



PRESS RELEASE

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Immediate Release

Come rain or shine there will always be something to entertain young historians at Canterbury Cathedral this summer holiday.

From Monday the 26th – Wednesday 28th of July the Canterbury World Heritage Site will be encouraging young minds to explore and learn about the history that enshrouds these ancient landmarks. A free ‘summer fun’ activity sheet will be available at all three sites and will encourage inquisitive young minds to explore St Augustine’s Abbey, St Martin’s Church and Canterbury Cathedral.

Through the life of Queen Bertha, this trail sheet will transport young historians back to 597AD, encouraging children to find the answers to fact finding, clue hunting and riddle solving questions. There will also be proactive activities ready at all three sites to encourage a hands-on approach to history. Participants can make a stained glass window at Canterbury Cathedral, a Saxon brooch at St Augustine’s Abbey and a clay statue of Queen Bertha at St Martin’s Church.

“The Normans and Canterbury Cathedral” is the theme for August and this complements the BBC Hands-on History project. A free trail sheet is available from the Welcome Centre encouraging children to find evidence of the Normans here.

Every Tuesday in August the Cathedral Schools Department will run Heraldry workshop’s ideal for children aged between 7 – 11. The workshop’s will give children the opportunity to make their own Norman shield. The workshop’s run at 11:00 and 14:00; anyone interested should meet at the Welcome centre at these times.

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Notes to Editors

- 1 For more information, please contact Lisa Emanuel on 01227 865221 or 07859937933 l.emanuel@canterbury-cathedral.org.
- 2 United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization designated the Canterbury World Heritage Site on 9th December 1988 at the 12th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Brazil. The site includes Canterbury Christchurch Cathedral and Precinct, St Augustine’s Abbey and St Martin’s Church.



- 3 All three sites provide the visual record for the introduction of Christianity.
- 4 For more information about the BBC Hands on History please see <http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/handsonhistory/>
- 5 For information on free entry for Children please see: <http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/visit/information>