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# What's On

## April-June 2024

*Your guide to worship, events,  
family-friendly activities, and new visitor  
experiences at Canterbury Cathedral*



Kids Go  
**FREE\***

until 30 September 2024

*\*Visitor entry. T&Cs apply*

Visitor opening times and the availability of events and activities may change at short notice due to funerals, weddings, services or exceptional circumstances. Please check our website prior to your visit for closures and restrictions.

The Cathedral takes the safety and security of all our worshippers and visitors very seriously. If you are coming to the Cathedral, please be aware that as a condition of entry we reserve the right to search any bags or luggage on arrival.

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# Young Explorers

## **FREE\* Easter Drop-in Activities**

**Tues 2 - Fri 5 & Mon 8 - Fri 12 April, 11:00 - 15:00  
in the Community Studio**

Easter-themed crafts and more...

**This is a drop-in activity; no need to book.**

## **FREE\* Gregory's Easter Trail**

**Tues 2 - Sun 14 April**

What are your plans for the Easter Holidays?

Why not visit Canterbury Cathedral, and help Gregory Gargoyle complete our Easter Trail.

Return your completed trail sheet to the Cathedral Shop and claim your prize!

## **FREE\* Family Tours**

**Tues 2 - Fri 5 & Mon 8 - Fri 12 April, 11:05 & 13:30**

Bring your little historians to Canterbury Cathedral to hear stories of Becket and the Black Prince, Monks and Miracles, Tombs and Towers.

These tours are aimed at children aged 6 - 13, but are suitable for the whole family to enjoy!

*Family Tours last 45 minutes, and pre-booking is recommended as spaces are limited.*

To book, email [visits@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:visits@canterbury-cathedral.org)



**\* Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass. Children aged 17 and under go free (T&Cs apply).**

## FREE\* Stone Week Activities

**Wed 29, Thurs 30 & Fri 31 May, 11:00-15:00**

Help Gregory Gargoyle on his Stone Quest! Carve your initials into stone and follow the trail map to explore different parts of the Cathedral, answering questions and completing challenges on the way! *Activity book included.*



### Stone Carving\*

Stone carving will take place 11:00-15:00 each day.

**These are drop-in activities; no need to book.**

## FREE\* St John's Bible Family Event

**Sat 22 June, 10:30-15:00 in the Community Studio**

Admire our copy of the stunning and inspiring St John's Bible - written and decorated by hand in the 1990s and gifted to the Cathedral in November 2023.



Explore the stories that inspired the artwork contained in the pages of this stunning Bible and find out how these ancient scriptures are used today.

Learn fine writing in our calligraphy workshop, led by local calligrapher Julia Baxter, and create your own illuminated bible verse to take home.

**This is a drop-in activity; no need to book.**

*The calligraphy workshop is suitable for ages 8+. Both children and adults welcome. There will also be activities suitable for younger children.*

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# Music

## Canterbury Cathedral Organ Festival

**Between 24 May – 5 July, various events**

Enjoy recitals by renowned concert organists, and have a chance to play the Cathedral organ yourself.

### Open Evening: Fri 24 May, 18:30

Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, will introduce the Cathedral's organ and give a demonstration, and there will also be a chance for keen organists to play a short piece of their choice, time allowing.

***This event is un-ticketed and free to attend.***

If you would like to play the organ at the Open Evening, email [music@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:music@canterbury-cathedral.org) in advance.

### Organ Recitals: Dates in June & July, 19:30

<b>Fri 14 June</b>	Tom Bell
<b>Fri 21 June</b>	Roger Sayer
<b>Fri 5 July</b>	Martin Baker

***Tickets: £17 per recital or £36 for all three recitals (Incl. £2 booking fee per recital)***

Book recital tickets at [canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://canterburyfestival.co.uk) or via the Canterbury Festival Box Office.

## Summer Song Recitals

with our Cathedral Choral Scholars

***Dates in June and July, 13:15-14:00 in the Crypt - immediately after the Lunchtime Eucharist at 12:30***

***Recitals are un-ticketed and free to attend with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass.***

<b>Wed 5 June</b>	Sonny Fielding (Bass)
<b>Wed 12 June</b>	Zachary Smith (Tenor)
<b>Wed 19 June</b>	Caroline McCartney (Alto)
<b>Wed 3 July</b>	Oliver Jones (Tenor)

For further information about these recitals, please email [music@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:music@canterbury-cathedral.org)

## Canterbury Festival: Festival Chamber Orchestra - More Music to Feed the Soul

Sun 28 April, 16:00 - 17:10 at Cathedral Lodge

A programme of uplifting and emotive music featuring the wonderful Soprano voice of Kathryn Jenkin.

