

## 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**

14 December: Go on, be an Angel: Angels and Pastoral Care with Dean David

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 main 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 10th 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)

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

### Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

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

## Sunday Club

Sunday club meets every Sunday in term time 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.

Today	5.30pm	Tonight is our <b>St Nicholas Family Service</b> in the <b>Nave</b> This short service for children and families is a joyful celebration of the story of St Nicholas and a chance to find out more about the original Santa Claus! Sung by children from local schools. Free to attend, and everyone is welcome.
Sunday 17th December	5.30pm	<b>Festival of Carols</b> This family friendly event 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. Please let us know beforehand if you require spaces for wheelchairs so that we can include the whole family. Please note, this service replaces Evensong today. 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 <a href="mailto:events@canterbury-cathedral.org">events@canterbury-cathedral.org</a> . All requests must be received at least four working days before the service date.

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

### Festival of Carols with Nativity Tableau - 17th December at 5.30

On 17th December we will be having a Festival of Carols, a shorter, more congregational carol service in the Nave. During the service, we will build up a tableau of the Nativity Scene. If you would like to take part in this - as Ox or Ass, Shepherd, Wise Man, or Angel please email Claire Harland at [claireharland49@gmail.com](mailto:claireharland49@gmail.com)

### 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 12 December, 11:15-12:15, Sat 16 December, 11:15-12:15

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

### News and Events 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)

### Friendly Singing for Wellbeing - Monday 11th December 2-3pm

Turn up for a cuppa and a biscuit followed by some sociable singing to put a smile on your face, led by Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, and our Choral Scholars.

ALL welcome – rusty singers included!

Free to attend but donations welcomed.

St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

Supported by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Charity No 256575). For more information email [friends@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:friends@canterbury-cathedral.org) or phone 01227 865292

### Christmas Decoration Making \*

**Saturday 16th December, 10:00-15:00**

Complete your Christmas tree with the most perfect and hand-crafted angel decoration made uniquely by YOU.

Children (aged 17 and under) go FREE to the Cathedral, when accompanied by a paying adult. \*This event is included with visitor entry.

### 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.

### A La Carte Sunday Lunches in the Lodge

A La Carte lunches are available in the Lodge on 17th December. £32 for three, £26 for two and £21 for one course. A wide variety of options is available. Book via Canterbury Cathedral Lodge online, or call 01227 865350.