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Extra Christmas Carol Services at Canterbury Cathedral



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For many years the Christmas Eve Carol Service at Canterbury Cathedral has attracted huge congregations. In the last few years, the number of people wanting to join this Christmas Eve worship has been overwhelming and so this year, the Dean and Chapter has decided to hold two Carol Services, one on 23rd December and the other on Christmas Eve, both starting at 3 o'clock. The only difference will be that entry to the Christmas Eve service will be by ticket only, whereas the first service will be open to all.

Everyone is very welcome to apply for the free tickets for the Christmas Eve Carol Service – however, there will be a maximum of **two** tickets per application and it will be a case of first come, first served. Anyone

wishing to attend the Christmas Eve Carol Service should write to Mrs. R. Wilson, Cathedral House, The Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EH, enclosing a stamped self-addressed envelope. Tickets will be sent out in early December and unsuccessful applicants will be invited to join the service on 23rd December.

Also on Christmas Eve, there will be a Crib Service at approximately 12.30 pm immediately after the 11.00 am Holy Communion Service when the Dean of Canterbury will lead prayers and carols especially for children, by the crib outside the main entrance to the Cathedral. On Thursday 28th December at 3.00 pm there will be a Christingle service for children in the Nave.

A full list of Services being held in the Cathedral during December will follow shortly.

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Notes to Editors

1. Please contact Christopher Robinson on 07759 215537 for any further information.

- 2 A Christingle itself is made up of a lighted candle (symbolising Jesus, the Light of the World), mounted on an orange (representing the world), and a red ribbon or tape around the middle of the orange (indicating the blood/love of Christ). Four cocktail sticks bearing dried fruit or sweets are also stuck into the orange to signify the four seasons and the fruits of the earth. The Christingle service is a mixture of carols, prayers and readings and the lighting of candles. Every child is given a Christingle to take home.