**Tickets: £22, Student £12 (Incl. £2 booking fee)**

See full programme and book at [canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://canterburyfestival.co.uk)

*Organised and delivered by the Festival Chamber Orchestra.*

## The London Welsh Male Voice Choir in Concert at Canterbury Cathedral

Sat 1 June, 19:00-21:30 at Canterbury Cathedral

Join us for a wonderful evening of virtuoso singing and entertainment featuring the London Welsh Male Voice Choir with soloists from Kent College Canterbury.

**Tickets: £17 - £37 (Incl. £2 booking fee per ticket)**

Book at [canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://canterburyfestival.co.uk)

*This event is organised, managed and delivered by Canterbury Forest of Blean Rotary Club.*

## Britten: Spring Symphony

Sat 22 June, 19:30 at Canterbury Cathedral

Join us as Richard Cooke marks his 40th anniversary as Music Director of Canterbury Choral Society, with the CCS Youth Choir and an ambitious programme of rarely-performed but outstanding works from the 20th century. Joined by the London Mozart Players and a team of fine soloists in a programme in which to revel and dream on a June evening; full of passion, depth and humour.

**Tickets: £10 – £33 (Incl. £2 booking fee per ticket)**

Book at [canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://canterburyfestival.co.uk)

*This event is organised, managed and delivered by Canterbury Choral Society. Sponsored by the Henry Oldfield Trust.*

Details of future events and recitals can be found in our monthly Music Lists and on our website: [canterbury-cathedral.org/music](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/music)

# Special Services and Worship

It is always free to attend a service of worship or to come into the Cathedral to pray.

## The Eve of the Annunciation

Sun 7 April

17:30 Solemn Evensong and Procession to The Chapel of our Lady Undercroft

## The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mon 8 April

The day we remember the visit of the Angel Gabriel to Mary to announce she will be the mother of God's son.

12:30 Festal Holy Communion

17:30 Choral Eucharist

## Consecration of the Bishop of Edmonton

Thurs 25 April, 11:00

The Archbishop of Canterbury and other bishops come to the Mother Church of the Province of Canterbury to consecrate a new bishop.

## Ascension Day

Thurs 9 May

The day, forty days after Easter, that we commemorate the Ascension into Heaven of the Risen Christ.

12:30 Festal Holy Communion

17:30 Choral Eucharist



## **A Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood**

**Sat 11 May, 10:30 Holy Communion**

Join women and men from across the Diocese of Canterbury as we celebrate the gift of women's priestly ministry and acknowledge some of the challenges our Church still faces in this regard.

*President: The Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin.*

*Preacher: The Revd. Canon Estella Last, Diocesan Adviser for Women's Ministry.*

## **Evensong marking Christian Aid Week**

**Sun 12 May, 17:30**

## **Pentecost**

**Sun 19 May**

The Church's birthday, when we remember the Holy Spirit coming upon the disciples as they were promised by Jesus.

*11:00 Choral Eucharist - Preacher: Director of Christian Aid*

*17:30 Solemn Evensong*

## **St Augustine's Day Service**

**Thu 23 May, 17:00**

Starting at St Martin's Church at 17:00, we shall process to St Augustine's Abbey for the main service, then to the Cathedral Chapter House. This service is powerful, as it is the only time in the year that the altar in the ruined crypt of the abbey is still used.

This service will replace the usual 17:30 evening service at Canterbury Cathedral. All are welcome.

*Organized by Canterbury Christ Church University.*

This year, St Augustine's Day falls on Sunday 26 May, but will be kept in the Cathedral on Monday 27 May.

## **Trinity Sunday**

**Sun 26 May, 17:30 Solemn Evensong**

The day on which we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity – God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## **Corpus Christi**

**Thurs 30 May**

The day we give thanks for the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

*12:30 Festal Holy Communion*

*17:30 Choral Eucharist*

## **Evensong marking the 80th Anniversary of D-Day**

**Thurs 6 June, 17:30 Choral Evensong**

A special service to remember and give thanks.

## **Archdeacons' Visitation Services**

**Thurs 13 June & Tues 18 June, 19:30**

Our two annual visitation services where Churchwardens, sides-people and others from our three archdeaconries - Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone - are invited for prayer, worship and the formal admission of Churchwardens.

## **Refugee Week 2024: Home**

**An Interactive Exhibition**

**Mon 17 - Sun 23 June, in the Chapter House**

During this week of focus on the plight of refugees, we invite you to explore what 'home' means to you and to those who have had to leave their own homes as a result of war, violence, oppression and climate change. Experience how they have come to create a new home here in Canterbury, and the cultural richness that they have brought with them.

