

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

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:

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THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 25th August 2024

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Andrew Dodd

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 Sine Nomine. On Monday, we have the RSCM Singers South; on Tuesday and Wednesday, the choir of St Paul's Church, Canterbury; on Thursday and Friday, Vox Cantabilis; and on Saturday, the Exonian Choir. The Lay Clerks sing next Sunday. We are very grateful to all our visiting choirs for their hard work and for maintaining a high standard of music in worship whilst the Cathedral Choir is having a well-earned rest, and to Ian Roberts who organises the visiting choirs.

Children at the Cathedral

Our Sunday Club team are taking a break over August. During this break we have some resources for children to use with their parents in their seats during the service. Please ask a steward if you would like this resource. The stewards can also advise on good places to escape to if little ones need to stretch their legs! We are currently reviewing our Sunday provision for children and young people, if you would like to know more or have any thoughts please get in touch with Revd Wendy on wendy.dalrymple@canterbury-cathedral.org

Cathedral Clergy out and about in the Diocese

Today Canon Emma will be preaching at St Peter and St Paul, Appledore, on the edge of Romney Marsh, for their Flower Festival.

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

FREE Precincts are back! 17 August to 8 September 2024

Enjoy free entry to large parts of Canterbury Cathedral's Precincts from 9am to 9pm Monday to Saturday, and 11.30am to 9pm on Sundays during our Free Precincts Trial (Saturday 17th August to Sunday 8th September 2024).

Sightseers will only need to pay to enter the Cathedral building and areas including the Cloisters, Herb Garden and Chapter House during standard sightseeing hours.

Harvest Festival Sunday 8th September

Throughout September we shall be marking Creationtide through our liturgy and preaching and as part of this shall be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th at our Sung Eucharist. As we give thanks for the gifts of the earth to nourish and sustain us we are invited to bring gifts that will support those most in need in our community by bringing donations for the All Saints Food Larder. Please bring gifts of tinned and packaged food products, household cleaning products and toiletries to the Cathedral from Sunday 1st to Sunday 8th September. We shall welcome Liz Robin from All Saints Food Larder as our preacher for Harvest.

DAILY Between 10:00- 16:00, various intervals: FREE* Mini Talks

Listen to a bite-sized exploration of the Cathedral's history with a free 15-minute Mini Talk, delivered by our knowledgeable team.

A great chance to discover more about the 1,400 years of history of our magnificent Cathedral - from the Black Prince and the turbulent Thomas Becket, to our Historic Graffiti and marvellous Stained Glass. Take a pew and learn something new!

Talks subject to availability on the day. Ask at our Visitor Centre for times.

*Included with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass

August & September - Every other Thursday: NEW Gentle Tours

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: 29 August, 12 & 26 September. £5 per person, plus admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre, or reserve your space by emailing visits@canterbury-cathedral.org

WEEKLY Mon-Sat 10:30, 12:00 and 14:00, Sun 13:00: 'The Inside Story' Tour

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

From the Cathedral's origins in the 6th century, the tour will encompass 1,400 years of history - with tales of royalty, clergy and everyday craftsmen who made the Cathedral what it is today - set amid a background of wars, political struggle and tales of bravery. £5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge. Book at our Visitor Centre.

FILM CLUB: SUNDAY, 8th September, 2.00pm, Cathedral Lodge AV Room.

Do come and join us for this month's film "NEPTUNE FROST", a sci-fi musical drama film in which a Rwandan coltan miner escapes to a futuristic village populated by hackers.

Directors: Anisia Uzeyman and Saul Williams. Writer: Saul Williams

Sat 31 August, 16:30 - Peter Pan - in the Deanery Garden

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+

Friendly Singing for Wellbeing - St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

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.

ALL welcome – rusty singers included! Free to attend but donations welcomed.

Please join us between 14.00-15.00 on the following Mondays: 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December Supported by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral

For more information email friends@canterbury-cathedral.org or phone 01227 865292

Sponsored Walk, Ride and Stride - Saturday 14th September

Saturday 14th September is the annual Walk, Ride and Stride in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches. Sylvie Plested from the cathedral community is aiming to visit at least 13 churches in the city and surrounding area and is looking for sponsors - (half of what she raises will go to the Friends of Kent Churches and half to the Cathedral).

If you would like to sponsor Sylvie, please email her at sylvie_plested@yahoo.co.uk

Open Home - Sat 5th October 10am-4pm, Sun 6th October 12.15-4.00pm

David Monteith, David Hamilton and Barney the Lurcher have moved into a section of the Deanery. They will host an 'open home' for people from the Cathedral community to visit the refurbished Deanery. Cups of tea/coffee will be provided by Cathedral Lodge including post-eucharist refreshments. We hope that people will enjoy a visit to the Deanery and in return we ask for generous donations which will go towards the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral. The restoration this far has been funded by grants from The Friends and The Cathedral Trust. We are aware that there is much more work still to be undertaken to conserve and renew the Deanery and to bring it into wider use. Please note that it is a personal home and that universal disabled access is not available. No parking is available on site for this event.