Miracles* is based on the most enduring route of Catholic pilgrimage - the great Pilgrimage to Santiago. This unique work showcases the voices of Tenebrae's world-class singers.

Tickets: £23 - £34, Listening Seats £15

Sponsored by Craven Street Wealth.

Find out more & book at canterburyfestival.co.uk

MP

CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

Festival Evensong

Sun 20 October, 17:30 in the Quire

A sung service gives thanks and blessings for the performers and audiences taking part in the Festival.

Free to attend, with an invitation to make a donation during the service.



CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

Secret Byrd

Thurs 24 October, 18:30 & 20:45 in the Crypt

Secret Byrd celebrates the 400-year legacy of William Byrd, one of England's finest composers, in an immersive performance by candlelight featuring The Gesualdo Six and Fretwork, created and directed by Bill Barclay and produced by Concert Theatre Works.

In this immersive experience, audiences rove freely among costumed artists, feeling the original hand-made part-books, illuminated by candlelight.

Tickets: £36 - Capacity for this event is limited.

Find out more & book at canterburyfestival.co.uk



Choral Evensong with the Canterbury United Nations Association

Sun 27 October, 17:30 in the Quire

Together, with the Lord Mayor, Councillor Jean Butcher, we will renew our commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The service will include a procession of banners from local peace and justice organisations.

Speaker: Councillor Alan Baldick

To find out more about the UN Sustainable Development Goals go to <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>



Mothers' Union Monthly Prayers

Thurs 31 October, 12:00-13:30 in the Jesus Chapel

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November:

Journeying with the Saints

All Saints' Day

Fri 1 November, 17:30 Choral Eucharist

On this day, we gather to celebrate all saints of the Church, both known and unknown; the men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work.



All Souls' Day *(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)*

Sat 2 November, 17:30 Choral Requiem

On this day, we pray for and remember the loved ones who are no longer with us.



Journeying with Canterbury Saints

A weekend residential retreat

Fri 1 November - Sun 3 November

Join our clergy for a celebration of the Kingdom Season at Canterbury Cathedral, with a programme of worship and reflection, focusing on some of the saints of Canterbury. See full programme on our website.

£450 per person (based on single occupancy)

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events



CANTERBURY FESTIVAL

Canterbury Choral Society

Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610

Sat 2 November, 19:30 in the Nave

The Canterbury Festival is delighted to close this year's festival and mark its Ruby Jubilee with Canterbury Choral Society, who also celebrate Conductor Richard Cooke's 40th year at the helm, joined by the Meridian Sinfonia.

Tickets: £23 - £34, Listening Seats £15

Sponsored by South Canterbury and Fenwick Canterbury.

Find out more & book at canterburyfestival.co.uk



Cathedral Organ Open Evening



Fri 8 November, 18:30 in the Quire

This will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020) by Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, a demonstration, and a chance for keen organists to play - time allowing - a short piece of their choice.

The Open Evening is free of charge and un-ticketed

Anyone wishing to play the organ at this open evening should email music@canterbury-cathedral.org in advance.

Remembrance Sunday



Sun 10 November

10:10 Civic Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying

10:45 Civic Service of Remembrance

12:30 Sung Eucharist

Remembrance Day



Mon 11 November, 11:00 Act of Remembrance

Taizé Lunchtime Prayer



*Mondays, 12:30-13:00 in the Crypt
(11 November - 16 December)*

The Taizé Community, founded in 1940 with a desire to bring people of different nationalities together, is an ecumenical community in France visited each year by thousands of young people.

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EXCLUSIVE ONSITE PARTNERSHIP CLASS

Royal School of Needlework: Pilgrims Christmas Stockings



*Sat 16 November, 10:00-16:00
in the Community Studio*

Helen Stevens, RSN Tutor will lead the class to stitch a stunning Christmas tree decoration inspired by the medieval glass of Canterbury Cathedral, which features the ornately-decorated boots of Becket pilgrims.

This exclusive project is part of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral's unique association with the Royal School of Needlework.

The class cost is £170 per student and includes all materials and necessary equipment to complete the project.

See full course information and how to book with the RSN online at canterbury-cathedral.org/events



Image: Royal School of Needlework

National Safeguarding Sunday



17 November 11:00 Sung Eucharist

We are joining with thousands of churches to highlight the importance of safeguarding and to help protect vulnerable people. Meet our Cathedral safeguarding team after the service as we commit to building a safer church for all and lament the mistakes of the past.

