

The Book of Margery Kempe (c.1436-8)

8 pm on Zoom every Tuesday for ten weeks beginning 10th September.

The Book of Margery Kempe (c.1436-8) is the extraordinary account of a medieval wife, mother and mystic. Known as the earliest autobiography written in the English language, Kempe's Book describes the dramatic transformation of its heroine from failed business woman and lustful young wife to devout and chaste pilgrim. She vividly describes her prayers and visions, as well as the temptations in daily life to which she succumbed before dedicating herself to her spiritual calling. She travelled to the most holy sites of the medieval world, including Rome, Jerusalem and Canterbury.

In her life and boisterous devotion, Kempe antagonized many of those around her; yet she garnered friends and supporters who helped record her experiences. Her Book opens a window on to the medieval world, and provides a fascinating portrait of one woman's life, aspirations, spiritual doubts, and prayers.

Together, over ten weeks, we shall read and discuss the complete text - focussing on specific chapters each week.

We will be reading the Oxford World's Classic version, translated by the Birkbeck scholar Anthony Bale.

Whether you can join us for just a few or all of the gatherings, you are most welcome to read together this engaging and colourful work by a forceful and deeply spiritual lady of the fourteenth century

The group is free, but any donation you may wish to make to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be warmly received.

Please reserve your space to be sent a zoom link. It will be the same zoom link for each week.

Each week Canon Emma will begin with a brief introduction followed by discussion and then concluding with a prayer.

- Week One (10 September) – Conversion of Life: Proem plus Chapters 1-9
- Week Two (17 September) – A Visit to Canterbury and Julian of Norwich: Chapters 10 to 20
- Week Three (24 September) – On pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Chapters 21 to 30
- Week Four (1 October) – Margery in Rome: Chapters 31 to 40
- Week Five (8 October) – Margery causes a stir: Chapters 41 to 50
- Week Six (22 October) – Trials and Tribulations: Chapters 51 to 58
- Week Seven (5 November) – The Gift of Tears and revelations: Chapters 59 to 69
- Week Eight (12 November) – Margery's Ministry of Prayer: Chapters 70 to 78
- Week Nine (19 November) – Contemplating the Life of Christ: Chapters 79 to 89
- Week Ten (26 November) – The Second Book: Chapters 1-10 plus Conclusion

For future suggestions of spiritual books for the group to read please email Canon Emma at emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org

Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:

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 18th August 2024

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Wendy Dalrymple

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 Thursdays said Evening Prayer

Visiting Choirs - Special Compline service tonight 7pm

During the Cathedral Choir's Summer break, we have visiting choirs which come to sing our services for us. During the last week, finishing today we have had the Compline Choir, Seattle who, in addition to today's Eucharist and Evensong will sing Compline tonight at 7pm in the Crypt. From tomorrow the services will be sung by Sine Nomine. We are very grateful to all our visiting choirs for their hard work and for maintaining a high standard of music in worship whilst the Cathedral Choir is having a well-earned rest.

Children at the Cathedral

Our Sunday Club team are taking a break over August. During this break we have some resources for children to use with their parents in their seats during the service. Please ask a steward if you would like this resource. The stewards can also advise on good places to escape to if little ones need to stretch their legs! We are currently reviewing our Sunday provision for children and young people, if you would like to know more or have any thoughts please get in touch with Revd Wendy on wendy.dalrymple@canterbury-cathedral.org

Prayers of Love and Faith at Evensong Thursday 22nd August, 5.30pm

Jennifer Walpole and Katharine Good are celebrating their Civil Partnership on Thursday 22nd August and then, during Evensong on that day special prayers will be said for them using the newly authorised Prayers of Love and Faith - they are the first couple from the Cathedral Community to do this, and we send our best wishes and prayers for this significant day and for their future together.

Dates for your diary and news from the Cathedral and around the local area.

Congregational Forum

Please mark in your diaries Sunday 15 September after the 11am service during our coffee time in the Clagett Auditorium.

