

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 Life in a Changing City – Canterbury 1825-1910

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

Popular speaker Doreen Rosman will continue her series of talks about the history of Canterbury. A boy born in 1825, who survived into the 20th Century, would have lived through a time of major technological change: the coming of railways, gas and electric lighting, telephones and cinemas, bicycles, cars, and even an aeroplane. This talk explores how these developments would have impacted on his life, and how the city changed before his eyes. Doreen Rosman taught history at the University of Kent. Her publications include, *Canterbury: A History since 1500*, the story of a city and its people.

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

A FRIENDLY RECITAL, *Winter's Journey*

Tuesday 24 February 2026, 14:00-15:00 in the Eastern Crypt

We are delighted to welcome the return of the Rev'd Dr Jonathan Arnold and Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, who will perform Schubert's song cycle, *Winter's Journey*. The lyrics tell the rather sad story of a man unhappy in love who leaves his lover to wander in the ice and snow and reflect upon his human condition. The songs, in the original German, will be interspersed with readings of their English translations by our Canon Missioner, the Rev'd Dr Emma Pennington. £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

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: 9th February 2026; 9th March, 11th May, 8th June.

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:

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



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 8th February 2026

The Second Sunday before Lent – Racial Justice Sunday

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Lindsay Yates

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

Our Preacher this morning

This morning, on Racial Justice Sunday, we welcome as our preacher the Reverend Guy Hewitt, who is the Director of the Church of England Racial Justice Unit.

The Dean's travel this week

The Dean has travelled on Wednesday 4th to Austin Texas for a few days. This will include preaching at the Seminary of the Southwest and All Saints' Episcopal Church. He will also lead the adult education session on Sunday morning in that parish. He will co-lead a visit to see the oldest surviving manuscripts of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* held in the Harry Ransom Centre (it holds many literary archives including that of TS Eliot) and speak at a Fundraising Reception. Finally, he will give the annual Bailey Lecture which will focus on pilgrimage. He flies back over Sunday night to return to work in the UK on Monday 9th.

Taizé Prayer

Tomorrow, 9th of February, is our last meeting before half term. Please note there is NO Taizé on Monday 16th February.

Palm Crosses please

As we approach Ash Wednesday, the virgers are collecting Palm Crosses from last year, to make the ash for use as we enter the season of Lent. This is an ancient tradition, so please bring any palm crosses that you have kept since last Holy Week, and they will be turned into the ash used to start our Lenten journey in 2026.

Faith, Culture, and the Arts Seminar – 11th February, 11am-1pm

The University of Kent and Canterbury Cathedral present a new regular seminar on Faith, Culture, and the Arts, to explore key themes of theology, culture, spirituality, the arts, and social justice in an accessible and inclusive setting. It is organised by the Michael Ramsey Chair in Theology, Professor of Faith, Culture, and the Arts, Jonathan Arnold. The first seminar will take place in the Community Studio, The Precincts, CT1 2EH, on Wednesday 11th February at 11am. Our first speaker will be Rev Jon Marlow, who will be speaking on Provocation and Invitation: Engaging Theologically with 'Hear Us' at Canterbury Cathedral. Jon is Head of Vocations for the Diocese of Canterbury. His MA was preparatory work for a qualitative study of how visitors to English cathedrals experience and interpret contemporary art installations. All welcome. Lunch and refreshments provided. For more information email jarnold@diocant.org

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING COURSE 2026

The Dean's Pastoral Care Team is now operational and would welcome more members. Another Pastoral Care Training Course is therefore being offered and will be open to any regular worshipping member of the cathedral who would like to explore if this area of the church's ministry might be for them. Consisting of six training sessions run over six consecutive weeks the course will again be led by the Pastoral Care Team Leader, the Rev'd Carol Smith, together with the Rev'd Sara Bimson. These training sessions will be held in Canterbury on a Wednesday from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, beginning on Wednesday 20th May. (please note revised date)

Commitment to attending all six sessions is required. Pastoral Care Team members are volunteers and each person who goes forward must be prepared to undergo the appropriate CoE Safeguarding Training and DBS application process. For enquiries and/or enrolment on this course, kindly email: carol.smith@canterbury-cathedral.org as soon as possible.

