

Accessible Worship whilst the lift to the Quire is out of action

Whilst we are without a lift our Sunday Sung Eucharist will continue to be held in the Nave and from next weekend Saturday Evensong will also take place there. Our 8 o'clock Communion and 12.30 services will also be in an accessible chapels. We are working with our external contractor to ascertain the nature of the problem and working to get this fixed as soon as possible. We are sorry that this restricts access for some visitors and worshippers and ask that you get in touch if you are planning to attend a service and have accessibility needs.

Free Precincts Trial, 29 January - 10 March 2024

Visitors can enjoy free entry to large parts of Canterbury Cathedral's Precincts daily from 9am to 9pm during our Free Precincts Trial (29 January - 10 March 2024). Sightseers will only need to pay to enter the Cathedral building and areas including the Cloisters, Herb Garden and Chapter House during standard sightseeing hours. It is always free to attend a service of worship or to come into the Cathedral to pray. See full details at <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/free-precincts/>

Refreshments during the Precincts Trial

In light of the upcoming Precincts trial, we know how loved the kiosk is during the summer months, so therefore will be offering the same service from the Lounge in the Lodge!

Open between 10am-4pm each day from the 29th January-10th March, we will be offering savoury and sweet treats, as well as hot and cold drinks in the Lounge bar at the Cathedral Lodge. If you are a Friend of the Cathedral, you receive a 10% discount too."

Thank you from Porchlight

Hilary Edridge, Lady Melville DL has written to us as the Chair of Porchlight. She thanks everyone who contributed to main services at the cathedral over Christmas. We committed to give 50% of our main Christmas collections to Porchlight (working with homeless people) which amounted to £6694.09. Vulnerable and homeless people across Kent will thus be further supported.

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



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 11th February 2024

Sunday Next Before Lent

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Andrew Dodd

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

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

8.00	Holy Communion
9.15	Matins
11.00	Choral Eucharist (Sunday)
15.00	Huguenot Service (in French, Sunday only)
17.30	Choral Evensong

Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

7.30	Matins (9.15 Bank Holidays)
8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	Bell Ceremony
12.30	Holy Communion (Wednesdays and Feast Days)
17.30	Choral Evensong

Today 5.30pm This evening we continue with our short homilies at Evensong. Today we will hear from Stephen Bann

Film Club - Sunday 11th February 2pm The Blue Caftan 2hr 2mins

Halim and Mina run a traditional caftan store in one of Morocco's oldest medinas. In order to keep up with demanding customers, they hire a talented young man as an apprentice. Slowly Mina realises how much her husband is moved by his presence. Director Maryam Touzani

13th February 18.30 – 20.30, Cathedral Community Pancake Party

On Shrove Tuesday 13 February 2024, you are invited to attend the Cathedral Community Pancake Party at the Old Palace. There will be pancakes with savoury vegetarian and sweet fillings available, along with non-alcoholic drinks. Entry is by pre-purchased ticket only. Tickets are £5.00 each* and will be available to purchase (cash only) at Post Eucharist Drinks in the Lodge each Sunday from now until Sunday 11th February. Please note any dietary requirements must be disclosed at time of purchase. * *If this amount is prohibitive and you'd like to attend, please speak confidentially to the Dean.*

Ash Wednesday

Join us on Ash Wednesday, 14th February at 8.00, 12.30 or 5.30 for the traditional service of penitence with the opportunity to be marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The clergy will also be keeping this as a day of prayer and fasting for the mission of our Cathedral and invite you to join us in that.

A Pilgrimage of Prayer: our Lenten theme

Our theme for Lent this year is a Pilgrimage of Prayer and we shall be exploring this theme in a variety of ways, including a series of Lent talks, themed sermons, a prayer Labyrinth and a new lunch time Taizé Prayer service. See below.