*Organised and devised by the Refugee Project Board including: KRAN, the Social Justice Network of the Diocese and Canterbury Cathedral.*

## **Ordination Services**

**Sat 29 June in the Nave**

New Deacons and Priests are ordained for service of the Church of God in this diocese, by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Bishop of Dover.

*See our website for all service details, and closures in place.*

# Other Services and Prayer

## The Julian Prayer Meetings

*Thurs 4 April, 18:30-19:00*

*Thurs 2 May, 18:30-19:00*

*Thurs 13 June, 18:30-19:00*

*Thurs 4 July, 18:30-19:00*

Named after Julian of Norwich - we welcome people of all denominations, faiths or none to join us in silent prayer.

*For more information, please email Canon Emma at [emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org)*

## 'The Glorious Mysteries' Quiet Prayer Day

*Sat 6 April, 10:00-16:00*

An opportunity to contemplate the life of Christ, through scripture and the ancient devotional practice of the rosary; led by Canon Emma and Alexander Muir.

This Easter Season Quiet Day concludes our series, following on from our successful Lenten, Trinity and Epiphany Quiet Days, which focused on the Sorrowful, Luminous and Joyous Mysteries of the Rosary, respectively; however, this session can also stand alone for those who were unable to join us before.

**This event is free to attend.**

Reserve your place at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)

## Taizé Lunchtime Prayer

*Mondays 12:30-13:00 in the Eastern Crypt*

*15 April - 8 July (excluding 27 May and 24 June)*

The Taizé Community, founded in 1940 with a desire to bring people of different nationalities together, is an ecumenical community in France visited each year by thousands of young people.

The worship of Taizé is based on simple repetitive chants, the reading of scripture and silence.

All are welcome to join as we connect with God and one another through sound and silence.

*See our website for all service details, and closures in place.*

# Guided Tours and Talks

## FREE\* Mini Talks

**DAILY Between 10:00- 16:00, various intervals**

15-minute bite-sized talks about the Cathedral's history, delivered by our knowledgeable team.

Subject to availability on the day. Ask at our Visitor Centre.

**\*Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket or Cathedral Pass.**

## £5 Guided Tours

*£5 per person, plus admission charge.*

*Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email [visits@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:visits@canterbury-cathedral.org) to reserve your space.*

## 'The Inside Story' Tour

**Mon-Sat 10:30, 12:00 and 14:00; Sun 13:00**

Discover the story of Canterbury Cathedral through its soaring architecture, beautiful medieval stained glass and the history that helped make and shape it.

## 'The St Thomas Becket Story' Tour

**April, May & June - Wednesdays, 11:15-12:30 †**

Uncover the full story of St Thomas Becket in the Cathedral, where echoes of his life and legacy resound.

## Stained Glass Windows Tour

**April, May & June - Fridays, 11:15-12:15 †**

An introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern.

*† Check our website for all available tour dates.*

## American Connections Tour

*Memorial Day: Mon 27 May, 14:30-15:45*

*Juneteenth: Wed 19 June, 14:30-15:45*

Discover the strong bond Canterbury Cathedral has with the United States. Hear stories of the people who have shaped the history of the United States, and learn how glass and stone from the Cathedral adorns their churches.

## 'Women at the Cathedral' Tour

*Tues 7 May, 11:15-12:30 & Tues 11 June, 11:15-12:30*

Canterbury's story is not just shaped by monks and monarchs - uncover the lives of the remarkable queens, noblewomen and more humble artists and makers who have all helped shape Canterbury Cathedral.

## Precincts and Gardens Tour

*Thurs 13 June, 11:15-12:30*

*Thurs 20 June, 11:15-12:30*

*Thurs 27 June, 11:15-12:30*

Explore the Cathedral Precincts to find traces of the lives of the monks who were the site's early inhabitants and discover our beautiful public gardens while learning how these spaces, created over centuries, are still used and tended by our gardening team today.

## Royal School of Needlework: Goldwork Wyvern inspired by Medieval Window at Canterbury Cathedral

*Fri 26 April, 10:00-16:00 at Canterbury Cathedral*

Create your own stunning Wyvern motif - designed by RSN Tutor, Helen Stevens and inspired by a medieval window at the Cathedral - at this exclusive onsite Goldwork and mixed techniques hand embroidery partnership class.

View the window with the Director of our Stained Glass Studio and explore the Cathedral after the class until 17:00.

**£166 per person**, including all materials and equipment.  
Find out more and book: [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)

*Organised in partnership with the Royal School of Needlework and The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.*

## Canterbury Cathedral Library Tour

*Thurs 18 April, 14:00-15:00*

*Thurs 2 & Thurs 16 May, 14:00-15:00*

*Thurs 6 & Thurs 20 June, 14:00-15:00*

Learn more about the Cathedral Library and its amazing collections, and explore some of the items close-up.

