

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. Why not come along to one of our Friendly Talks this autumn and find out more about us? On **22 September**, popular speaker **Melanie Gibson-Barton** will return to tell us more about **Eva Braun – Victim or Conriver?** The material of the talk is sensitively presented and will reveal more about this now infamous woman. On **25 September**, **Charlotte Cornell** will give a talk about **Canterbury's Pubs – 1,000 years of Pilgrims, Drinking, and History**. Both of these talks are at **10.30**. On **5 October**, we welcome **Clive Aslet** (former editor of Country Life) who will speak about **King Charles III – 40 Years of Architecture**. This talk is at **14.30** and, like the others, will be in the **Claggett Auditorium**.

A Friendly Event: Quilters' Guild Partnership Class will be held for the first time on **Wednesday 28 October from 10:00-16:00 in the Community Studio**. Students will be creating a design inspired by our Cathedral's Cosmati Pavement using the English Paper Piecing quilting method. £65 for Friends of Canterbury Cathedral and members of The Quilters' Guild; £95 for non-members. The cost includes the kit, a sandwich lunch, and afternoon tea and cake. This event is organised by the Quilters' Guild and The Friends and in support of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 1210093).

THE FRIENDS HEAD OFF TO NORFOLK: In June 2027, our Cathedral's fan club are travelling to Norfolk for a short and Friendly holiday. We will be visiting both Norwich and St Edmundsbury cathedrals as well as a couple of stately piles: Blickling and Felbrigg halls. On route to Norfolk, we will stop at Beth Chatto's famous Gardens and whilst staying in Norwich, we will enjoy a guided city tour of England's best-preserved medieval city. Add to this a visit to 'Britain's most comfortable house', the Sandringham Estate – the private home of our First Friend on the Roll, His Majesty the King, and a scenic coastal tour, and we think we will have a cracking Friendly week! If you are interested in joining The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral on this trip, you can find more information here:

https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/friendsofcanterburycathedral_norfolk_2027

or contact The Friends' Office on 01227 865292 or 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.

FRIENDLY Singing will return in September, with the dates for future sessions on **14th September, 12th October, 2nd November, and 14th December**.

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 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Dr Emma Pennington

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

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

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

Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

7.30	Morning Prayer (9.15 Bank Holidays)
8.00	Holy Communion
11.00	Bell Ceremony
12.30	Holy Communion - Wednesdays Taizé Prayer - Mondays in Term Time
17.30	Choral Evensong

Changes to Morning Prayer at weekends and on Bank Holidays

From 1st September, Morning Prayer at weekends and on Bank Holidays will be at 9.30 rather than 9.15. This includes King's School Matins, when it occurs. The last 9.15 Morning Prayer will be on **Monday 31st August** - not 7.30 as listed in the Service and Music List.

Visiting Choirs this summer

During the Cathedral Choir's Summer break, we are delighted to welcome visiting choirs from around the world. For the last week, finishing today: Caelestis; from 24th-30th August, the Pearce Singers; and on 31st August, the Southern Cathedral Singers. Many thanks to them all.

INEQE Safeguarding Audit - Please share your views

INEQE Safeguarding has been commissioned by the Church of England to carry out a national safeguarding audit across all dioceses and cathedrals.

This audit will help build a clearer picture of our safeguarding practice, culture and lived experience, helping us to look at what we are doing well, and where we can continue to improve.

Your voice is an important part of that process. Whether are a member of the regular congregation, a member of staff, volunteer or those with lived experience - child or young person, victim or survivor - we warmly encourage you to take part and share your honest feedback.

How to get involved

The survey is open now and can be completed here or by using the QR code provided.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey that is relevant to you eg. volunteer, congregation etc. The surveys are anonymous and confidential. Responses go directly to INEQE's independent audit team and are not seen by the Diocese or by the Church of England. You are not asked to identify yourself, and you can be open and honest in what you share. The deadline to take part is Wednesday 9 September. If you do not know the answer to a question, it is fine to say so. If you have difficulty accessing the survey online, please ask a friend to help or contact us at safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org. Thank you your support.



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.

Free Dementia Event - Ask the Experts - 17 September

At Westgate Hall, CT1 2BT from 10:00-15:00.

Come and meet local support services and dementia friendly organisations.

Learn about latest research, care know-how, and knowledge from lived experience.

For more information contact: alisoncarter@nplh.uk or call 01227 467272

Edith Stein: Who is she? And why is she commemorated in Canterbury?

A talk by the Rev'd Dr Stacey Rand, at Blean Church on **Sunday 13 September 2026 at 14:30** followed by refreshments. FREE TO ATTEND. DONATIONS WELCOME.

