

Safeguarding : Do you need to talk?

**Are you concerned about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult?
Or is there something that you would like to discuss that affects you?**

A safeguarding concern is anything that may impact the safety and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult; if they are being neglected, harmed or at risk of being harmed by others or themselves, and are in need of protection. To report a non-emergency safeguarding concern please scan the QR code and complete our online form or email safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY SAFEGUARDING CONCERN PLEASE CONTACT
THE CATHEDRAL CONSTABLES OFFICE: Located by the main entrance to the
Precincts, Christ Church Gate. Alternatively, please call 01227 866237



The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral

THE FRIENDS OF CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL are the Cathedral's fan club. We are admirers of the building, its history, and its community, and we help to support the Cathedral and its work. Our new Programme of Events has just been launched and includes talks, coffee mornings, day trips, recitals, and even an annual holiday!

A FRIENDLY TALK Angels and Demons in Art

Tuesday 2 December, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Brenda Tate-Lovely, a former Open University lecturer, will explore artistic interpretations of Angels and Demons which have featured in art since the earliest times.

From the 5th Century to the modern day, in the context of the belief and practice, Brenda will look at how different generations of artists have interpreted them.

In the vivid imaginations of artists, we will explore how these spiritual beings have become actors in storytelling, stimulating emotional reactions from fear to humour.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

A FRIENDLY EVENT The Friends' Coffee Concert

Tuesday 3 February 2026, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Your chance to be entertained by the Cathedral's Choral Scholars whilst enjoying coffee and pastries. This informal concert will showcase the progress and repertoire of the Scholars who joined the Cathedral in September 2025.

Expect a warm welcome and a mixed musical medley on a chilly Tuesday morning!

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

These events are organised by and in support of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 1210093). For more information about this and future events, help booking, or becoming a member, please call The Friends' Office at 01227 865292 or email friends@canterbury-cathedral.org

FRIENDLY Singing for Wellbeing St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

ALL welcome – rusty singers included!

Turn up for a cuppa and a biscuit, followed by sociable singing to put a smile on your face.

Led by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral.

Please join us between 14:00-15:00 on the following Mondays: 8th December; 12th January; 9th February 2026



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY
Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 30th November 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Dr Emma Pennington

You are more than welcome to join us at any of the following services

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)		Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)	
8.00	Holy Communion	7.30	Morning Prayer (9.15 Bank Holidays)
9.15	Morning Prayer	8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	Choral Eucharist (Sunday)	11.00	Bell Ceremony
15.00	Huguenot Service (in French, Sunday only)	12.30	Holy Communion - Wednesdays Taizé Prayer - Mondays in Term Time
17.30	Choral Evensong	17.30	Choral Evensong Thursdays said Evening Prayer with Silence

Out and about in the Diocese

This morning, Canon Emma is preaching at St Mildred's Church in the city.

Advent Carol Service

Our celebration of the season of Advent continues this evening with the Advent Carol service. We will hear again the scriptures that foretell the coming of Our Lord at Christmas, and listen to and sing of the Good News that was promised by the Prophets.

Do come to join us at 5.30 this evening in the Nave.

Election of the Archbishop

The College of Canons of Canterbury met on Tuesday 25th November in the Chapter House. We elected Dame Sarah Mullaly as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury and the public notice is displayed including on the cathedra in the Quire. Her Confirmation of Election takes place on 28th January, 11am at St Paul's Cathedral. Whilst there will be invitation sent out for this, our understanding is that it will be a public service which others can also attend.

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:

tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org by Wednesday please

Pastoral Care

If you would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Care Team kindly email your name and contact details to: pastoralcare@canterbury-cathedral.org and a member of the team will be pleased to assist.

If you need a local pastoral visit, if you are a newcomer wanting to get more involved in the cathedral congregations, if you or someone else from the congregation need support or help, then please complete a Pastoral Care Card which are dotted around the quire of the cathedral or please ask a steward or virger for one. Please complete and send in following the instructions on the card.

