

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 Becket – the Murder and What Happened Next?

Tuesday 18 November, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Almost every visitor to Canterbury has been told a version of Becket's murder – even if it is only the nursery rhyme, Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush. But what really did happen in the lead up to the Archbishop's assassination? Before the days of social media and television, news of Becket's murder reverberated across Europe. In the second of her talks, Cathedral Guide Maggie Price will explain what the effects of the aftershock of Becket's demise meant for the church – in Rome as well as England – and also the citizens and Crown. Both immediately and for years after. £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

A FRIENDLY EVENT ABCDE – Project 106

Monday 24 November, 11:30-12:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Since 597AD, there have been 105 Archbishops of Canterbury (ABCs) – the first being Saint Augustine. The Church of England has been involved in Project 106: the search for the next ABC. But who decides who will become the Archbishop of Canterbury Designate/Elect?

In this exclusive talk, the Archdeacon of Canterbury, Will Adam, and Dean David will explain the processes that the Church of England and the Office of Crown Appointments have followed throughout 2025, and more.

£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: 8th December; 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 16th November 2025

Second Sunday before Advent - Safeguarding Sunday

Canon in Residence: The Archdeacon of Canterbury

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

Season of Safeguarding

Today we begin the Season of Safeguarding, about which there is information inside this Pew Sheet. Our preacher this morning is the Reverend Ravi Holy, Vicar of the United Wye Benefice. Directly after the service, there will be the opportunity to add ribbons to our Loudfence, outside Cathedral House, in solidarity with all whose lives have been affected by abuse, especially from within the Church. Ravi will then be taking questions and responding to further discussions over tea and coffee in the Clagett Auditorium.

Messiah by Candlelight - Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm

On Saturday 22 November 2025 at 7.30pm, the girl choristers and Lay Clerks of Canterbury Cathedral will be joined by period instrument ensemble, The Harmonious Society of Tickle-Fiddle Gentlemen, and a stellar line up of critically-acclaimed soloists, for a candlelit performance of Handel's Messiah.

This concert will be an intimate presentation of some of Handel's most enduring music in the beautiful surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral's Quire.

To book tickets, please go to: <https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/canterbury-cathedral-presents-handels-messiah-by-candlelight-2/>

or find the event on the Cathedral's website, via:

<https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/>

Moving towards Advent

We are nearing the end of the Christian year, with the Festival of **Christ the King** coming at the end of our Season of Safeguarding on **23rd November**.

The following **Sunday (30th)** is **Advent Sunday**, when we begin a new Christian year. Throughout Advent, we build our expectation of the coming of Christ at Christmas, and this is reflected in our 5.30 Sunday evening Services in December.

Sunday 7th December: St Nicholas Family Service

Sunday 14th December: Festival of Carols with living Nativity

Sunday 21st December: Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation

Also in Advent we have **Journeying to Christmas Reflections on Fridays 28 November & 5, 12 & 19 December, 12:30-13:00** in the Nave. These are short Christmas reflections, with words & music, led by Dean David.

An Invitation to see Tinderbox: Israel & Palestine: the Untold Story

A screening of this highly-acclaimed film followed by a panel discussion and Q&A, with the film's director, Gillian Mosely. Gulbenkian Arts Centre, Canterbury CT2 7NB Wednesday 19th November, 2.00-5.00pm followed by a discussion panel chaired by Jonathan Arnold, Professor of Faith, Culture and Arts, University of Kent and Director of the Social Justice network. Panel to include William Bell, Head of Middle East Policy and Advocacy, Christian Aid Shahd Hammouri, Lecturer in International Law, University of Kent Law School Rabbi Dan Cohn-Sherbok, Professor Emeritus of Judaism, University of Wales. Admission free; donations to Christian Aid's Middle East Humanitarian Appeal welcomed on the door.

Public Lecture - 24th November

The Social Justice Network presents a public lecture on **Sanctuary and Asylum: Past, Present and Future**, by Linda Rabben

Author, anthropologist and human rights activist Linda Rabben, University of Maryland, has researched sanctuary and asylum for more than 30 years, worked as a researcher for Amnesty International, and coordinated refugee assistance projects, and published 13 books. She has spoken about migration and human rights to diverse audiences in the US, UK, Ireland, Netherlands and France. **As Linda is now unable to fly to the UK, this lecture will be via Zoom.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83708699877?pwd=eVNKbBwhAW8sRJs1RBjaDgZ59be6Yo.1>

Meeting ID: 837 0869 9877

Passcode: 093931

For more information or to have the Zoom link sent to you, please contact jarnold@diocant.org

Advent with Julian of Norwich: 'Fear, Hope and Love'

Saturday 29th November, 10:00-16:00

An opportunity to find space for quiet and reflection, before the countdown to Christmas, aligning with our Advent and Christmas theme for this year - 'Hope'.

The day will include three talks, accompanied by quiet times in some of the loveliest and least-known Cathedral chapels. £12 per person; with free Cathedral entry.

Booking essential, as spaces are limited.

Those in receipt of Universal Credit or with refugee status are welcome to attend this quiet day for free (upon verification of status) - please enquire via email to book for free: events@canterbury-cathedral.org

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.

Season of Safeguarding Worship and Events, 16th-23rd November 2025

This November, we will be marking our first Season of Safeguarding with a number of events and services to lament, listen and learn from the survivors of abuse, and reflect on failures of the Church of England to keep everyone safe.

These will include: Safeguarding Sunday (16 November), with Rev'd Ravi Holy as preacher; time for discussion over coffee; a designated Chapel as a place of prayer for Victims and Survivors; an opportunity to tie ribbons on the railings outside Cathedral House to create a LOUDfence to show support and solidarity for those affected by abuse; publication of our Victims' and Survivors' Charter; and more. In collaboration with the Diocese of Canterbury, this week brings together parishes across the diocese for focused reflection, prayer, and safeguarding activities.

Ongoing Prayer for Safeguarding, 16th - 23rd November

The Holy Innocents Chapel will be a dedicated place of prayer for Victims and Survivors; where lay and ordained Chaplains will be available to listen from 10 am to 4 pm. If you would like to make a specific time to talk with someone then please contact ? or turn up on the day and ask at the gate to see a Chaplain.

LOUDfence Installation, 16th - 23rd November

An opportunity to tie ribbons on the railings outside Cathedral House to create a LOUDfence, to show support and solidarity for those affected by abuse

The aim of LOUDfence is to give survivors, the entire church and wider society a voice. LOUDfence celebrates the act of openness and truth telling. This provides a direct counter challenge to any culture which seeks to hide in the silence.

Find out more: <https://loudfence.com/work.html>

Safeguarding Sunday Eucharist † Sunday 16 November, 11:00 in the Quire

A service dedicated to safeguarding with Rev'd Ravi Holy as preacher; followed by time for discussion over coffee. Children's Church at 10:30 will also have a safeguarding focus.

Holy Communion for Peace & Justice

Wednesday 19 November, 12:30 in Our Lady Undercroft in the crypt. The regular Wednesday Eucharist will have a special focus on peace and justice during this week. In the prayers and readings we will be reminded of how we can all play our part to build God's kingdom based on justice, peace and the well-being of all.

A Service of Lament † (Evening Prayer is at 4 pm and is said)

Sunday 23 November, 17:30 in the Quire

A service of lament and hope which provides us all with a space to acknowledge and hold before God in prayer, music and worship our sadness and grief at the harm caused by failures in safeguarding by the Church of England. Members of the clergy and lay chaplains will be available for you after the service if you would like to speak to someone about your experiences.

† Livestreamed on our YouTube channel