Note: Deadline for submissions, Friday 10th April.

Breaking bread, building community

The Dean and his partner David Hamilton invite people who consider themselves as members of the cathedral worshipping communities to join them in the Deanery for a very simple Lenten Meal. This will be hearty vegetarian (gluten free) soup, bread rolls, cheese and fruit. Each time we will host up to 12 people (maximum number possible around our large dining table). It is level access but there is no universal access toilets (most people seem to be able to access them but not big enough for larger electric wheelchairs). The times are 1.00 -3.00pm on Sundays following the Cathedral Eucharist or 6.30-8.30pm on Wednesdays following Evensong on these days March 1&4, 8&11, 15&18. Booking details are here with the QR Code and need you to indicate a first and second choice so that we can try and accommodate as many people as possible using all 72 slots. Book via <https://shorturl.at/yPPno> or the QR code.

Additionally, on Sunday 22nd February, we'd like to offer a simple breakfast in the Deanery of tea, coffee and pastries to the Sunday 8.00 am congregation at about 8.40am-10am following the 8.00am Sunday service. This is not limited to 12. Please also book in as follows so we can prepare.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/congregation-breakfast-tickets-1982185945522?aff=oddtcreator> or the lower QR code on the right of this.

We hope that through these opportunities we'll make more connections and strengthen congregational relationships. We'll put a bowl out for donations which we'll give away to our current charitable homelessness focus Catching Lives.



Evensong on Thursdays, after Easter

After a number of years, Choral Evensong will be returning on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm and will replace our current service of Evening Prayer with Silence. Thursday Evensongs will be sung by the boys of the Cathedral Choir and is an exciting new development for them. For the time being, for various reasons, this service will not be live-streamed. We will be looking to find an alternative time for collective silent prayer.

Ash Wednesday - 18th February 2026

We mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday with services of Holy Communion with Ashing at 8.00am and 12.30pm, and a Sung Eucharist with Ashing and Homily at 5.30pm. Do join us.

A positive way to mark Lent 2026

Ash Wednesday will be 18th February this year. Have you thought about making a positive contribution to the Canterbury Food Bank during this penitential season? Donations of dried and canned foods with at least a 3-month shelf life, along with basic toiletries, are always very welcome. Yellow bins are situated in the North East Transept, the South West Transept and in the foyer of Cathedral House. With grateful thanks in anticipation.

A Cathedral Guide's story recovered

Ruth Cecilia Paine was a missionary, a teacher in Hastings and in her retirement a guide in this Cathedral and a writer children's stories. She died in 2001. The legal commentator David Allen Green has recovered one of her stories, Twelfth Night to Candlemas. He has published it and the account of his 40 year quest to find it, here: <https://open.substack.com/pub/emptycity/p/twelfth-night-till-candlemas>

Ecumenical Contemporary Theology Group: Wednesday 18 February, 5 pm

At St Peter's Methodist Church: Rev. Alan Race, Chair of the World Congress of Faiths, and Emeritus Professor Richard Norman, a patron of Humanists UK, will give a double-act talk on 'Doing Difference Differently: Christian, Humanist, and Inter-Faith Dialogue'. There is an entrance charge of £5 to cover costs but people in full-time education are welcome to attend free.

Film Club - this afternoon at 2pm, AV Studio

One Battle After Another 2h 41m

Paul Thomas Anderson, USA

Bob is a washed-up revolutionary who lives in a state of stoned paranoia, surviving off-grid with his spirited and self-reliant daughter, Willa.

When his evil nemesis resurfaces and Willa goes missing, the former radical scrambles to find her as both father and daughter battle the consequences of their pasts.

Organ Open Evening Friday 27 February 2026, 18:30 in the Quire

Learn all about our Cathedral organ at our FREE Open Evening!

This will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020) and demonstration by Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, followed by a chance for keen organists to play - time allowing - a short piece of their choice.

This event is free to attend and un-ticketed. Anyone wishing to play the organ at this event should write to music@canterbury-cathedral.org in advance. The list usually fills up very quickly, so please get in touch soon if you would like to play.