

## Safeguarding : Do you need to talk?

**Are you concerned about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult?  
Or is there something that you would like to discuss that affects you?**

A safeguarding concern is anything that may impact the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult; if they are being neglected, harmed or at risk of being harmed by others or themselves, and are in need of protection. To report a non-emergency safeguarding concern please scan the QR code and complete our online form or email [safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org)  
TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY SAFEGUARDING CONCERN PLEASE CONTACT THE CATHEDRAL CONSTABLES OFFICE:

Located by the main entrance to the Precincts, Christ Church Gate.  
Alternatively, please call 01227 866237



## Friends' Events

Join us on **Tuesday, 21 January at 10.30** in the Clagett Auditorium for a **FRIENDS' COFFEE CONCERT**. Come to be entertained by the Cathedral's Choral Scholars whilst enjoying coffee and pastries. This informal concert will showcase the progress and repertoire of the Scholars who join our Cathedral in September. £10 Friends, £15 Friends' guests. There will be a **FRIENDS' TALK on Tuesday, 28 January at 10.30** in the Clagett Auditorium: **Church, Chapel, and Controversy in Victorian Canterbury**. Popular speaker Doreen Rosman returns to continue her series of talks on the history of life in Canterbury. Find out more about the diversity of religious provision in Canterbury and the battles between different religious groups. But there was co-operation as well as conflict. And the best attended Service was not in our Cathedral. £10 Friends, £15 Friends' guests, includes tea and coffee on arrival.

Find out more about our Cathedral's unique windows by coming to another **FRIENDS' TALK on Friday 21 February at 10.30** in the Clagett Auditorium. **Miracles, 'Madness', and Mistake Identity** will explore one of the magnificent Thomas Becket Miracle Windows on the north aisle of the Trinity Chapel. In the past, pilgrims portrayed in this window were thought to hail from Oxford, Warwickshire, and Essex. In fact, research now hints that they may have been from Kent and Canterbury. The Friends have partnered with The William and Edith Oldham Trust and The Oxus Foundation to fund a detailed investigation into this 'Kent Window'. In this talk, given by Dr Rachel Koopmans, expert on medieval history and associate professor of York University, Toronto, and Leonie Seliger, Director of our Stained Glass Studio, you will be the first to learn about this important work, which commenced in October, celebrating the jewels in the crown of our medieval heritage. £10 Friends, £15 Friends' guests, includes tea and coffee on arrival.

All Friends' events can be booked online: <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/> or contact the Friends' Office.

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:

[tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org) by Wednesday please



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

**Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 5th January 2025**

The Second Sunday of Christmas

**Canon in Residence: The Reverend Wendy Dalrymple**

**You are more than welcome to join us at any of the following daily services**

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)		Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)	
8.00	Holy Communion	7.30	Matins (9.15 Bank Holidays)
9.15	Matins	8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	Choral Eucharist (Sunday)	11.00	Bell Ceremony
15.00	Huguenot Service (in French, Sunday only)	12.30	Taizé Prayer - (from 20 Jan – 10 Feb) Holy Communion - Wednesdays
17.30	Choral Evensong	17.30	Choral Evensong Thursdays said Evening Prayer with Silence

## Blessing of Epiphany Chalk

At the end of this morning's Eucharist we will have a ceremony to bless chalk for writing on the doorways of our homes as a blessing for the year ahead. The clergy will also go to the South Door to bless the Cathedral as a place of safety and welcome for the coming year. This is an ancient custom that has its roots in the Orthodox church. The Stewards will have the blessed chalk and an explanatory sheet to use at home for you to pick up as you leave.

## Out and about in the Diocese

This morning, the Archdeacon is presiding and preaching at Holy Trinity, Ramsgate.

## Epiphany at the Cathedral

On 6th January we celebrate Epiphany, traditionally known as The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, when the Magi came to visit the infant Jesus. There will be Solemn Evensong at 5.30pm today; Sung Eucharist at 5.30pm on Monday 6th January. The Epiphany Season, which invites us to continue our reflections on the Incarnation, lasts until Candlemas on 2nd February. The Epiphany Carol Service at 5.30pm on Sunday 12th January, which will also be the service where the Diocese will bid farewell to the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Venerable Andrew Sewell, who is retiring. Do please join us for any or all of these special services, and see our website for more details.

