

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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 11th January 2026**

The Baptism of Christ

**Canon in Residence: The Venerable Dr Will Adam**

**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

### Epiphany Carol Service - tonight at 5.30

Do join us tonight as we come together to sing Epiphany Carols and hear the story of the coming of the Magi, and the first part of Jesus's ministry on earth. This is a very special way to round off the twelve days of Christmas, although we continue to focus on the Incarnation until the Feast of Candlemas on 2nd February.

### Taizé Lunchtime Prayer

Taizé Prayer returns for the new term tomorrow, Monday 12th January with a workshop in the Community Studio - bring a sandwich for lunch if you would like - and then worship begins at 12.30 on Monday 19th January. Do join us for this special service of prayer through song.

### Holy Week Retreat: The People of the Passion

Wednesday 1 April – Sunday 5 April. Join our clergy for Holy Week at Canterbury Cathedral, and experience a deeper appreciation of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth.

Our programme of events will take you through the experience of the darkness of the cross to the joy of Easter morning. Using Bible passages and art we will be reflecting on the different people that were involved in the Passion and Easter narratives and ponder how their faith was both tested and strengthened by these events. We will in turn explore our own journey of faith as we travel towards the cross and the renewal of Easter morning. The themes and people we will be focusing on include: £150 per person - Includes a full programme of special activities, as well as refreshments, and sandwich and soup lunch on Saturday.

Book via: <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/1-5april26-holy-week-retreat/>

## 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](mailto: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.

## Film Club - CHANGE OF DATE - Sunday 18th January 2pm - AV Studio

EO 1hr 28min

Director: Jerzy Skolimowski

Writer: Ewa Piaskowska & Jerzy Skolimowski

Follows a donkey who encounters on his journeys good and bad people, experiences joy and pain, exploring a vision of modern Europe through his eyes.

Certificate 15, Strong language, violence, threat

## Contemporary Theology Group - next talk

**Wednesday 21 January, 5 p.m.** The first talk in the ecumenical Contemporary Theology Group's 2026 programme will be given by local poet, poetry therapist, and memoirist, Victoria Field on **Contemporary Pilgrimage - what's really going on?** The talk will be held in the **Methodist Church, St Peter's St, Canterbury**. There is an entrance fee of £5 to cover costs and honoraria for our various speakers, but people in full-time education are welcome to attend free of charge.

## Cherry Johnstone RIP

Cherry was part of the Cathedral community since before practically anyone can remember: distinct and unique, she cared deeply about the place and its people. Her memorial service will take place on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 11.30 in St Mildred's Church, Canterbury, all are very welcome.

## John Morrison RIP

John, an Honorary Lay Canon of the cathedral, has also died. His memorial service will be in the Crypt on Saturday 17th January 2026 at 2.00pm.

John's son, Doug, writes: *We suspect there may be many people wishing to attend his service, and the link serves as a form of RSVP to help us gauge numbers, as well as an avenue for anyone to post memories of John.*

*The link is: <https://johnpetermorrison.muchloved.com> Please also feel free to pass the link on to anyone that you feel could be instrumental in getting it to as many people as possible who knew John.*

## Safeguarding Survey

We value your thoughts on safeguarding practices here at the Cathedral. Please use the QR code below to participate in our 2026 survey. Canon Emma Pennington will have paper copies available at the post-service refreshments today. Please return all paper surveys to a member of clergy. Please contact the Safeguarding and Welfare Team if you have any questions: [safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org)  
Huge thanks!



## FREE to view exhibition (no admission required)

### **Smashed, Bombed, Lost - Recovered** Tales of Canterbury's Stained Glass

Viewing Gallery, Visitor Centre

Over the centuries, Canterbury Cathedral's stained glass has been damaged by war and vandalism, or lost through iconoclasm, neglect or theft.

What remains of those victims of violence can be inspiring - some glass was returned to the Cathedral, some repaired or re-purposed in surprising ways.

This history of damage, restoration and resilience now inspires stained glass by a young Ukrainian artist, Yelizaveta Smirnova, which reacts to the current global crisis.

This family-friendly exhibition is available to view every day during visiting hours.

You do not need a Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' card to view this exhibition.

## Canterbury Choral Society presents Britten: St Nicolas

To mark the 50th anniversary of Benjamin Britten's death, Canterbury Choral Society and Youth Choir will perform his popular cantata St Nicolas. This inventive work features dramatic storms and shipwrecks alongside touching scenes from the saint's life, with audience participation in two hymns.

Joining the choir are the world-renowned London Mozart Players, who will also perform two of the finest English works for string orchestra by Elgar and Vaughan Williams.

Together with Holst's moving Psalm 86, this promises to be an evening of rich enchantment and powerful storytelling.

Book via: <https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/canterbury-choral-society-presents-britten-st-nicolas/>

## Valentine's Dinner at the Lodge

Spoil your loved one this Valentine's Day by treating them to an exclusive dinner at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. Unwind on your special evening in the picturesque grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, whilst enjoying a 4-course fine dining evening, with a local pianist to entertain.

Book your table for £60 per person – each guest receives a glass of Prosecco upon arrival.

Tables are available to book at: 18:30, 19:00 and 19:30. Book via the website.