Preacher: Bishop Jo Bailey-Wells

More Than a Nail Man: Modern art installations in Canterbury Cathedral

*Tues 19 November, 10:30-11:30
in the Clagett Auditorium*

Canon Christopher Irvine, former Canon Librarian at Canterbury and now Honorary Teaching Fellow at St Augustine's College of Theology, will look at three extraordinary pieces of contemporary sculpture in our Cathedral: Stephen Cox's altar and water stoup in St Anselm's Chapel and the Nave, and Anthony Gormley's 'Transport' in the Crypt.

Learn how and why they were commissioned, wonder at their materiality and design, and see how they connect with some of the key figures in the story of our Cathedral.

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events



Holodomor Service with the Canterbury Ukrainian Ladies Choir

Sat 23 November, 17:30 in the Nave

All are welcome to join us for this special service, as we pray for Ukraine and all who suffer.

Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury.

This will replace our usual 17:30 Choral Evensong service on this day.



Handel's Messiah by Candlelight

Sat 23 November, 19:30 in the Quire

The girl choristers and Lay Clerks of Canterbury Cathedral will be joined by period instrument ensemble, The Harmonious Society of Tickle-Fiddle Gentlemen, and a stellar line up of critically-acclaimed soloists, for a candlelit performance of Handel's *Messiah*.

Tickets will be available from the Canterbury Festival Box Office from mid-September 2024.

Find out more and book at canterburyfestival.co.uk



Canterbury in the Time of Daniel Defoe and Jane Austen

*Tues 26 November, 10:30-11:30
in the Clagett Auditorium*

Popular speaker Doreen Rosman returns to continue her series of talks on the history of life in Canterbury.

Daniel Defoe, who visited Canterbury in 1724, described the city as 'a general ruin, a little recovered', but by Jane Austen's day it had been comprehensively refurbished. In the course of the 18th Century Canterbury became an elegant – and affluent – commercial and recreational centre, with new assembly rooms, pleasure gardens, a race course, and even its own mineral springs.

This talk will depict life in the Georgian city and explore how it had changed by the time Jane Austen visited, three-quarters of a century after Defoe.

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

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American Connections Tour

Thanksgiving: 28 November, 11:15-12:30

Discover the strong bond Canterbury Cathedral has with the United States. Hear stories of the people who have shaped the history of the United States, and learn how glass and stone from the Cathedral adorns their churches.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.




Mothers' Union Monthly Prayers

Thurs 28 November, 12:00-13:30 in the Jesus Chapel


All are welcome.




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December:

Journeying to Christmas

All our seasonal services are free to attend with retiring collections to help cover our costs.

Donations given at our two traditional Carol Services, and all our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services will - after deduction of costs - be shared equally between the Cathedral and this year's chosen partner charity, The Social Justice Network.

Find out more at www.thesocialjusticenetwork.org

Advent Sunday Evening Services

Throughout Advent

Join us for our special Sunday evening services, that help us to prepare for Christmas.

A quiet service of **Said Evening Prayer** will also take place each Sunday in December, at **16:00 in the Crypt.**

Advent Carol Service †

1 December, 17:30-18:15 (see page 28)



St Nicholas Family Service †

8 December, 17:30-18:15 (see page 30)



Festival of Carols with Living Nativity

15 December, 17:30-18:30 (see page 30)



Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation †

Sun 22 December, 17:30-18:30 (see page 31)



FREE AFTER-SCHOOL ACCESS

Life-size Crib

Our beautiful life-size nativity scene will be in place in the Nave throughout the Advent and Christmas Season, with free access to view Monday - Fridays, 15:00-17:00, between 25 November - 20 December.



Tea Time Carols

Tuesdays (26 November-17 December),
16:00-16:30

Join our Cathedral clergy each week for storytelling and songs at the Crib, as we mark our journey to Christmas.

Aimed at young children, parents, and carers, but all those young of heart are very welcome to attend.



Journeys of Healing through Advent: Poetry and Scripture

Thursdays over 4 weeks (28 November-19 December)
20:00-21:00, via Zoom

Dr Tim Naish, our Canon Librarian, will lead a reflection each evening on a poem and passage of scripture, with an opportunity for questioning and group discussion.

