

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 TALK Stone on Stone - the Men Who Built the Cathedrals

Tuesday 7 October, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium. Standing in the Nave of a cathedral, it is hard not to wonder how ordinary human beings could have created sky-scraping, dizzyingly high buildings on which even the top-most parts were delicately decorated, in an age before even the simplest of power tools. Imogen Corrigan will tell us the story of the men who built the cathedrals of the medieval era: who they were, how they lived and how with the simplest of hand tools they created the astonishing buildings that hundreds of years later still stand as monuments to their ingenuity and skill. She will reveal how they found the materials, explain the construction techniques, and consider building control. Finally, she will divulge who paid for it all. £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

A FRIENDLY TALK Who Was Thomas Becket?

Tuesday 28 October, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium. We've all heard of Thomas Becket – or at least the dramatic events at the end of his life and the martyrdom and miracles that came afterward. But what was Becket's background? How did a child from Cheapside with rudimentary Latin end up as Lord Chancellor and then Archbishop of Canterbury having only been a priest for one day? Cathedral Guide Maggie Price will speak about the early life and career of the man who will eternally be known as Saint Thomas of Canterbury. This is the first of two talks on Becket. £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: 13th October, 10th November, 8th 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 5th October 2025

Sixteenth 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)		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

Our New Archbishop of Canterbury

His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office. She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral on 25th March 2026. Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman to hold that role, and previously served as the Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager.

"At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply - to people and to God's gentle prompting - to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing.

"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions.

"And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion.

"I know this is a huge responsibility, but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

We pray for Bishop Sarah and her family as she prepares to take up this next stage of her vocation.

Church leaders calling for an end to the war in Gaza

President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Cardinal Vincent Nichols has joined Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York, and other Church leaders in calling for an end to the war in Gaza and the release of all hostages and prisoners after Israel launched its major ground offensive in Gaza City. The joint statement was released ahead of the United Nations' International Day of Peace on Sunday, 21 September - a day that Christian organisations and churches have designated a day of prayer and public witness to ask Christians in the UK to come together to pray for an end to war, violence and suffering in the Holy Land.

Full statement

For two years now we have lamented daily the futile loss of life, the suffering and desolation that has unfolded across Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory following the atrocities committed by Hamas on 7 October 2023.

We have called repeatedly for an end to the war in Gaza, that the hostages and prisoners be released, and that unfettered aid reach those in need. Despite our pleas, the conflict continues unabated with the deliberate and forcible mass displacement of civilians, ever more innocent blood shed, homes destroyed, cultural and religious sites damaged or destroyed, and children left dying from hunger and starvation.

We fear that the unfolding assault on Gaza City will only intensify the human suffering and misery as already malnourished and traumatised families are forced, yet again, to flee the horrors of this war. This deadly escalation is futile and must stop. We are encouraged to note that the Foreign Secretary has already described the Government of Israel's action as 'utterly reckless and appalling'. We share her assessment.

At a time of such devastation and inhumanity, we give thanks to the Churches of the Holy Land for their faithful service, profound solidarity and peaceful witness. We pray especially for the clergy and nuns at the Greek compound of Saint Porphyrius and the Latin compound of the Holy Family in Gaza City who have decided to remain and care for the hundreds of civilians that have sought refuge in these Church buildings. We pray too for Gaza Baptist Church, and the vital humanitarian work they are carrying out in partnership with Christian Mission to Gaza, and the Anglican Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Of all these faithful servants it can surely be said, The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

We remain steadfastly against the evils that this war has unleashed and we stand firm in our belief that this is not the right way, that death and destruction will not triumph. As the Latin and Orthodox Patriarchs put it, "there can be no future based on captivity, displacement or revenge"; no lasting security as long as justice and integral human rights are denied (26 August 2025).

We urge the international community to do all in its power to ensure that Israel, as the occupying power, uphold its responsibilities under international law to protect civilians and civilian infrastructure and to ensure the provision of food, water, medicine and other essentials to those in need. Religious and cultural sites must be protected and respected.

Even though the consequences of this war will be long lasting, and the prospects for a just and lasting peace appear distant, we continue to have faith that a better future is possible – a peace that upholds all human dignity and that provides for the flourishing of all communities.

In these violent and dark days, we invite our churches not to despair, but to join with us in praying for an end to this war – to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps. 122) – and, in working with the Churches in the Holy Land and with all those who have the courage to seek what is good, to help create and support the conditions of healing and life in this troubled land.

We pray that through these efforts we might deepen our own relationship with one another and in turn with Christ, our Saviour, the Prince of Peace.

4pm Sanctuary

Canterbury Cathedral has always been a place of sanctuary where everyone is welcome, and all can find a place of belonging and safety. 4pm Sanctuary is an hour set aside for you to encounter the stillness of this holy place and reflect. We have loosely given each time together a theme to focus our reflections. These are:

New beginnings: Being before myself; Friends: Being before others; Encounter: Being before God. We end the term with the Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) Carol Service in the Cathedral. The event is run by Dave Stroud from CCCU Chaplaincy and Emma Pennington, Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, plus students and you.

We warmly invite you to come along and experience this sacred time of prayer in a holy place.

Dates: 26th Oct, 23rd Nov, 6th Dec 2025

New Bishops - a request for lunch invitations

At the end of October, new bishops from the Anglican Communion will gather here as they have done for some years. This is a very special time for them, and a privilege for us to host them.

As in past years, we are asking members of the Cathedral Community to host one or two bishops for Lunch on Sunday 2nd November after post-Eucharist drinks. If you are willing to host, please contact Andrea via andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org

Film Club - Sunday 12th October 2pm

Director & Writer Guillermo del Toro

In 1944 Spain, a girl is sent to live with her ruthless stepfather. During the night, she meets a fairy who takes her to an old faun. He tells her she's a princess, but must prove her royalty by surviving three gruesome tasks.

Certificate 15 Contains strong language and bloody violence El Laberinto Del Fauno - Pan's Labyrinth (2006) FILM

Silent Vigil for Peace in Gaza October 12th 1pm at the Buttermarket, Canterbury

So many of us are distressed by events in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel and the ongoing loss of life and hope for families in Palestine and also Israel.

As a response, a silent vigil is planned to raise awareness and to voice concerns, along the lines of silent witness vigils held in Tel Aviv, Switzerland and elsewhere, and the vigil held in Canterbury last month. The purpose of the vigil is to stand up for peace, justice and mutual respect for people of all creeds and nationalities, so we are asking people not to bring flags or partisan symbols. In previous vigils people have held up photographs of people who have been killed or imprisoned. There will be some of these but you are welcome to bring your own. The hope is that by showing a peaceful and united approach that brings people of different faiths and none together we can show our solidarity with each other against bigotry and against the ongoing destruction of so many lives.

If so please join in a silent vigil for Gaza in Canterbury on Sunday October 12th.

Meeting time 13.00 at the Buttermarket or gather for a shared lunch (bring your own picnic) beforehand at 12.15 in the garden of Friends Meeting House, 6, the Friars

The vigil will last for about 45 minutes at the Buttermarket. If you need to be seated, please bring a chair. You are invited for tea at the Meeting House afterwards

Please let us know by emailing : canterburyvigilforpeace@gmail.com if you plan to come as for public safety reasons we have to notify the police how many people we expect.