

## 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 29th December 2024**

The Martyrdom of St Thomas of Canterbury

**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)

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 Taizé Prayer - (from 20 Jan – 10 Feb)  
Holy Communion - Wednesdays

17.30 Choral Evensong  
Thursdays said Evening Prayer

## Memorial Service - St Thomas of Canterbury - Tonight at 5.30

Today we celebrate the 854th Anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas of Canterbury, in the Cathedral, on 29th December 1170. This evening at 5.30, we hold a special memorial service where we recall Thomas's life and death, and also turn our thoughts and heart towards all those who continue to suffer for their faith, especially those called upon to be Martyrs. The clergy will move to the Martyrdom during the service, and readings from T.S Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral* will be read.

The preacher will be Father Robert McCulloch, Procurator General of the Society of St Columban, a regular visitor to us at this time of year, and a long-standing friend of the Cathedral community.

After the service, there will be time for the congregation to visit the Martyrdom where Thomas was killed, and the Trinity chapel, where his shrine stood from 1220 to the dissolution of the Monastery at Canterbury in 1538.

## 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 on Sunday 5th January; Sung Eucharist at 5.30pm on Monday 6th January and 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.

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

## APPLY FOR A HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND PAYMENT

This is a Government fund to help households with food, energy bills and other essentials. TO APPLY YOU MUST BE: 1. a Canterbury district resident, 2. 16 or over, 3. with an annual household Income of £40,000 or less, with no more than £500 savings. Find out more [www.canterbury.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

## The Joy of Giving

Three weeks ago, Canon Andrew encouraged those who feel able to consider the Parish Giving Scheme as a way of giving to the Cathedral.

If you would like to be part of this scheme,

Please contact David at [david.wilcock@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:david.wilcock@canterbury-cathedral.org) who will be able to give you more information. You can also pick up forms from the shelves in the South-West Transept, at the bottom of the Pulpitum Steps, or the stone shelf by the Chichele Gate. Thank you to those who have already signed up to the scheme in the last week or who have been in touch to find out more.



## 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.

## NEW FOR 2025 Time for Silent Prayer

Thursdays\* after 17:30 Said Evening Prayer, until 18:15

An opportunity to be still in the midst of the business of life, and rest in the holiness and peace of this sacred place. This space is for people of all denominations, faiths or none who wish to take some time to rest in the present moment. 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 our evening said service. Whether you stay for 10 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.

\*Occasional variations. See our monthly Services and Music Lists.

## 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: Friday 3 January, 11:15-12:30; 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.

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

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

\*Included with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass