

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 The Bayeux Tapestry

Tuesday 20 January 2026, 10.30-11.30 in the Clagett Auditorium

As we eagerly await the temporary return of this 11th Century Romanesque masterpiece to the British Museum in London, Patricia Erskine-Hill will speak to Friends about this immensely detailed embroidery that was probably commissioned by Bishop Odo, William the Conqueror's half-brother, to embellish his newly-built cathedral in Bayeux in 1077.

Over 58 scenes, which include 626 characters and 202 horses, the story shown in the textile begins in 1064 and ends with the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

But who stitched it and where? Does it have a connection to Canterbury? Is it a piece of medieval propaganda? Was it part of Napoleon's pre-TikTok social media campaign in 1803? And how did it survive the Second World War?

£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: 12th January; 9th February 2026

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 14th December 2025

The Third Sunday of Advent

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, we welcome as our preacher, The Very Reverend Mandy Ford, the Dean of Bristol.

Festival of Carols - tonight at 5.30

Join us this evening as we continue our journey through Advent, with the Festival of Carols. Carols and readings are brought to life as young people from Children's Church create a Nativity Scene in front of the Nave Altar. Please join us for this very special service as we begin to sense the excitement of the coming of Our Lord at Christmas.

Reflective Guided Pilgrimages

WEEKLY on a Thursday, 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. Date: 18 December - New dates added regularly - Free to attend; but donations gratefully received.

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

Next week is the last of our Sunday evening services in Advent at 5.30pm

Sunday 21st December: Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation

Also in Advent we have Journeying to Christmas Reflections on Friday 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

Open Table - 3.30 THIS AFTERNOON at St Peter's Anglican Church

The Open Table network is a growing partnership of Christian worship communities that welcome and affirm people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA) and anyone who wants to belong to an accepting, loving community. This community meets on the second Sunday of each month in St Peter's Anglican Church in the city centre parish. Refreshments are served from 3pm, and the service begins at 3.30. This month we have Carols and the celebration of the Eucharist. You can find more information at www.opentable.lgbt

Film Club - POSTPONED to Sunday 21st December 2pm - AV Studio

Canon Andrew is very sorry that film Club is postponed until NEXT SUNDAY

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

Silent Vigil for Peace in Gaza TODAY 1pm at the Buttermarket, Canterbury.

So many of us are distressed by the ongoing loss of life and hope for families in Palestine and also Israel.

As a response, we are holding a silent vigil to raise awareness and to voice our concerns at the Buttermarket Canterbury on Sunday December 14th at 1pm.

The vigil will last for 45 minutes. Please bring a folding chair if standing may be difficult. Please join us if you can.

Silence can be louder than words.

SPECIAL SEASONAL TOUR Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour

Friday 19 December, 11:15-12:30

Did you know that some stained glass windows at Canterbury Cathedral are amongst the oldest in the world? Join us on a guided tour, offering an introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern, with a focus on our windows depicting the Nativity story at this special time of year.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge. Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

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 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 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

*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).