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Canterbury Cathedral's Open Evening, Tuesday 2nd October 2007

Canterbury Cathedral's 2007 Open Evening, which will take place on Tuesday the 2nd October. The evening will begin at 5.30 pm with Choral Evensong; all of the displays will be available from 6.15 pm and the evening will end at 9.00 pm with Compline after a short concert by the Cathedral's choristers, which will begin at 8.40 pm. The Open Evening is free to all, with free Audio and Guided Tours; this year will be the first in we shall be providing guided tours to the top of the Corona tower; there will also be tours of the Bell tower and Organ Loft, not to mention entry to chapels not normally open to the public. Timed tickets will be needed for the tours of the towers and, in previous years, they have been snapped up rapidly!

The point of the Open Evening is to throw open our doors and show the residents of Canterbury and the surrounding areas what happens at the Cathedral behind the scenes. There will be a host of displays from the various departments within the Cathedral, such as the Stained Glass Studio and the Stonemasons' Department; there will be demonstrations of candle carving, as well as exhibitions by the gardeners, the Schools' department, the musicians and many others.

This year, our centrepiece will be provided by the Archives Department. The Archives plays a crucial role in preserving and interpreting the Cathedral's rich heritage, and the displays will cover a wide range of documents, covering a period of more than 1,000 years. The star display of the evening will be the City Map of Canterbury; dating from about 1642, this spectacular artefact, is so large that it will hang between some of the pillars of the Nave.

We are extremely excited about this year's event and are delighted to extend an invitation to all to join us on that evening. We look forward to seeing you.

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Notes to Editors

- 1 For further information, please contact Christopher Robinson on 07759 215537 or Lisa Rowe on 01227 865221
- 2 I attach a jpeg showing a detail from the Canterbury map of 1642; please credit Canterbury City Council

