

## 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 RECITAL, *Winter's Journey*

Tuesday 24 February 2026, 14:00-15:00 in the Eastern Crypt

We are delighted to welcome the return of the Rev'd Dr Jonathan Arnold and Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, who will perform Schubert's song cycle, *Winter's Journey*. The lyrics tell the rather sad story of a man unhappy in love who leaves his lover to wander in the ice and snow and reflect upon his human condition. The songs, in the original German, will be interspersed with readings of their English translations by our Canon Missioner, the Rev'd Dr Emma Pennington. £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

### A FRIENDLY EVENT

**A Turn to Nature** – the Natural World of Growing Things in the Architecture and Artefacts of Canterbury Cathedral, Tuesday 10 March 2026, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium  
We are delighted to welcome back Canon Christopher Irvine, former Canon Librarian at Canterbury and now Honorary Teaching Fellow at St Augustine's College of Theology, to speak to us. In this illustrated talk, Canon Irvine will lead us on a visual journey of discovery and show us how and why the world of nature is brought into our Cathedral through stone carving, wooden sculpture, and, surprisingly, even stained glass!

£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](mailto: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: 9th March, 11th May, 8th June.

**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 METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

**Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 15th February 2026**

The Sunday next before Lent

**Canon in Residence: The Reverend Lindsay Yates**

**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

## Out and about in the Diocese

This Sunday morning, the Archdeacon will be ministering at St Nicholas, Sturry.

## Taizé Prayer

Please note there is NO Taizé on Monday 16th February.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be 18th February this year and there will be a service Holy Communion with Ashing at 8am, Holy Communion with Homily and Ashing at 12.30pm and Sung Eucharist with Address and Ashing at 5.30pm. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

## A positive way to mark Lent 2026

Have you thought about making a positive contribution to the Canterbury Food Bank during this penitential season? Donations of dried and canned foods with at least a 3-month shelf life, along with basic toiletries, are always very welcome. Yellow bins are situated in the North East Transept, the South West Transept and in the foyer of Cathedral House. With grateful thanks in anticipation.

## Palm Crosses please

As we approach Ash Wednesday, the virgers are collecting Palm Crosses from last year, to make the ash for use as we enter the season of Lent. This is an ancient tradition, so please bring any palm crosses that you have kept since last Holy Week, and they will be turned into the ash used to start our Lenten journey in 2026.

## Evensong on Thursdays, after Easter

After a number of years, Choral Evensong will be returning on Thursday evenings at 5:30pm and will replace our current service of Evening Prayer with Silence. Thursday Evensongs will be sung by the boys of the Cathedral Choir and is an exciting new development for them. For the time being for various reasons this service will not be live-streamed. We will be looking to find an alternative time for collective silent prayer.

## Ecumenical Contemporary Theology Group: Wed 18 February, 5 pm

**At St Peter's Methodist Church:** Rev. Alan Race, Chair of the World Congress of Faiths, and Emeritus Professor Richard Norman, a patron of Humanists UK, will give a double-act talk on 'Doing Difference Differently: Christian, Humanist, and Inter-Faith Dialogue'. There is an entrance charge of £5 to cover costs but people in full-time education are welcome to attend free.

## Breaking bread, building community

The Dean and his partner David Hamilton invite people who consider themselves as members of the cathedral worshipping communities to join them in the Deanery for a very simple Lenten Meal. This will be hearty vegetarian (gluten free) soup, bread rolls, cheese and fruit. Each time we will host up to 12 people (maximum number possible around our large dining table). It is level access but there is no universal access toilets (most people seem to be able to access them but not big enough for larger electric wheelchairs). The times are 1.00 -3.00pm on Sundays following the Cathedral Eucharist or 6.30-8.30pm on Wednesdays following Evensong on these days March 1&4, 8&11, 15&18. Booking details are here with the QR Code and need you to indicate a first and second choice so that we can try and accommodate as many people as possible using all 72 slots. Book via <https://shorturl.at/yPPno> or the QR code.