Special Services in Advent

These are our Sunday evening services in Advent - all at 5.30pm

Sunday 7th December: St Nicholas Family Service

Sunday 14th December: Festival of Carols with Nativity

Sunday 21st December: Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation

Also in Advent we have Journeying to Christmas Reflections on Fridays 28 November & 5, 12 & 19 December, 12:30-13:00 in the Nave. These are short Christmas reflections, with words & music, led by Dean David.

Santons de Provence Nativity Figures - Huguenot Chapel

DAILY Monday 15 - Saturday 20 December, 10:30-12:00 & 14:00-16:00

During this week, the Huguenot Chapel (French Church) will be open to visitors for all to view their collection of traditional 'Santons de Provence' Nativity figures on display.

The entrance to the Huguenot Chapel is signposted on the lawn 10 yards from the door on the south side of the Cathedral, opposite the Cathedral Lodge hotel.

The Blessing of the Crib – Help Needed

I will be leading this service at 10.30 am on Christmas Eve. I need some adults (to keep safeguarding provision simple) to volunteer to dress up and take part in a very simplified tableau/drama. I need a Narrator, Angel, Mary, Joseph and Innkeeper. There are some very short and simple spoken lines to deliver which do not need to be learned. However, I would like to conduct a brief run-through at 9.30am prior to the service so we do it well. Please volunteer by email andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org Ages 18-80+ welcome! Thanks so much, Dean David

Film Club - Sunday 14th December 2pm - AV Studio

PAST LIVES 1hr 46min

Director & Writer Celine Song

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny.

Certificate 12 - infrequent strong language

Advent and Christmas - 'Hope'

Our theme for this season is 'Hope', as we live in hope through the autumn, and into the winter and Christmas.

All are welcome to join us for our traditional services, carol services and special events, child-friendly activities, beautiful trees and decorations - with the return of the Canterbury Christmas Market to the Precincts.

Our charity partner this Christmas will be Catching Lives (Charity No. 1014868), as we seek to raise the profile of their work, and to raise money as they support homeless people in and around Canterbury. Please be generous.

Family-friendly Activities*

Gregory and Peti's Star Trail*

Saturday 29 November - Sunday 4 January, during visiting hours

Christmas Drop-in Activities

Saturday 29 November, 11:00-15:00 - FREE to all in the Viewing Gallery

Saturdays 6, 13 & 20 December 11:00-15:00 - FREE* in the Cathedral

Festive Storytelling*

Join Deborah Hart, from TinyTalk Kent Downs, for family-friendly storytelling at Canterbury Cathedral - Drop-in sessions; no need to book.

Saturday 6 December, 14:00-15:00

The Snow Thief - Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

Little Polar Bear - Hans de Beer

The Christmas Eve Tree - Delia Huddy

Plus the Christmas Nativity story

Saturday 13 December, 14:00-15:00

The Longest Wait - Alison Brewis

Little Glow - Katie Sahota and Harry Woodgate

The Very Smiley Snowman - Jack Tickle

Plus the Christmas Nativity story

Saturday 20 December, 14:00-15:00

The Night Before Christmas - Clement C Moore and Mark Marshall

Snowflakes - Carrie Burnell

The Owl Who Came for Christmas - John Hay

Plus the Christmas Nativity story

Festive Family Music Workshops*

Sat 13 December, 10:00-10:45 & 12:45-13:30 - in the Eastern Crypt

Sing, play and move to stories and songs all about Jesus' Birthday - the story of Christmas.

Children (and adults) are invited to come dressed as their favourite Nativity character (if they wish!) or in their best party outfits - it is a birthday we're celebrating after all!

This activity is aimed at Primary School aged children (0-11).

Drop-in activity; no need to book.

*Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card. Kids go FREE every day! (T&Cs apply; does not apply to group bookings or school visits).