

# What's On

## February-March 2024

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

**Lent and  
Holy Week**

**A Pilgrimage of Prayer**  
(See page 6)

**Kids Go  
FREE\***

until 30 September 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.

# Young Explorers

These activities are included as part of our Free Precincts Trial (See *back page*)

**\*Cathedral Admission Ticket not required.**

## **FREE\* Shrove Tuesday Activities**

**Tues 13 February, 11:00 - 14:00  
in the Community Studio and Precincts**

Discover the history behind what is commonly known as 'Pancake Day'

Enjoy a freshly-cooked pancake, then join our clergy and staff for pancake races in the Precincts!

*Entry for pancake races will open on the day, with races beginning on the hour at 12:00, 13:00 & 14:00.*

*Free pancakes are available from 11:00, but booking is essential, due to limited availability.*

Find out more and book to get your free pancake at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)



## **FREE\* Floragami Bouquet Making**

**Sat 2 & Sat 9 March, 11:00 - 15:00  
in the Community Studio**

Craft a beautiful floral bouquet out of paper, to display in your home or to give as a special gift - just in time for Mothering Sunday!

Contribute to our prayer flowers that will form part of our Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 10 March at 11:00.



*Find out more about our services on our website.*

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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# Young Explorers

**\*\*Free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass.**

## **FREE\*\* Seed Sowing for Little Green Fingers**

**Wed 14 - Fri 16 February, 11:00 - 15:00 in the Chapter House**

The perfect activity to inspire and educate your young gardeners!

Join our expert gardening team this February half term and get your hands dirty as you sow seeds - donated by Meadow Grange Nursery - to take home with you, and explore the Cathedral's stunning gardens.

This is a drop-in activity; no need to book

## **FREE\*\* Family Tours**

**Mon 12 - Fri 16 February, 11:05 & 13:30**

Bring your little historians to Canterbury Cathedral to hear stories of Becket and the Black Prince, Monks and Miracles, Tombs and Towers.

These tours are aimed at children aged 6 - 13 but are suitable for the whole family to enjoy!

*Family Tours last 45 minutes, and pre-booking is suggested, as spaces are limited.*

To book, email [visits@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:visits@canterbury-cathedral.org)



# Music

## **FREE Informal Organ Recitals**

Featuring the Cathedral's resident organists and guests, this series of recitals are free of charge and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection. All start at 18:15 in the Cathedral Quire.

### **Fri 2 February**

James Gough, Southwark Cathedral

### **Fri 23 February**

Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, Canterbury Cathedral, and Robin Walker, King's School Canterbury

### **Fri 22 March**

Michael Butterfield, Marlborough College

More information about these and future recitals can be found on our website and in our monthly Music Lists: [canterbury-cathedral.org/music](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/music)

## **Canterbury Choral Society Mozart: Requiem**

**Sat 16 March, 19:30**

Mozart's final composition has held its place among the great works of Classical music, and carries a deep intensity for audience and performers alike. The renowned Hanover Band will join in playing Mozart's Symphony 39, the first of his final three greatest symphonies.

*Tickets £10-£33 (Incl. £2 booking fee)*

*Book at [canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://canterburyfestival.co.uk)*

This event is managed and delivered by Canterbury Choral Society, and sponsored by Wendi Atherton.

# Lent and Holy Week

## A Pilgrimage of Prayer

It is always free to attend a service of worship or to come into the Cathedral to pray.

### **Taizé Lunchtime Prayer** (see page 8)

**Mondays during Lent, 12:30-13:00 in the Eastern Crypt**

Simple chants, scripture reading and silence.

### **The Cloud of Unknowing Lenten Book**

**Group** with Canon Emma - online via Zoom

**Tuesdays in Lent from 20:00-21:00 via Zoom link**

Free to attend, but pre-booking required.

Find out more and book at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)

### **Growing in Prayer** (see page 8)

**Thursdays during Lent, 18:30-19:30**

**in the Community Studio**

A five-session course on teaching and practicing prayer led by our Cathedral clergy.

Free to attend, but pre-booking required.

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### **Post Sermon Discussion Sundays during Lent, after Eucharist service until 13:00 in the AV Studio**

A chance to reflect on the themes of the Eucharist service.

### **Ash Wednesday Wed 14 February**

8:00 Holy Communion with Ashing

12:30 Eucharist with Ashing

17:30 Choral Eucharist with Ashing and Homily

### **Palm Sunday Sun 24 March**

10:45-10:55 Prayer Gathering for Palm Sunday in St George's Place, top of high street

11:00 Blessing of Palms, Procession and Eucharist

17:30 Choral Evensong with reflection on praying the Passion

### **Holy Week**

**Mon 25 March**

13:00 Organ Meditation

19:30 Holy Week Reflections: **Prayer and Gender Justice** with Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

**Tues 26 March**

12:00 Chrism Mass, officiated by the Bishop of Richborough

19:30 Holy Week Reflections: **Prayer and Racial Justice** with Bishop Lusa Nsenga Ngoy, Bishop of Willesden

**Wed 27 March**

10:00-16:00 Fasting and prayer drop-in with Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover

19:30 Holy Week Reflection: **Prayer and Social Justice** with Bishop Rob Wickham, former Bishop of Edmonton and CEO of the Church Urban Fund.