# Dates for your diary and news from the Cathedral and around the local area.

## Children's Church - returns today

As part of our Sunday morning Eucharist we invite children aged 5-11\* to join us for from 10.30am in the Community Studio (see schedule), where through story, songs, craft and games we worship together before joining the rest of the church family in the Cathedral for communion.

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

\*Under 5s are welcome to attend Children's Church, but must be supervised by an adult at all times. Alternatively, there are parent-led creche facilities in the North-East Transept. Please ask a Steward for directions.

## ONLINE BOOK GROUP The Ladder of Perfection by Walter Hilton

Tuesdays, over 11 weeks (starting 7 January), 20:00 - 21:00 BST, via Zoom  
Walter Hilton is widely regarded as the first among medieval English mystics, and The Ladder has provided continuous inspiration since its appearance six centuries ago. It is addressed to a 'ghostly sister in Jesus Christ' (a solitary and probably well known to the author) and was written to be of immediate practical help to her in her struggle for spiritual growth. Its ever-topical theme is that of the search for God through contemplation, and the gradual progress of the soul through purgation to illumination and union. Walter Hilton describes this journey with great insight, in language of considerable beauty and simplicity. Under his guidance modern readers, whose talent for prayer is lying fallow and buried, will discover how to unearth it and develop it into a source of joy and strength.

You are warmly invited to join Canon Emma online each Tuesday evening via Zoom, to reflect and discuss this extraordinary devotional work. Together, over eleven weeks, we shall read and discuss the complete text - focussing on specific chapters each week. We will be reading the Penguin Classic version, translated by Leo Sherley-Price. This book is out of print so we will be uploading the relevant chapters onto our website so you can read them ahead of the group meeting. Whether you can join us for just a few or all of the gatherings, you are most welcome to read together this deeply devotional work which aims to guide us in our walk with God.

The group is free, but any donation you may wish to make to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be warmly received.

See the Cathedral website for details of how to register.

## Silent Prayer - Thursdays as part of Evening Prayer

An opportunity to be still in the midst of the business of life and rest in the holiness and peace of this sacred place. If you are drawn to silent prayer, please join us weekly on Thursdays\* in the Crypt for an extended time of silent prayer as part of a said service of Evening Prayer ending at 6.15 pm. Whether you stay for ten minutes or half an hour, this space is for people of all denominations, faiths or none who wish to have some quiet, reflective time, resting in the present moment.

\*most Thursdays with occasional variations, check the Pew Sheet for details

## American Connection Tour

Discover the strong bond that Canterbury Cathedral has with the United States. Throughout history, Canterbury's inhabitants have gone on to shape American history, and in turn Americans have made their mark on Canterbury Cathedral. Hear stories of the people who have shaped the history of the United States and learn how glass and stone from Canterbury Cathedral adorns their churches. This is the story of centuries of friendship across the Atlantic.

Dates: Martin Luther King Day: Monday 20 January, 11:15-12:30; National Freedom Day: Saturday 1 February, 11:15-12:30; President's Day: Monday 17 February, 11:15-12:30; Friday 7 March, 11:15-12:30; Cesar Chavez Day: Monday 31 March 11:15-12:30. £5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre, or email [visits@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:visits@canterbury-cathedral.org) to reserve your space.

## Historic Graffiti Tour

In this tour, members of the Cathedral's Historic Graffiti Team will shine a light on a selection of the historic graffiti that can be found throughout the Cathedral.

Focusing on the Eastern Crypt, Quire and Trinity Chapel, a selection of different types of historic graffiti from different periods will be revealed; along with the very different motivations in the past for making marks on walls.

Dates: Thurs 16 January, 13:15-14:15; Thurs 20 February 13:15-14:15; Thurs 13 March, 13:15-14:15. £5 per person, plus admission charge.

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## Memorial Service for Dean Emeritus Robert Willis

Robert retired as Dean of Canterbury in May 2022 on the eve of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. He died in the USA in October 2024 and his funeral took place in Connecticut in November. A memorial service is now planned for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 3.00pm in Salisbury Cathedral. No tickets are required. We will not be organising any cathedral travel so those wishing to attend will need to make your own arrangements. We have been informed that members of Chapter have been asked not to attend the service by Robert's partner and that will be honoured. We give thanks for his 22 years of service as Dean and pray that he will rest in peace and rise in glory.