

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

8 pm on Zoom every Tuesday for ten weeks beginning 10th September.

The Book of Margery Kempe (c.1436-8) is the extraordinary account of a medieval wife, mother and mystic. Known as the earliest autobiography written in the English language, Kempe's Book describes the dramatic transformation of its heroine from failed business woman and lustful young wife to devout and chaste pilgrim. She vividly describes her prayers and visions, as well as the temptations in daily life to which she succumbed before dedicating herself to her spiritual calling. She travelled to the most holy sites of the medieval world, including Rome, Jerusalem and Canterbury.

In her life and boisterous devotion, Kempe antagonized many of those around her; yet she garnered friends and supporters who helped record her experiences. Her Book opens a window on to the medieval world, and provides a fascinating portrait of one woman's life, aspirations, spiritual doubts, and prayers.

Together, over ten weeks, we shall read and discuss the complete text - focussing on specific chapters each week.

We will be reading the Oxford World's Classic version, translated by the Birkbeck scholar Anthony Bale.

Whether you can join us for just a few or all of the gatherings, you are most welcome to read together this engaging and colourful work by a forceful and deeply spiritual lady of the fourteenth century

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

Please reserve your space to be sent a zoom link. It will be the same zoom link for each week.

Each week Canon Emma will begin with a brief introduction followed by discussion and then concluding with a prayer.

- Week One (10 September) – Conversion of Life: Proem plus Chapters 1-9
- Week Two (17 September) – A Visit to Canterbury and Julian of Norwich: Chapters 10 to 20
- Week Three (24 September) – On pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Chapters 21 to 30
- Week Four (1 October) – Margery in Rome: Chapters 31 to 40
- Week Five (8 October) – Margery causes a stir: Chapters 41 to 50
- Week Six (22 October) – Trials and Tribulations: Chapters 51 to 58
- Week Seven (5 November) – The Gift of Tears and revelations: Chapters 59 to 69
- Week Eight (12 November) – Margery's Ministry of Prayer: Chapters 70 to 78
- Week Nine (19 November) – Contemplating the Life of Christ: Chapters 79 to 89
- Week Ten (26 November) – The Second Book: Chapters 1-10 plus Conclusion

For future suggestions of spiritual books for the group to read please email Canon Emma at [emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org)

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 METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 4th August 2024

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Canon in Residence: The Dean

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

### Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

8.00	Holy Communion
9.15	Matins
11.00	Choral Eucharist (Sunday)
15.00	Huguenot Service (in French, Sunday only)
17.30	Choral Evensong

### Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

7.30	Matins (9.15 Bank Holidays)
8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	Bell Ceremony
12.30	Holy Communion Wednesdays and Feast Days
17.30	Choral Evensong Thursdays said Evening Prayer

### Visiting Choirs

During the Cathedral Choir's Summer break, we have visiting choirs which come to sing our services for us. During the last week, finishing today we have had the Epiphoni Consort. Next week, services will be sung by Holy Spirit Choir, Lake Forest, Illinois. We are very grateful to all our visiting choirs for their hard work and for allowing us to maintain a high standard of music in worship whilst the Cathedral Choir is having a well-earned rest.

### Celebrating Saints' Days

Following the success of Taizé Prayer on Mondays since Lent (this service has now finished for the Summer), the clergy are reviewing what worship is offered during the day in the Cathedral and how best to communicate this to our wider community. To this end, from September until the end of the year, 12.30 Eucharists on Saints' Days will be discontinued. During this trial period, the regular pattern of 12.30 Eucharists will continue on Wednesdays and Taizé on Mondays, whilst we explore what range of services may be appropriate. Reverend Wendy would be pleased to have thoughts and feedback on any of this. [Wendy.dalrymple@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:Wendy.dalrymple@canterbury-cathedral.org)

### FILM CLUB – SUNDAY, 11th AUGUST, 2.00pm, Cathedral Lodge AV Room

'GODLAND' a Danish and Icelandic language drama, set at the end of the 19th century, about a young Danish priest who is sent to a remote part of Iceland. The deeper he travels into the Icelandic landscape, the more he loses a sense of his own reality, his mission and his sense of duty. Director and writer : Hlynur Palmason

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

## Congregational Forum

Please mark in your diaries Sunday 15 September after the 11am service during our coffee time in the Clagett Auditorium.