Additionally, on Sunday 22nd February, we'd like to offer a simple breakfast in the Deanery of tea, coffee and pastries to the Sunday 8.00 am congregation at about 8.40am-10am following the 8.00am Sunday service. This is not limited to 12. Please also book in as follows so we can prepare. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/congregation-breakfast-tickets-1982185945522?aff=oddtcreator> or the lower QR code on the right of this. We hope that through these opportunities we'll make more connections and strengthen congregational relationships. We'll put a bowl out for donations which we'll give away to our current charitable homelessness focus Catching Lives.



## Polycarp's Bones: the story of Christian pilgrimage and the cult of relics.

The Friends of St Stephens present the Lady Loretta Commemoration Event 2026. A talk by scholar and poet James Harpur, with a musical prelude sung by former members of the Canterbury Gregorian Chant Society, followed by wine and conversation. Proceeds in aid of repairs to our beautiful historic church.

**Saturday 7th March 2026, 7pm, St Stephen's Church, Hales Drive, Canterbury CT2 7AB**

Tickets available in church, or book by email to [friends@ststephenscanterbury.net](mailto:friends@ststephenscanterbury.net) or on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981934784292> £5 – donations welcome

## A Cathedral Guide's story recovered

Ruth Cecilia Paine was a missionary, a teacher in Hastings and in her retirement a guide in this Cathedral and a writer children's stories. She died in 2001. The legal commentator David Allen Green has recovered one of her stories, Twelfth Night to Candlemas. He has published it and the account of his 40 year quest to find it, here: <https://open.substack.com/pub/emptycity/p/twelfth-night-till-candlemas?>

## Evensong and Procession to the Corona - Monday 16th February, 5.30pm

Do join us on the Feast of Saints and Martyrs of Our Own Time tomorrow when we process to the Corona chapel to remember those modern martyrs who have borne witness to Christ and died for their faith.

## Organ Open Evening Friday 27 February 2026, 18:30 in the Quire

Learn all about our Cathedral organ at our FREE Open Evening!

This will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020) and demonstration by Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, followed by a chance for keen organists to play - time allowing - a short piece of their choice.

This event is free to attend and un-ticketed. Anyone wishing to play the organ at this event should write to [music@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:music@canterbury-cathedral.org) in advance. The list usually fills up very quickly, so please get in touch soon if you would like to play.

## HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Join us to discover the history behind Shrove Tuesday, commonly known as 'Pancake Day', with pancake races in the Precincts, and enjoy fun themed activities and crafts inspired by the Cathedral's new Stained Glass Exhibition - Smashed, Bombed, Lost - Recovered! Half term activities are included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card. Kids go FREE every day! (T&Cs apply); does not apply to group bookings or school visits.

## Gregory and Peti's Stained Glass Trail

**Between 14 – 22 February, during opening hours**

Discover some of the history and stories in stained glass, as you explore the Cathedral.

Marvel at miraculous stained glass up close with our new free-to-view exhibition - Smashed, Bombed, Lost - Recovered.

## Pancake Races

**Saturday 14 February, 11:45-14:00**

Join us to discover the history behind Shrove Tuesday, commonly known as 'Pancake Day'.

Take on other visitors, for a pancake race in the Cathedral Precincts!

Entry for pancake races will open on the day, with races beginning on the hour at 12:00, 13:00 & 14:00.

## Stained Glass Activities

Monday 16 - Friday 20 February, 11:00-15:00 in the Nave

Get crafty this half term, with activities inspired by our amazing stained glass!

## Pancakes and Pancake Races

**Shrove Tuesday (17 February), 11:00–14:00**

Can you out flip and outrun our clergy to win this year's Shrove Tuesday pancake races?

Enjoy a free\* freshly cooked pancake in our Community Studio and face off against our clergy and Cathedral staff for pancake races in the Precincts!

Entry for pancake races will open on the day, with races beginning on the hour at 12:00, 13:00 & 14:00.

If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please let our chef know on the day