### **Maundy Thursday Thurs 28 March**

11:00 Chrism Eucharist with Renewal of Vows and blessing of Oils

19:30-22:00 Eucharist of the Last Supper with watch and foot washing invitation

### **Good Friday Fri 29 March**

10:00 Good Friday Family Service

12:00-13:30 Preaching of the Cross: Prayers and the Passion with Dean David Monteith

13:45-15:00 The Liturgy of the Cross concluding in the Precincts with a short Act of Witness

### **Holy Saturday 30 March**

19:30 Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter

### **Easter Day 31 March**

8:10 Morning Worship

10:00 Easter Sunday Eucharist with The Archbishop of Canterbury's Easter Address

15:00 Choral Evensong

**Please note:** Many of our services are live streamed on our YouTube channel. Easter Day services will be live broadcast or streamed on radio and tv - these services will be free, but may be ticketed. See our website for more information.

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### **15 February, 18:30-19:30**

Talk 1: "The Basics: what is it and what it's not" with Canon Andrew

### **22 February, 18:30-19:30**

Talk 2: "Prayer as action and contemplation" with Canon Emma

### **29 February, 18:30-19:30**

Talk 3: "Methods: daily prayer, journaling, beads and fasting" with Revd. Wendy

### **7 March, 18:30-19:30**

Talk 4: "Prayer with scripture and poetry" with Canon Tim

### **14 March, 18:30-19:30**

Talk 5: "Public and Private Prayer" with Archdeacon Will

## Taizé Lunchtime Prayer

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.

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 during our Lenten Pilgrimage of Prayer, on **Mondays, 12:30-13:00 in the Eastern Crypt** as we connect with God and one another through sound and silence.

# Other Services and Prayer

## Pray with the Labyrinth

**Sat 17 February, 10:30-16:00**

**Sun 18 February, 12:30-16:00**

Pray and be mindful as you take a meditative walk in our Eastern Crypt, using a medieval maze pattern derived from that at Chartres Cathedral in France.

As with worship and services, those coming to take part do not need to pay admission. Just let our staff know that you are here for Pray with the Labyrinth.

*Leaflets and a guide will be provided, and there will be a laptop version of the Labyrinth available for those with limited mobility.*

Find out more at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)

## The Julian Prayer Meetings

**Thurs 7 March, 18:30-19:00**

**Thurs 4 April, 18:30-19:00**

**Thurs 2 May, 18:30-19:00**

**Thurs 13 June, 18:30-19:00**

**Thurs 4 July, 18:30-19:00**

If you are drawn to silent prayer, join our Julian Prayer Meetings (named after Julian of Norwich).

The meetings are for people of all denominations, faiths or none who wish to join in silent prayer.

*For more information, please email Canon Emma at [emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org)*

## 'The Glorious Mysteries' Quiet Prayer Day

**Sat 6 April, 10:00-16:00**

An opportunity to contemplate the life of Christ, through scripture and the ancient devotional practice of the rosary; led by Canon Emma and Alexander Muir.

*See our website for service details, and closures in place.*

# Guided Tours and Talks

*\*£5 per person, plus admission charge.*

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

## **‘The Inside Story’ Tour\***

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

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

## **Historical Association Annual Lyle Lecture: ‘Conflicting Convictions: The Martyrs of Tudor Canterbury.’**

**Thurs 8 February, 19:00 - Clagett Auditorium**

This talk will be given by Dr Doreen Rosman, University of Kent.

*£3 per person; free to Historical Association members and students. No need to book; pay on the day.*

This event is part of the Historical Association Canterbury Branch Programme 2023-24.

## **FREE\*\* Valentine’s Day Mini Talks**

**Wed 14 February, between 10:45-15:15**

Enjoy short talks that explore timeless tales of romance. (Talks last 15 minutes). *For talk times, please ask at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit.*

*\*\*Included with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket.*

## **American Connections Tour\***

**Presidents’ Day: Mon 19 February, 11:15-12:30**

Discover the strong bond that 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 Canterbury Cathedral adorns their churches.

## **Canterbury Cathedral Library Tour**

**Thurs 22 February, 14:00-15:00**

**Thurs 7 March, 14:00-15:00**

Join a guided tour in the Library building to learn more about the Library and its collections, and explore some of the items close-up.