Please send in any questions by email to [andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org) or in an envelope to reception in Cathedral House by Sunday 18 August at the very latest so we can collate them and then I can produce answers on a sheet. For ease of administration please mark them Congregational Forum. Please do not send them to me! Dean David

## Cathedral Youth

Calling all young people age 12 – 16 (or those turning 12 in the next academic year) who are part of our Cathedral community. Join us for a special youth gathering on Sunday 18th August. We want to hear from you and explore how we can better support and walk alongside you in your faith journey and sense of belonging at the Cathedral. Meet up with Rev. Wendy (Precentor) and Mark (Sunday Club leader) in the North Transept at the start of the 11am Eucharist service.

## Canterbury Cathedral's new Strategic Plan; Community Culture Workshops

Following on from our Strategic Planning workshops in February, we would be delighted to share with you how our new Strategic Plan is developing.

A core part of any strategic plan is the values that we embody and subsequent behaviours that we exemplify as one unified Cathedral Community. We would like to invite you to a session where we can not only share the content of the plan with you, but also take your suggestions on how we develop our Community Culture. We will be holding three sessions and we would like to invite you to join in one of them. They will be held in the Community Studio (next to the Cathedral Shop) on:

Wednesday 21st August 10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 22nd August 10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 22nd August 14:00 – 16:00

As before, all you need to bring with you are your own thoughts and a willingness to engage in group discussions. There will be a short video from Dean David and presentations from Kathryn Beldon, Wendy Cleaton (HR) and Canon Emma; we hope to make it enjoyable and enlightening.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Please visit this link <https://forms.office.com/e/EgewWKB5Y3>

to let us know if we can look forward to seeing you.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. If you cannot access this link, there is a signing up sheet in Cathedral House Reception.

## Mon 19 August, 13:00 - A Midsummer Night's Dream

This hilarious adaptation sees Shakespeare's fantastical characters brought vividly to life as audiences are transported to an enchanting world bursting with magic, romance, and of course, heaps of laugh-out-loud comedy! Four young lovers, a band of hapless actors, and a magical realm populated by mischievous spirits set on causing mayhem at every turn culminate in an unparalleled open-air experience of beauty and hilarity.

£17.00 per person. Under 3's go free. – tickets can be purchased on the Cathedral website or shop. Suitable for ages 8+

## Sat 31 August, 16:30 - Peter Pan

Get ready to think happy thoughts and fly high as the mischievous Peter embarks on an awfully big adventure, introducing Wendy Darling to the Lost Boys, the cheeky Tinkerbell, the hilarious Smee, and a host of other exciting characters before facing the most feared villain of them all, the infamous Captain Hook!

£17.00 per person. Under 3's go free. - tickets can be purchased on the Cathedral website or shop. Suitable for ages 4+

## The Everyday God—Book by Dr Jonathan Arnold Available in the Cathedral Shop, £9.99

Compelling stories of loving our neighbour today

'The everyday God is a God who is for everyone...who appears in everyday events and ordinary people. He calls us to move out of our comfort zones and into his liminal space on the margins of our society, to see the face of Christ in a stranger...' Jonathan Arnold, a seasoned community engagement expert, delves deep into the heart of the biblical mandate to love one's neighbour. Through a tapestry of real-life stories, he unveils the power of practical faith, illustrating how it can ignite transformation among the homeless, refugees, the poor and vulnerable, imprisoned and marginalised, as well as those living with dementia, disability and disease. In these pages, you'll witness how acts of social and environmental justice, intertwined with mercy, have the potential to reshape lives, offering a vivid portrait of the profound impact of embracing the everyday God. As he reflects upon Jesus's teaching in Matthew 25:34–40, Arnold challenges us to discover God's presence in the most unexpected places and join in with where he is acting, whether inside or outside our churches.

## NEW Gentle Tours, August & September - Every other Thursday

While our general tours are suitable for all, we know that some visitors with access needs may prefer a shorter tour, at a slower pace, in a smaller group. With this in mind, we are now offering short step-free tours delivered at a gentle pace. These 40-minute tours can be enjoyed on their own, or one after the other with a comfort break in between.

**Ground Floor Level - 14:15** Hear the story of Thomas Becket, our most famous Archbishop, and see the site of his murder and feast your eyes on some of our oldest stained glass windows. **First Floor Level (accessible by lift) - 15:15** Explore the Quire and a 'Cadaver tomb', contrast medieval and dramatic modern windows and find out why there is a cannonball in an Archbishop's tomb! Dates: 1, 15 & 29 August 12 & 26 September £5 per person, plus admission charge.