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



'Climb the Corona' Tour

The Corona Chapel was built in the 12th century to house the crown - 'corona' in Latin - of St Thomas Becket's skull, which had been sliced off during his murder and was revered as a saintly relic. Explore the chapel, usually closed to the public, giving you the opportunity to explore the tombs of Cardinal Reginald Pole and Archbishop Temple, and view the wonderful stained glass windows in more detail, before climbing the 95 steps to the top of the Corona Tower itself and experience amazing views across the city in all directions. This tour offers a unique opportunity to see the city of Canterbury differently - as well as some hidden stone carvings atop the tower. Dates:

Fri 29 August, 14:15-15:15; Wed 27 August, 14:15-15:15

Wed 3 & 10 September, 14:15-15:15; Fri 5 & 12 September, 14:15-15:15.

£12 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge. This is a popular tour; pre-booking advised to avoid disappointment.

Pilgrimage Reflections - a 45-minute performance of music and poetry

Victoria Field - spoken word Helen Nattrass - gongs Theodoor Heyning - cello. Saturday 30th August 2025 3:00pm St Thomas Church, 59 Burgate CT1 2HJ Free entrance - retiring collection for the church

The next Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Canterbury Christ Church University

Professor Claire Ozanne has been appointed. She is an experienced leader in higher education and has a strong track record in leadership roles, including as the current Vice-Chancellor at Liverpool Hope University. She has led an extensive change and modernisation programme, whilst also focusing on establishing the university's civic role in the region and improving the student experience. She will take up the role in April 2026.

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! You can find out more about our Events and Friendly community here: https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/support-us/friends. Or pop into our Office in Cathedral House or phone 01227 865292 for more information.

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:

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



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 24th August 2025 St Bartholomew

Canon in Residence: The Dean

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 resumes on Mondays in September)
17.30	Choral Evensong	17.30	Choral Evensong Thursdays said Evening Prayer with Silence

Visiting Choirs

During the Cathedral Choir's Summer break, we have visiting choirs which come to sing our services for us. In the last week and over this weekend we are joined by the Sanderstead Singers. Next week, services will be sung by the Hamberg Bach Choir We are very grateful to all our visiting choirs for their hard work and for allowing us to maintain a high standard of music in worship whilst the Cathedral Choir is having a well-earned rest. The Cathedral Choir will return to sing on Monday 1st September, with the installation of Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks and Scholars at Evensong on Saturday 6th September and Girl Choristers at Evensong on Sunday 7th September.

Children's Church

Children's Church is having its summer break. There will be no Children's Church until 7th September, but there are parent-led crèche facilities for babies and toddlers in the north east transept - please ask a steward for directions. We are grateful to Jessie and her team for all their work with the Cathedral's children and young people throughout the year.

Why Bartholomew today?

The Church keeps Greater Feasts throughout the year, including those of the Apostles and Evangelists. When these days fall in special seasons such as Lent or Christmastide, we transfer them to the following Monday but, in Ordinary Time, we can keep them on the Sunday. So today, we remember the first followers of Our Lord and give thanks for the example of faith and courage that they give us.

Canterbury Christian Aid Group - Guided walk

Blean Woods Sunday 14th September starting at 2pm from RSPB car park CT2 9DD. Suggested donation £5 for Christian Aid. Further details and to book contact Andrew Goatly at apgoatly@gmail.com

Lunchtime Recital - 27th August at 1.15pm

There will be a lunch-time recital on Wednesday 27th August at 1.15 in the Crypt (after the 12.30 Eucharist) for cello and piano given by Matthew Roberts, a former cathedral chorister, and John Paul Ekins. They will be playing: Beethoven's Sonata No 5 in D, Opus 102, No 2 for Cello and Piano and Schumann's Fünf Stücke im Volkston / Five Pieces in Folk Style for Cello and Piano. Do please join us if you can for this occasion.

American Connections Tour

Discover the strong bond that Canterbury Cathedral has with the United States.

Throughout history, Canterbury's inhabitants have gone on to shape American history, and in turn Americans have made their mark on Canterbury Cathedral. Hear stories of the people who have shaped the history of the United States and learn how glass and stone from Canterbury Cathedral adorns their churches. This is the story of centuries of friendship across the Atlantic. Dates: Labor Day: Mon 1 September, 11:15-12:30; Patriots' Day: Thurs 11 September, 11:15-12:30; Indigenous Peoples' Day: Mon 13 October, 11:15-12:30;

Fri 24 October, 11:15-12:30; Veterans Day: Tues 11 November, 11:15-12:30; Thanksgiving: Thurs 27 November, 11:15-12:30. £5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge. Book at our Visitor Centre, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

Private Evening Cathedral Tours

There is nothing more atmospheric than visiting Canterbury Cathedral as evening falls outside, once the crowds have gone home, and you are able to enjoy the serenity and beauty of this special place all to yourself. Discover the Cathedral when it is closed to the public, on an exclusive guided tour taken 'out of hours', led by one of our expert guides, who will share many fascinating stories with you. This is your opportunity to explore parts of the building which are not normally open to the public, while learning about the history and architecture of this magnificent building as you make your way around. This tour is perfect for history lovers and those seeking a unique way to enjoy the Cathedral - book your exclusive evening tour now and look forward to a truly special experience.

