Street Pastors needed

Are you looking for a new way to serve the Lord? Street Pastoring is an opportunity for Christians to serve others, to show the love of Jesus in a practical way and to share the good news on the streets of our city. Canterbury Street Pastors are offering the opportunity for ten new street pastors to train alongside their award-winning team. Could you be one of the ten who help to make the streets of Canterbury safer? For more information, please contact Canterbury Street Pastors on coordinator@canterburystreetpastors.org

The Song of The Angels - Thursdays
between 23 November - 21 December, 18:30-19:30, Community Studio

Talks by our clergy

This series of five talks takes you into the heavenly realm of angels to explore what they are and how their message of “Peace and Goodwill to all” still resonates as powerfully today as it did when given to shepherds on a hillside centuries ago.

More details to follow.

Calling potential servers

You will see servers carrying candles, cross or swinging the censer at services. The Servers’ Company of St Andrew is a group of forty volunteers who assist at worship. We are of all ages and backgrounds and welcome new members. Please email Sue Roberts at sroberts202@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to join us.

Cathedral Worshipper Roll

We are now have the forms and technology to update the Cathedral Worshipping Roll. This is for those who habitually worship at the Cathedral and is in line with the new Cathedrals Measure which is coming into force now. You need to apply even if you have been on the previous Cathedral Roll. You can do so online by going to: https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worshipping-community-roll-application-form/ or by filling in a form that can be collected from Reception in Cathedral House.

If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral, please use the following link: https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/donate/online-form/

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to: tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org by Wednesday please
Dates for your diary at the Cathedral and across the city:

Margaret Sparks RIP

Margaret Sparks has died peacefully in Dorset, aged 93. Many of us were familiar with Margaret Sparks – whether at her desk in the Archives building as (voluntary) Honorary Cathedral Historian or from her attendance at services throughout the week. All of us have benefitted from her unsurpassed knowledge of the history of the buildings, collections and community of the cathedral and precincts. She left a strong written legacy, as she co-edited the ‘Cathedral History’, contributed to the Friends’ Chronicle, published a history of the precincts buildings, and wrote a ‘Guide for Guides’. May she rest in peace.

The funeral of Margaret Sparks will take place on Thursday 16th November at 2pm in the church at Langton Matravers, near Swanage, Dorset, with an interment of ashes at the Cathedral here at a later date.

Synod to discuss Prayers for LGBT+ people

Prayer and sanctuary as our church’s General Synod meets discussing official prayers for LGBT+ people. We will set aside the Chapel of Holy Innocents in the Crypt on 13-15 Nov from 10am-3pm. This is a space for quiet prayer and it is planned that a chaplain from the diocesan LGBT+ network will be available 10am-3pm if people want to or need to talk or ask for prayer.

Film Club - 12th November at 2pm. All Quiet on the Western Front

Director: Edward Berger

All Quiet on the Western Front tells the gripping story of a young German soldier on the Western Front of World War I. Paul and his comrades experience first-hand how the initial euphoria of war turns into desperation and fear as they fight for their lives, and each other, in the trenches. The film from director Edward Berger is based on the world renowned bestseller of the same name by Erich Maria Remarque. Certificate 15 All Quiet On The Western Front: strong threat, violence, injury detail, disturbing scenes

Week of Accompanied Prayer (online) - Digging deeper into prayer—26 Nov-2 Dec

An online pre-Advent Week of Accompanied Prayer, led by daily inputs by the Rt Rev’d John Pritchard, former Bishop of Oxford, formerly Archdeacon of Canterbury. All input and services are on Zoom.
Opening Service - 4.30pm Sunday 26th November. Closing Service - 9.30am Saturday 2nd December. Monday to Friday 9.30-10.00 Input from John Pritchard 30 minutes Private Prayer, 30 minutes talk with Prayer Guide by Zoom or telephone. Everyone welcome, no set costs but donations to Weeks of Accompanied Prayer welcome. Contact janet.mcdonald@btinternet.com for more information and booking.

Gaza: Archbishops of Jerusalem & Canterbury in Emergency Appeal for Diocese of Jerusalem

The Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum and Justin Welby, have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The international appeal calls for prayers and donations not only for the work of the Anglican-run al-Ahli Arab Hospital’s vital work in Gaza, but also for the Diocese of Jerusalem’s ministries throughout the Holy Land which are also being greatly affected by the Israel-Hamas war. Responding to the appeal, a spokesperson for the Diocese of Jerusalem said: “Thank you again for all your prayers and support during this time of great calamity! Continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for security for all who dwell in its lands.” To give please go to: cafdonate.cafonline.org/24666

Choir News

In October 2023 we held auditions for prospective boy choristers and, after a very successful day, we recruited ten new boy choristers.

In early November 2023, we held a Welcome Afternoon for all of our boy choristers, existing and new, and we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon which included fun warm up exercises, robe-fitting and, of course, singing, with a short performance for families at the end. After this exciting start we look forward to much more music-making with all of our boy choristers!

Recital: Monday 20th November 11:00 am St Andrew’s Church, Deal

Loneliness and Creation A Recital of Song by Tommy Geddes and Jamie Rogers

Free entry, retiring collection with funds split between the church and Alzheimer’s Research UK


Friendly Singing for Wellbeing - Monday 13th November 3-3pm

Turn up for a cuppa and a biscuit followed by some sociable singing to put a smile on your face, led by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, and our Choral Scholars. ALL welcome – rusty singers included!
Free to attend but donations welcomed.
St Paul’s Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH
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