Please send in any questions by email to andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org or in an envelope to reception in Cathedral House by Sunday 18 August 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

Harvest Festival Sunday 8th September

Throughout September we shall be marking Creationtide through our liturgy and preaching and as part of this shall be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th at our Sung Eucharist. As we give thanks for the gifts of the earth to nourish and sustain us we are invited to bring gifts that will support those most in need in our community by bringing donation for the All Saints Food Larder. Please bring gifts of tinned and packaged food products, household cleaning products and toiletries to the Cathedral from Sunday 1st to Sunday 8th September. We shall welcome Liz Robin from All Saints Food Larder as our preacher for Harvest.

Canterbury Cathedral's new Strategic Plan; Community Culture Workshops

Following on from our Strategic Planning workshops in February, we would be delighted to share with you how our new Strategic Plan is developing.

A core part of any strategic plan is the values that we embody and subsequent behaviours that we exemplify as one unified Cathedral Community. We would like to invite you to a session where we can not only share the content of the plan with you, but also take your suggestions on how we develop our Community Culture. We will be holding three sessions and we would like to invite you to join in one of them. They will be held in the Community Studio (next to the Cathedral Shop) on:

Wednesday 21st August 10:00 – 12:00, Thursday 22nd August 10:00 – 12:00

Thursday 22nd August 14:00 – 16:00

As before, all you need to bring with you are your own thoughts and a willingness to engage in group discussions. There will be a short video from Dean David and presentations from Kathryn Beldon, Wendy Cleaton (HR) and Canon Emma; we hope to make it enjoyable and enlightening.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Please visit this link <https://forms.office.com/e/EgewWKB5Y3> to let us know if we can look forward to seeing you.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. If you cannot access this link, there is a signing up sheet in Cathedral House Reception.

Mon 19 August, 13:00 - A Midsummer Night's Dream

This hilarious adaptation sees Shakespeare's fantastical characters brought vividly to life as audiences are transported to an enchanting world bursting with magic, romance, and of course, heaps of laugh-out-loud comedy! Four young lovers, a band of hapless actors, and a magical realm populated by mischievous spirits set on causing mayhem at every turn culminate in an unparalleled open-air experience of beauty and hilarity.

£17.00 per person. Under 3's go free. – tickets can be purchased on the Cathedral website or shop. Suitable for ages 8+

Sat 31 August, 16:30 - Peter Pan

Get ready to think happy thoughts and fly high as the mischievous Peter embarks on an awfully big adventure, introducing Wendy Darling to the Lost Boys, the cheeky Tinkerbell, the hilarious Smee, and a host of other exciting characters before facing the most feared villain of them all, the infamous Captain Hook! £17.00 per person. Under 3's go free. - tickets can be purchased on the Cathedral website or shop. Suitable for ages 4+

Friendly Singing for Wellbeing - St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

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.

Please join us between 14.00-15.00 on the following Mondays:

9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December

Supported by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Charity No 256575).

For more information email friends@canterbury-cathedral.org or phone 01227 865292

Sponsored Walk, Ride and Stride - Saturday 14th September

Saturday 14th September is the annual Walk, Ride and Stride in aid of the Friends of Kent Churches. Sylvie Plested from the cathedral community is aiming to visit at least 13 churches in the city and surrounding area and is looking for sponsors - (half of what she raises will go to the Friends of Kent Churches and half to the Cathedral).

If you would like to sponsor Sylvie, please email her at sylvie_plested@yahoo.co.uk

Open Home - Saturday 5th October 10am-4pm Sunday 6th October 12.15pm-4.00pm

David Monteith, David Hamilton and Barney the Lurcher are scheduled to move into a section of the Deanery in late August. They will host an 'open home' for people from the Cathedral community to visit the refurbished Deanery. Cups of tea/coffee will be provided by Cathedral Lodge including post-eucharist refreshments. We hope that people will enjoy a visit to the Deanery and in return we ask for generous donations which will go towards the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral. The restoration this far has been funded by grants from The Friends and The Cathedral Trust. We are aware that there is much more work still to be undertaken to conserve and renew the Deanery and to bring it into wider use. Please note that it is a personal home and that universal disabled access is not available. No parking is available on site for this event.