Booking essential - Book to be sent a Zoom link.

Free event, but donations are gratefully received

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events



'Journeying to Christmas' Reflections

Fridays (29 November - 20 December),
12:30-13.00 in the Nave

Seasonal reflections from Dean David including music, poetry and prayer.



FREE Star Decoration Making

Sat 30 November, 11:00-15:00
in the Viewing Gallery

Bring your little ones to a heart-warming Christmas drop-in session where they can craft their own star decorations that will adorn the Cathedral's 'Children's Christmas Tree' in the Nave.

Drop-in activity; no need to book.

Suitable for ages 4+.

You do not need a Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card to take part.



NEW Shoppers' Carol Service MD MP CF

*Saturdays (30 November-21 December),
12:30-13:00 on the Christmas Market Event Stage*

Listen to beautiful music and add your own voice as we sing well-known carols together – just the thing to put you in the festive mood.

Join musicians, the Cathedral choristers and our staff for these joyous half-hour services, as you enjoy the Christmas market (See back page).

Find out more about our Cathedral Christmas Market at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

Advent Carol Service † WS MP CF

Sun 1 December, 17:30-18:15

This beautiful service at the start of the Advent season brings together music, readings, and the lighting of candles.

Taizé Lunchtime Prayer WS

*Mondays, 12:30-13:00 in the Crypt
(until 16 December)*

The worship of Taizé is based on simple repetitive chants, the reading of scripture and silence. All are welcome to come and experience this way of praying, as we connect with God and one another through sound and silence.

This event is free, but donations are kindly accepted.

Mothers' Union Advent Service WS

Wed 4 December, 11:00-12:00 in the Crypt

All are welcome.

The Discovery of Richard III TT

*Thurs 5 December, 11:00-12:00 -
Clagett Auditorium*

Dean David will tell the story of the discovery of the remains of King Richard III in a Leicester car park and his reburial, with dignity and honour, in Leicester Cathedral.

**Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral,
£15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.**

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

SPECIAL SEASONAL TOUR 'Christmas at the Cathedral' Tour TT

Thursdays 5, 12 & 19 December, 11:15-12:30

Learn how Christmas was celebrated by the Benedictine monks here in the middle-ages, with pittances and a compulsory bath; how the origins of a popular Christmas carol can be traced in a stained glass window in the Crypt; and even how the Puritans banned Christmas in 1647, resulting in Canterbury's infamous Plum Pudding Riots!

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

SPECIAL SEASONAL TOUR Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour TT

Fridays 6, 10 & 20 December, 11:15-12:15

An introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern, with a focus on our windows depicting the Nativity Story.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

FREE* Christmas Crafting MD CF

*Saturdays (7, 14 & 21 December),
11:00-15:00 - various locations inside the Cathedral*

Drop-in for this special festive crafting activity, inspired by our 'Journeying to Christmas' theme. From shimmering stars that light up the wise men's path, to making angels to decorate your tree, our crafts are sure to delight all ages!

***Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card. Children aged 17 and under go free (T&Cs apply).**

American Connections Tour TT

*Pearl Harbour Memorial Day: 7 December,
11:15-12:30*

Discover the strong bond Canterbury Cathedral has with the United States.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

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St Nicholas Family Service †

Sun 8 December, 17:30-18:15



Join us and over 200 local school children, as we celebrate the story of St Nicholas. All are welcome at this service for children and families.

Friendly Singing for Wellbeing

Mon 9 December, 14:00-15:00

St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH



Turn up for a cuppa and a biscuit followed by sociable singing to put a smile on your face. **Free to attend, but donations welcomed.** No need to book.

Festival of Carols with Living Nativity †

Sun 15 December, 17:30-18:30

With a range of seasonal music and readings, this service includes a living nativity scene made up of adults and children from our Cathedral congregation.



Demelza House Carol Service 'Celebration of Christmas'

Mon 16 December, 19:30-21:00 in the Nave

Annual carol service held to raise money for local charity Demelza House Children's Hospice. Book online at demelza.org.uk/events



Friends' Carol Service

Wed 18 December, 19:00 in the Nave

Hear the Cathedral bells ring out to greet you as you arrive at our Friendly traditional Service.