Dates: Fri 12 September, 18:30-20:00; Fri 3 October, 18:30-20:00 £40 per person. Pre-booking required - via the whats-on page of the Cathedral website.

Tours take place after our 17:30 Evensong which you are very welcome to attend beforehand.

A Reflective Guided Pilgrimage

WEEKLY on a Thursday (please check dates), 16:30-17:00 Join us after visiting hours, for a short guided pilgrimage around the Cathedral, stopping at places of significance for reflection and prayer. Torin Brown, Pilgrim Officer, will lead a pilgrimage around the outside of the Cathedral, visiting places of symbolism and structures of meaning, to reflect upon our lives and our world. It is a pilgrimage of prayerful intent. We will walk in silence between reflections of meaning, in an exercise of mindfulness, and in preparation for the evening service. Dates: 21 & 28 August; 4, 11, 18 & 25 September. New dates added regularly. Free to attend; but donations gratefully received.

For more information email pilgrims@canterbury-cathedral.org

A Silent Vigil for Peace in Gaza August 31st

So many of us are distressed by events in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel and the ongoing loss of life and hope for families in Israel and Palestine alike.

As a response, we are holding a silent vigil to raise awareness and to voice our concerns, along the lines of silent witness vigils held in Tel Aviv, Switzerland and elsewhere, and the vigil held in Canterbury last month. The purpose of the vigil is to stand up for peace, justice and mutual respect for people of all creeds and nationalities, so we are asking people not to bring flags or partisan symbols. Our hope is that by showing a peaceful and united approach that brings people of different faiths and none together we can show our solidarity with each other against bigotry and against the ongoing destruction of so many lives.

Please join us in a silent vigil for Gaza in Canterbury on Sunday 31 August

Meeting time 13.00 at the Buttermarket or gather for a shared lunch (bring your own picnic) beforehand at 12.15 in the garden of Friends Meeting House, 6, the Friars. We will hold the vigil for about 45 minutes at the Buttermarket. You are invited for tea at the Meeting House afterwards.

Please let us know by emailing petertoon@aol.com if you plan to come as for public safety reasons we have to notify the police how many people we expect.

Safeguarding Committee Volunteer Vacancies

We are seeking individuals who would like to contribute to the life and work of the Cathedral by volunteering for membership of the Safeguarding Committee. More details can be found at:

https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Applications close at the end of the month, and interviews will be in mid-September.

Please do consider this opportunity if you have experience in the area of Safeguarding.

FREE* FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN Gregory and Peti's 'A Monk's Life' Trail

Sat 26 July - Fri 29 August, during visiting hours

Follow in the footsteps of the Cathedral's medieval monks on Gregory Gargoyle and Peti Pigeon's special themed trail. Explore the Cathedral and its Precincts to discover how the monks spent their days and where they ate, slept and prayed.

*Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card. Children aged 17 and under go free (T&Cs apply); does not apply to group bookings or school visits.

Historic Graffiti Tour

On this tour, members of the Cathedral's Historic Graffiti Team will shine a light on a selection of the fascinating historic graffiti that can be found throughout the Cathedral.

Focusing on the Eastern Crypt, Quire and Trinity Chapel, a selection of different types of historic graffiti from different periods will be revealed; along with the very different motivations in the past for making marks on walls. Dates: Thu 28 August, 13:15-14:30; Thu 18 September, 14:15-15:30; Thu 25 September, 12:15-13:30; Tue 14 October, 12:15-13:30; Thu 23 October, 14:15-15:30; Tue 11 November, 14:15-15:30; Tue 9 December, 12:15-13:30. £5 per person, plus admission charge. Book at our Visitor Centre, or reserve your space by emailing visits@canterbury-cathedral.org

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS - Please donate

There are three Food Bank bins around the cathedral site: in the foyer of Cathedral House; in the South-West Transept near the shop; and in the North-East Transept near the door to the Dean's Steps. These provide much-needed resources for those who are in need during the current cost of living situation, and are part of our mission to support those who are struggling. Please do make this a regular opportunity for you to follow our Lord's teaching that what we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we do also for him.