Heritage Open Days - between 11 - 20 September

Visit <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/heritage-open-days/> to see what the Cathedral is doing for Heritage Open days this year.

Relics: Their life and afterlife - Friday 11 September 10:30-18:15 Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly

Nothing begins life as a relic. This day conference will explore the processes surrounding the creation of relics, their significance within history and antiquarianism and the various ways that they have been venerated, interpreted and preserved over centuries.

There is growing interest in pilgrimage, sacred heritage and the cult of the saints. Recently, the recovery and dating of the relics of St Eanswythe; the reliquary of St Magnus; the lost relics of Thomas Becket and the conservation of Lucca's 'Volto Sancto' have all caught public imagination. This conference will be relevant to those involved in church-conservation, pilgrimage and anyone with an interest in archaeology, antiquarianism, curation, theology, art-history or object-biography.

Contributors include the Reverend Dr Lesley Hardy, from Canterbury Diocese; Dr Heidi Stoner and Dr Ellie Willians, from Canterbury Christ Church University; and Dr Andrew Richardson, Kent Finds Liaison Officer.

For a full timetable of sessions and speakers, and details of how to book, please go to:

<https://www.sal.org.uk/events/relics-afterlife/>

Art competition - Divine Design

Art and Christianity has launched a competition inviting artists, illustrators, graphic designers from across the UK to design the front covers of any of the 73 books of the Bible for a unique exhibition next year.

Multiple submissions (up to four) are allowed and all selected entries will create the final exhibition with seven cash prizes and an overall winner decided by their Panel of Judges. A full colour catalogue of the 73 selected covers will be published as well as go on show in an exhibition from 10th February 2027 to 9th April 2027. Deadline for entries 21 September - find out more here <https://stjohnswaterloo.org/arts/divinedesigns>

Summer Reading Challenge

If you have the care of children over the summer holiday, you may be interested in the Summer Reading Challenge, which you can find online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Makers, Rulers and Leaders: Celebrating the Women of Canterbury Cathedral

Our summer theme, **Makers, Rulers and Leaders**, is a season dedicated to uncovering and celebrating the remarkable women who shaped the Cathedral's past. For more than fourteen centuries, the Cathedral has risen above the city like a great stone chronicle, its towers etched with triumphs, trials, and transformations. Pilgrims, Kings, Archbishops, rebels, poets; all have walked its worn paths. Woven through these grand narratives is a strong resilient thread: the legacy of women whose influence, devotion, creativity, and courage have guided the Cathedral's evolution in ways both subtle and bold. This summer, we invite visitors to step into their stories and discover these figures who helped shape one of England's most iconic sacred spaces.

This year's programme brings focus to three women whose stories reveal the depth and diversity of Canterbury's past - Archbishop Sarah, Queen Bertha and Queen Elizabeth I.

SPECIAL THEMED TOUR - Queen Bertha's Walk - date in September

A guided walk tracing Queen Bertha's footsteps through Canterbury to the Cathedral, highlighting her pivotal role in laying the foundations of Christian worship in Kent.

Retrace the daily walk Queen Bertha of Kent took from St Martin's Church, via St Augustine's Abbey to Canterbury Cathedral, and learn about the re-introduction of Christianity to this part of the world by St Augustine in the 6th century as you pass other historic landmarks along the way; concluding with a short visit inside the Cathedral to complete the story.

Date: Friday 4 September, 11:00-12:30. £25 per person, with Cathedral admission included.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

SPECIAL THEMED TOUR - Women of Canterbury Cathedral - date in August

Learn about the remarkable women who have shaped the Cathedral's story across the centuries. From influential medieval figures and pioneering benefactors, to trailblazing contemporary leaders, this tour reveals the often overlooked contributions that have shaped the Cathedral's spiritual, cultural, and social legacy.

Dates: Thursday 27 August, 14:15-15:30. £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.

MINI TALKS - Wednesday Women's Tales - dates in August

Between 10:00 and 16:00, various intervals. 15-minute themed mini talks focusing on women's stories at Canterbury Cathedral. Covering everything from the tale of Queen Bertha, who welcomed St Augustine to Canterbury in 597, through to Queen Elizabeth II's cathedral connections, immortalised in stone, glass, and paint. Our talks will also encompass stories of some of the women who have helped shape the cathedral's fabric; from Mother Concordia, who created some of the beautiful sculptures, through to stories of the ladies who created the beautiful vestments and altar frontals. Ask at our Visitor Centre for times on the day.

Talks are free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card.