Growing in Prayer

Thursdays during Lent, 18:30-19:30 in the Community Studio

A five-session course on teaching and practicing prayer led by our Cathedral clergy, and supported by weekly Sunday sermons.

15 February, 18:30-19:30

Talk 1: "The Basics: what is it and what it's not" with Canon Andrew

22 February, 18:30-19:30

Talk 2: "Prayer as action and contemplation" with Canon Emma

29 February, 18:30-19:30

Talk 3: "Methods: daily prayer, journaling, beads and fasting" with Revd. Wendy

7 March, 18:30-19:30

Talk 4: "Prayer with scripture and poetry" with Canon Tim

14 March, 18:30-19:30

Talk 5: "Public and Private Prayer" with Archdeacon Will

Free to attend, but pre-booking required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/growing-in-prayer-talk-series-3019969>

Pray with the Labyrinth

Sat 17 Feb, 10:30–16:00 & Sun 18 Feb, 12:30–16:00

Pray and be mindful as you take a meditative walk in our Eastern Crypt, using a medieval maze pattern derived from that at Chartres Cathedral.

This is a free event. Leaflets and a guide will be available.

Taizé Prayer Services Mondays 12.30pm starting 19th February

This act of worship inspired by the ecumenical Taizé Community is made up of the singing of simple repetitive chants, short readings of scripture and silence. We shall be trialling this through the season of Lent as part of our Pilgrimage of Prayer with the support of our Choral Scholars. All are welcome to come and experience this way of praying. The service will take place in the Eastern Crypt and last approximately half an hour.

The Cloud of Unknowing Lenten Book Group - Online

As part of our theme for Lent this year, a pilgrimage of prayer, you are warmly invited to join Canon Emma online each Tuesday evening from 8 pm to 9pm BST to reflect and discuss the great spiritual classic The Cloud of Unknowing.

Written in the fourteenth century by an unknown Carthusian, The Cloud of Unknowing is a unique and enigmatic masterpiece of medieval English mysticism. Its description of intense contemplation, motivated by love and stripped of all thought, as the way to the Divine still resonates today with those who seek God beyond all knowing and within the silence of our hearts. We will be reading the Penguin Classic version translated by A.C. Spearing and each week we will be focusing on just a few chapters which will take us roughly half way through the text. There will be an opportunity to complete the book in the weeks following Easter if the group so wish.

Each week Canon Emma will begin with a brief introduction followed by discussion and then concluding with prayer.

Week One 20th February – The Cloud of Unknowing: Introduction and Chapters 1 to 4

Week Two 27th February – The Cloud of Forgetting: Chapters 5 to 12

Week Three 5th March – The Life of Virtue: Chapters 13 to 16

Week Four 12th March – Mary and Martha: Chapters 17 to 23

Week Five 19th March – The Stirring of Love: Chapters 24 to 27

Please register your interest in joining this group so that we can send you the Zoom link nearer the time. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-cloud-of-unknowing-lenten-book-group-tickets-807580704627>

The group is free but any donation you may wish to make to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be warmly welcomed.

We would like your help - Strategic Planning workshops

We are looking to use the wisdom of our staff, our congregation and our volunteers to help us develop the cathedral's new Strategic Plan. We are holding three Strategic Planning Workshops and we would like to invite you to join in one of them.

They will be held on

Monday 19th February, Wednesday 21st February Thursday 29th February

From 10.00am till 12:00 noon in the Community Studio (next to the Cathedral Shop).

All you need to bring with you are your own thoughts and a willingness to engage in group discussions. There will be a short video from Dean David explaining the process of creating a new Strategic Plan and a fun quiz halfway through; we hope to make it enjoyable and enlightening. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Please visit this link <https://forms.office.com/e/CW98NJGWc6> to let us know if we can look forward to seeing you.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

If you cannot access this link, there is a signing up sheet in Cathedral House Reception.

If you would like to attend but are unable to make those dates, please do register your interest, as further workshops will be arranged if there is sufficient demand.