

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 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

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 22nd February 2026

The First Sunday of Lent

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Andrew Dodd

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

4 pm Sanctuary - this afternoon

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. 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. Access to this service is through the North-East Door of the Crypt: this will be signposted. The theme is The Lord's Prayer and this is a link to the details: <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/4pm-sanctuary/>

Taizé Prayer

After the half term break, Taizé Prayer resumes on Monday 23rd February at 12.30pm in the Western Crypt, and is then on Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th March.

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.

Staff, Volunteer and Congregation tickets for the Archbishop's Installation, 25th March at 3pm

There will be a ballot for up to 150 members of the congregation, staff and volunteers (combined) to attend the Installation Service of the new Archbishop of Canterbury which is taking place on 25th March. Further information on how to apply for a ticket will be provided in next week's Pew Sheet. Look out for more details.

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

Archbishop Sarah will be welcomed as Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury at a special service on Saturday 28th March at 5.30pm. This will be a fully public and open service but it is important that those who wish to attend register their interest via the link or QR code, so that we have ideas of numbers for printing and seating. Thank you very much.



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

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 or on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1981934784292> £5 – donations welcome

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 in advance. The list usually fills up very quickly, so please get in touch soon if you would like to play.

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

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.

Congregational Forum with Dean David

Please mark in your diaries 22nd March 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 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