



Press Release

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Canterbury Cathedral to be plunged into darkness

At 8:30 pm on Saturday the 28th March, 2009, Canterbury Cathedral will be plunged into darkness.

The floodlights that bathe the Cathedral and create the famous skyline of Canterbury will be switched off for an hour in support of Earth Hour, an international event designed to raise awareness of the need for action to reduce the effects of global warming. Promoted in this country by the World Wildlife Fund, Earth Hour will see many famous landmarks, celebrities, politicians and millions of people across the globe turn off their lights for an hour in a gesture of the need to take action to tackle climate change. Other places in the UK taking part include the National Gallery, Brighton Pier, the Royal Albert Hall, the Clifton Suspension Bridge, and the Coca Cola sign in Piccadilly Circus; worldwide, lights at the Sydney Opera House, Hong Kong's Symphony of Lights, the Eiffel Tower, and the United Nations building in New York will also be extinguished.

Canterbury Cathedral is committed to reduce its carbon footprint. For more information on this event please visit <http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/>.

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