If you require additional arrangements to attend the service, please email events@canterbury-cathedral.org



Canterbury Choral Society Family Carols

Thurs 19 December, 19:00 - 20:30 in the Nave

Book online at canterburychoral.co.uk



Evening Prayer with Congregational Carols

Fri 20 December, 17:30-18:00 in the Crypt



Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation †

Sun 22 December, 17:30-18:30

A reflective service with scripture and poetry on the last Sunday before Christmas, led by Dean David, with *La Nativité du Seigneur* (The Birth of the Saviour) by Olivier Messiaen, played on organ by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music.



Cathedral Carol Services †

Mon 23 & Tues 24 December, 17:30-19:00

A major highlight of the Cathedral's year, our Carol Services feature music by our world-famous Cathedral Choir, and readings to tell the story of the birth of Christ.

This is a popular service; queues likely. Doors open at 16:30.

Both Carol Services are un-ticketed.

If you require additional arrangements to attend please email events@canterbury-cathedral.org



Family Crib Service

Tues 24 December, 10:00

A short, joyful service for children and families tells the story of the birth of Jesus, with music from the Cathedral Choral Scholars and the singing of traditional Christmas Carols.



Midnight Mass

Tues 24 December, 23:00-00:10

This traditional night-time communion service ends at midnight, marking the dawn of Christmas Day and celebrating the joy of when the Angels appeared to the Shepherds.



Christmas Day

Wednesday 25 December

09:15 Said Morning Prayer

11:00 Christmas Eucharist with the Archbishop of Canterbury †

15:00 Evensong with Carols †



Memorial Service for the Martyrdom of St Thomas †

29 December, 17:30-18:30 in the Quire

854 years after his death, we recall the story of Archbishop Thomas Becket, reflecting on martyrdom then and now. Preacher: Fr. Robert McCulloch, Rome



Canterbury Cathedral Lodge



Why not stay overnight and wake up to views of the Cathedral from your bedroom window?

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Sunday Lunches at the Cathedral Lodge

15, 22 & 29 December - between 12:30-15:30

Enjoy a delicious three-course traditional Sunday lunch, served in the Refectory Restaurant.

£30 per person. Pre-orders and prepayment required.

The Festive Season

Pre-payment or a deposit will be taken at the time of booking Festive Lunches, Festive Dinners and Shared Festive Party Nights; this is non-refundable. See Christmas T&Cs on our website.

Festive Lunches December (enquire for availability)

A three-course festive meal in the Refectory Restaurant.

£30 per person

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SMALL GROUPS

Shared Festive Party Nights

Sundays 1, 8 & 15 December, 18:30-23:00

This includes a three-course festive meal and disco.

£39 per person (Sunday rate)

Festive Dinners **GROUP BOOKINGS ONLY**

Late November & December (enquire for availability)

Enjoy a festive three-course meal served in the Refectory Restaurant (or Clagett Auditorium for groups of 50+).

£35 per person (Minimum. 30 people)

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Mon 23 & Tues 24 December - at 14:45, 15:00 or 15:15

Enjoy a festive-themed afternoon tea, before one of our two Cathedral Carol Services (with guaranteed seating).

£19.95 per person (£24.95 with glass of Prosecco)

Under 12s £12.95; under 3s free

New Year's Eve Gala

Tues 31 December, 18:30 - 01:00

Enjoy a glass of Prosecco and canapés on arrival, five-course gala dinner, DJ and dancing with the popular seven-piece band 'CoCo', followed by a glass of Prosecco and a Scottish Piper at midnight. This event is for over 18s only.

£125 per person Overnight packages available.

Find out more at www.canterburycathedrallodge.org/events

To book, call 01227 865350 or email events@canterburycathedrallodge.org



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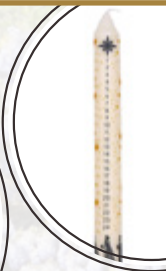
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Canterbury Cathedral Christmas Market

15 November - 24 December 2024

Enjoy a historic Christmas as the
600-year-old market returns to the
grounds of Canterbury Cathedral

With delicious food and drink outlets, a vintage-style
carousel ride, live music performances – including
Saturday Shoppers' Carol Services - a variety of fun low-
and no-cost activities, and free entry to The Precincts,
there's lots for all to enjoy.

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Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org