Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Open Gardens at Canterbury Cathedral.

The private gardens of the Dean and Chapter will be open to all on the weekend of the 7th and 8th June 2008. What's new this year? Come and see! All proceeds will go to charity, including the RNLI and Odyssey (a Kent based charity which enhances the quality of life for people with cancer through imaginative programmes of challenging and dramatic activities using the outdoors), as well as medical and gardening charities. The weekend is part of the National Garden Scheme – details at http://www.ngs.org.uk/gen/default.aspx?. As well as entry to the Dean's and the Canons' gardens, you will be able to visit the Campanile garden, which is part of the International Study Centre, and the exquisite small garden at Starrs House. The gardens will be open from 11.00 am – 5.30 pm on Saturday, 7th June and 2.00 pm – 5.30 pm on Sunday 8th June.

Admission to the seven gardens will cost £4; normal Precincts entry charges will apply but if you live or work in Canterbury, or are a member of the Cathedrals Friends, or are on the electoral roll of a parish in the Canterbury Diocese, you can obtain a free admission card by writing to Cathedral House, The Precincts, Canterbury, CT1 2EH and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Refreshments will be available throughout both days. Last year, £6,122 was raised for charity; please help us to raise even more this year.

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Notes to editors

1. For more information, please contact Christopher Robinson on 01227 865282 or 07759 215537.
2. I attach a couple of images taken in the Precincts. Please let me know if you would like any more