*£8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.*

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

## **Stained Glass Windows Tour\***

**Fri 1 March, 11:15-12:15**

**Fri 8 March, 11:15-12:15**

**Fri 15 March, 11:15-12:15**

**Fri 22 March, 11:15-12:15**

Join us on a guided tour, offering an introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern.

## **‘The St Thomas Becket Story’ Tour\***

**Wed 6 March, 11:15-12:30**

**Wed 13 March, 11:15-12:30**

**Wed 20 March, 11:15-12:30**

**Wed 27 March, 11:15-12:30**

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

## **Destruction in the Cathedral: A study day to mark the arrival of Thomas Johnson’s ‘Quire of Canterbury Cathedral’**

**Mon 11 March, 11:15-17:15 (Doors open at 10:45)**

Thomas Johnson’s painting ‘Quire of Canterbury Cathedral’, dated 1657, is the earliest known depiction of the Quire. Papers will be given by specialists in medieval and early modern history and the history of art, including Prof Rachel Koopmans, Dr Emily Guerry, Dr David Rundle, Prof Ken Fincham and Prof Jackie Eales.

*£30 per person, incl. refreshments and sandwich lunch. The painting will be on view during the day.*

*To book, email [archives@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:archives@canterbury-cathedral.org)*

*Find out more at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)*

# The Cathedral Lodge

## **Mothering Sunday Lunch\***

*Sun 10 March, bookings 12:30-15:30*

Every Mum deserves a chance to relax! Enjoy a delicious 3-course À la Carte lunch in our Refectory Restaurant, and every Mum receives a complimentary glass of Prosecco too!

**£41 per adult or £20 per child under 14 years (under 4's eat free).**

## **Easter Sunday Lunch\***

*Sun 31 March, bookings 12:30-15:30*

Come and enjoy a 3-course À la carte lunch with all the family in our bright Refectory Restaurant.

**£38 per adult or £18 per child under 14 years (under 4's eat free).**

*\*This event must be pre-booked, and has limited availability. Full payment will be taken at the time of booking and is non-refundable, unless we are able to resell the space.*

To book, email [events@canterburycathedrallodge.org](mailto:events@canterburycathedrallodge.org) or call 01227 865350

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

To book, call 01227 865350 or email [stay@canterburycathedrallodge.org](mailto:stay@canterburycathedrallodge.org)

Subscribe to our mailing list and keep an eye on our website for future events and offers: [canterburycathedrallodge.org](http://canterburycathedrallodge.org)

*Friends of Canterbury Cathedral receive a 10% discount on both dining and stays.*



# Cathedral Shop

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**All profits go towards the upkeep of Canterbury Cathedral**



**West Front Pin Badge**  
A colourful and detailed pin badge of the west front.

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Soft and cuddly, but ready for battle.



**Canterbury Pilgrim Tee**  
A new pilgrim tee shirt using the lovely art of Katie Ponder.



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# FRIENDly Events

## The Friends are the Cathedral's fan club!

They are a community who work together to help support this magnificent place.

As a Friend, you also benefit from exclusive trips and events. The events included here are also open to non-members.

### Friendly Singing for Wellbeing

*Mon 19 February, 14:00-15:00*

*Mon 11 March, 14:00-15:00*

**St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 INH**

Turn up for a cuppa and a biscuit followed by some sociable singing to put a smile on your face. Led by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, and our Choral Scholars.

*Free to attend, but donations welcomed. No need to book.*

### TALK: The Textile Collections of Canterbury Cathedral

*Thurs 29 February, 10:30*

**Clagett Auditorium**

In this illustrated talk, Cressida Williams, Archives and Library Manager, and Ariane Langreder, Conservator, will introduce the many and varied textiles held in our Cathedral collection.

These include vestments, altar cloths, banners, and medieval bags to protect wax seals, amongst many other items.

*£10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.*

### TALK: Off the Beaten Track in Early Christian Rome

*Tues 19 March, 10:30*

**Clagett Auditorium**

Journey through the development of Christianity in Rome in the first millennium AD, enjoying some real gems of Christian heritage on the way.

This talk will be given by Dr John Williams, a Trustee of The Friends - who was for many years County Archaeologist and Head of Heritage Conservation for Kent County Council - and has a specialist research interest in the Early Medieval Period.

*£10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.*

### To book, and to find out more, go to [canterbury-cathedral.org/friends](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/friends)

For more information, and help booking, you can call The Friends' Office at 01227 865292 or email [friends@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:friends@canterbury-cathedral.org)

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# FREE entry to Canterbury Cathedral Precincts

***29 January - 10 March 2024***

**The perfect chance to discover  
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to large parts of Canterbury  
Cathedral's Precincts daily  
from 9am to 9pm during  
our Free Precincts Trial.

**See our website  
for details.**