

## The Song of The Angels - Thursdays

between 23 November - 21 December, 18:30-19:30, Community Studio

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 hill side centuries ago.

**This is a free event, but booking is essential if attending in person.**

Recordings of these talks will be available on the Cathedral YouTube channel after the event.

**Please book via the Cathedral website, under What's On**

21 December: Fear Not: The Song of the Angels with Archdeacon Will

## Cathedral Carol Services Sat 23rd & Sun 24th December 17:30-19:00

Our traditional Carol Services are one of the highlights of the Cathedral's year, with music and readings to tell the story of the birth of Christ in an atmospheric service with candlelight. Music is provided by all parts of our world-famous Cathedral Choir and by the singing of the traditional Christmas carols by the congregation. The service lasts between one and a quarter and one and a half hours.

These are two identical services. Both are un-ticketed, with doors opening at 16:30 for each service, and seated on a first come first seated basis.

If you or a member of your party require additional arrangements to attend the service - such as a wheelchair space, space for an assistance animal, please contact our Events Office on [events@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:events@canterbury-cathedral.org). All requests must be received at least four working days before the service date.

Please note, due to the nature of the building and the demand for places at our major services, we have limited capacity and can only offer up to three companion spaces for each person who requires additional arrangements.

Please note, there is no onsite parking for any of our Christmas services or events.

## 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](mailto: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 17th December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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

### Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

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

### Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

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

## Sunday Club

Sunday club will meet today and next Sunday (24th) in the Water Tower, with children coming in at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. Sunday club is open to all children up to 13. We ask that parents stay with those who are below school age. The first meeting of next term will be Sunday 7th January.

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| Today  | 5.30pm  | <b>Festival of Carols</b><br>This family friendly service is the perfect way to get ready for Christmas. Arrive early to guarantee the best seats in the Nave which will be filled with angels and goodwill. During the service, we will build up a tableau of the Nativity Scene. Please note, this service replaces Evensong today.                  |
| Saturday<br>23rd<br>December<br>Sunday<br>24th<br>December | 5.30pm  | <b>Carol Services</b><br>Our Christmas Carol Services will take place on 23rd and 24th throughout the Cathedral. Please arrive in good time to get a seat. This year, our collections will be for Porchlight. Further details of the service, and any special arrangements you might need to make are on the back page of this sheet.                  |
| Sunday<br>24th<br>December                                 | 11.00pm | <b>Midnight Mass</b><br>This year for the first time at the Cathedral there will be Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. This will be in the Nave and we will place the Christ-Child in the Crib at the end of the service, before singing 'Yea Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning' just after midnight. Do join us for this special celebration. |

## Dates for your diary at the Cathedral and across the city:

### Saturday 23rd December 10.00am - Crib Service

On Saturday morning there will be a family-friendly service to bless the Crib. This will be a short service where children and families of whatever age are most welcome - there will be familiar carols, and a story, and then everyone will have the chance to see the Baby Jesus with the other figures of the Nativity scene in their places in the Crib.

### Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour

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.

Tues 19 December, 11:15-12:15, Sat 23 December, 11:15-12:15

### News from Christians Together in Canterbury

**The Big Christmas Lunch, 11am-3:30pm on Christmas Day**, Canterbury Baptist Church The Baptist Church Hub and the All Saints Community Larder have joined forces to provide Christmas dinner for anyone who is going to be on their own on Christmas Day or who is unable to afford to have their own Christmas dinner. Places must be booked in advance and guests must be referred by a church, charity or other support agency. A £5 deposit will be taken with the booking and returned on the day, providing the guest attends the meal.

### Nativity Scenes at St Mildred's Church, Canterbury.

St. Mildred's will be displaying 20 Nativity scenes created by the students of Canterbury College. They will be on view from Sunday 17th December and then every weekday of that week from 2-4pm. Families and young children most welcome. Entry is free.

### Santons de Provence Nativity Figures - Mon 11th-Tue 19th December

The Huguenot Chapel will be open to visitors for all to view their collection of traditional Santons de Provence Nativity figures on display.

### FREE\* Christmas Activities Wed 20 - Fri 22 December, 10:00-15:00

This Christmas, after exploring our Cathedral, try your hand at our festive activities workshop and make flying angels, colour in angel-stained glass windows and much more. \* Children (aged 17 and under) go FREE to the Cathedral, when accompanied by a paying adult.

## 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](https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24666)

### Gregory Gargoyle's Angel Trail \*

#### 1st December 2023 – Early January 2024

Look for clues in the stained-glass windows, statues, stone, and wall paintings to find some of our many angels across the Cathedral and learn about their history and importance. Return your completed trail to the Cathedral Shop and claim your prize! Children (aged 17 and under) go FREE to the Cathedral, when accompanied by a paying adult.

\*This event is included with visitor entry.

### Feast of the Martyrdom of St Thomas of Canterbury Friday 29th December at 5.30pm

This is a very special day in the Cathedral's calendar, when we remember the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket who was killed on this day in the Cathedral in 1170. Due to the very large number of people attending each year, we have changed the format of the service to keep everyone safe. Please join us in the Quire for this service, where the address will be given by the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford.

### New Canon in Residence Arrangements

From 1 January 2014, we will instigate a new pattern where each of the clergy will share being in residence for two-week long blocks. For now there will no longer be a Vice Dean. The emergency Canon in Residence contact number is 01227862773. Pastoral Care is the responsibility of all of us but sometimes a priest is required. It does not belong to one clergy person who is the pastor but to all clergy who are called to pray and to pastor. When someone rings the phone number it will go through to the Canon in Residence who will do their best to answer or they will be back in touch asap. Please note this cannot be a 24/7 'on call' function for everything to do with the cathedral. Requests about pastoral offices (baptisms, confirmations, weddings, blessings & funerals) should also go to the duty Canon in Residence and that will then be taken on by them or others. Alternatively you can email: [OccasionalOffices@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:OccasionalOffices@canterbury-cathedral.org)  
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