

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 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.

A FRIENDLY TALK

Divine Light - The Stained Glass of England's Cathedrals. Wednesday 22 April 2026, 14:30-15:30 in the Clagett Auditorium. Stained glass windows combine light and colour with imagery and sophisticated design to illuminate interior spaces, communicate religious and other messages, and perhaps offer us a glimpse of heaven. Visitors are often captivated by the stained glass of England's cathedrals, but few realise that it represents a significant national art collection.

From one of the earliest stained glass schemes in Canterbury to mark the murder of Thomas Becket, the stained glass of England's cathedrals represents a significant national art collection and spans 900 years. Inspired by the book she has compiled entitled Divine Light, Dr Janet Gough OBE will speak to Friends about this stunning and enlightening subject.

£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: 9th March, 11th May, 8th June.

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 8th March 2026

The Third Sunday of Lent

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

Out and about in the Diocese

This Sunday, the Archdeacon is at St Peter's Church, Bridge.

Diocesan Welcome Service for Archbishop Sarah - 28th March, 5.30pm

Date: Saturday 28 March 2026 Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Location: Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury

Registration remains open for the Diocesan Service of Welcome to Archbishop Sarah.

The service, led by the Bishop of Dover, will bring together individuals and church groups from across our diocese highlighting the rich and varied communities which we serve. This will be the main opportunity for the whole Diocese to formally welcome and show our support for our new Diocesan Bishop. All are warmly invited to attend this service however, to manage capacity we ask that you book free tickets for all in your party, so we can ensure appropriate seating for everyone. Clergy and Readers are not expected to robe.



Book via the QR code or at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/diocesan-service-of-welcome-to-the-new-archbishop-tickets-1982867607391?aff=oddtcreator>

Regrettably, there is no congregational parking on site. For information on city car parks and the City's Park & Ride system, please refer to www.canterbury.gov.uk/parking. Free public blue badge parking can be found at Iron Bar Lane Service Area or Orange Street Car Park.

The service will also be livestreamed for those unable to make it in person.

Please join us for this joyful and historic occasion as we welcome the new Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese of Canterbury.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING COURSE 2026

The Dean's Pastoral Care Team is now operational and would welcome more members. Another Pastoral Care Training Course is therefore being offered and will be open to any regular worshipping member of the cathedral who would like to explore if this area of the church's ministry might be for them.

Consisting of six training sessions run over six consecutive weeks the course will again be led by the Pastoral Care Team Leader, Revd Carol Smith, together with the Revd Sara Bimson. These training sessions will be held in Canterbury on a Wednesday from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, beginning on Wednesday 20th May.

Commitment to attending all six sessions is required, although attendance will not automatically oblige participants to go forward. At the end of the course each participant will be offered a one-to-one evaluation with one of the course leaders to learn what the course revealed so that, together, the right path ahead for the participant's ministry may be discussed and agreed.

Pastoral Care Team members are volunteers and each person who goes forward must be prepared to undergo the appropriate CofE Safeguarding Training and DBS application process.

For enquiries and/or enrolment on this course, kindly email: carol.smith@canterbury-cathedral.org as soon as possible.

Note: Deadline for submissions, Friday 10th April.

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 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.



St Peter's Lent Lectures - 'Journey' Tuesdays 10th-24th March, 12 noon

This Tuesday, Lord Mayor, Keji Moses will speak on 'My Journey and Faith'. Lecture begins at noon in St Peter's Anglican Church, followed by a light lunch, with a £5 suggested donation for this. Tuesday 17th: The Reverend Dr Mary Kells, 'St Patrick and My Journey'

Tuesday 24th: Councillor Connie Nolan, 'Cradle Catholic and Still a Catholic'

Ecumenical Contemporary Theology Group

Wednesday 18 March, 5 pm at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury.

The Rev'd Dr Mary Kells, Rector of St Paul's and St Martin's Canterbury, and author of 'God beyond Gender', will speak on the subject 'Waking up our God Talk: As God is not a "He", why do we use "He" in Liturgy?'

There is an entrance charge of £5 to cover costs but people in full-time education are welcome to attend free.

Vigil - 8th March - Buttermarket - 1 pm

We have been shocked and distressed by the upsurge of war and violence across the Middle East over the past few days. While the suffering in Gaza remains extreme, it is now felt appropriate to widen the focus of this vigil to Peace throughout the Middle East.

If you have not already done so please email petertoona@aol.com to let us know if you plan to attend so that we have some idea of numbers to expect

Voices from Gaza - film screening and panel discussion. Tuesday 10th March, 2.30pm

Following last year's screening of 'Tinderbox: Israel and Gaza, the untold story', join us for a premier screening of a brand new 40 minute documentary called 'Voices from Gaza'. Hear from seven people from Gaza speak about their lives before, during and after the war with dignity and bravery. Afterwards, a panel including the director, academics, and students, chaired by Jonathan Arnold, Michael Ramsey Professor of Faith, Culture and the Arts, will be on hand to take questions and participate in a discussion with audience members about the film and the issues it raises. Venue: University of Kent, Grimond Lecture Theatre 1. To book your free place visit www.kent.ac.uk/sanctuary#events

Spring Pilgrimage to Canterbury

April 18th 2026, from St Mary's Church, Chilham via St Mary's Church, Chartham to Canterbury and finishing with evensong in the Cathedral. Contact: Eddie Gilmore at gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.com

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino, June 8th-14th 2026

This exciting event is organised and led by Andrew Kelly, founder of the Augustine Camino, and Eddie Gilmore. Setting off from Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.augustinecamino.co.uk www.eddiegilmore.org

Film Club - Sunday 8th March 2pm - AV Studio

Hard Truths 97m. Director Mike Leigh. One of Britain's best-loved and most critically acclaimed directors, Mike Leigh, returns with this delightfully witty yet incredibly moving portrait of a modern Black British family. The film follows Pansy, a bad-tempered hypochondriac who never has a nice word to say about anyone. But as funny as her sharp tongue can sometimes be, it is having dire consequences for her family's wellbeing. Can her family come together and deliver the tough love that she so desperately needs? Certificate 12 - infrequent strong language, moderate sex references

Congregational Forum with Dean David

Please mark in your diaries 22nd March after the 11am service during our coffee time in the Claggett Auditorium. Please send in any questions by email to andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org or in an envelope to reception in Cathedral House by Monday 16th March at the very latest so we can collate them and then I can produce answers on a sheet. For ease of administration please mark them Congregational Forum. Please do not send them to me! Dean David