**£8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.**

Book at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)

*Pre-booking required; not suitable for under 12s.*

## Medieval Canterbury Weekend 2024: Canterbury Cathedral Archive & Library Treasures

*Sat 27 April, 10:00-11:00 & 11:30-12:30*

*in the Cathedral Archives Reading Room*

These visits will focus on the early printed books, manuscripts and other sources in our collections.

**£10 per person per event (discounts available)**

See programme of events and book at [ckhh.org.uk/events](http://ckhh.org.uk/events)

*The Medieval Canterbury Weekend, organized by the Centre for Kent History & Heritage at Canterbury Christ Church University, hosts a programme of 19 talks and guided visits.*

## Canterbury's UNESCO Sites tour: Foundations of Faith

*Tues 4 June & Thurs 20 June, 09:30-16:30*

*See website for additional July, August and September dates*

Discover the introduction of Roman Christianity to Britain. Starting at St Martin's Church - the oldest church in the English-speaking world still in use - to the remains of St Augustine's Abbey, resting place of St Augustine and the first Archbishops of Canterbury and finishing at Canterbury Cathedral, Mother Church of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. This includes a guided tour at each site and sandwich lunch in the gardens overlooking the Cathedral.

**£59.95 per person**

Find out more and book: [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)

*See all tours and talks at [canterbury-cathedral.org/events](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/events)*

## Events at The Lodge

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge is our unique hotel and conference venue, benefitting from its location situated within the Cathedral Precincts, with stunning views of the Cathedral and comfortable accommodation.

It is also a superb venue for meetings, conferences and events, as well as parties and wedding receptions.

### A Day Exploring the Gardens at Canterbury Cathedral\*

**Mon 13 May & Mon 10 June, 10:15-17:30**

Enjoy a fascinating day exploring gardens and garden history at Canterbury Cathedral. The day includes a talk by members of the Cathedral's gardening team, a chance to see items from the wonderful Archives and Library collections, a hot two-course lunch, a tour of some of the Cathedral gardens, and afternoon tea.

**£65 per person**

To book for this event, call 01227 865350 or email [events@canterburycathedrallodge.org](mailto:events@canterburycathedrallodge.org)

*\*This event must be pre-booked, and has limited availability.*

*Full pre-payment will be taken at the time of booking and is non-refundable unless we are able to re-sell places booked.*



### Annual Summer Party with 3-course Dinner and 7-piece Band\*

**Fri 14 June, 18:30-23:45**

**in the Campanile Garden and Clagett Auditorium**

Enjoy the spectacular backdrop of the Cathedral at our Cathedral Lodge annual Summer Party.

Guests will be greeted with a glass of Pimms/apple juice in the Campanile Garden\*\*, overlooking the Cathedral.

The evening will then move to the Auditorium for a 3-course dinner, followed by tea/coffee and petit fours.

'CoCo', a 7-piece local, popular function band will entertain after dinner and throughout the evening until 23:00, then there will be a disco until the end. A paid bar will be open throughout the event.

**£59 per person.**

Menu choices must be pre-ordered. See menu online at [canterburycathedrallodge.org/special-events](http://canterburycathedrallodge.org/special-events)

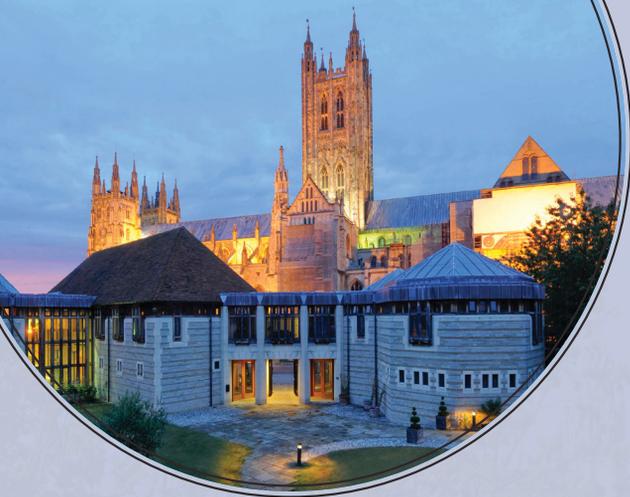
*\*\*In the event of bad weather, guests will be greeted with arrival drinks in the Kentish Barn.*

To book for this event, call 01227 865350 or email [events@canterburycathedrallodge.org](mailto:events@canterburycathedrallodge.org)

Please notify us of any allergies or dietary requirements, at the time of booking. Guests must be over the age of 18.

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### Not local?

Why not stay overnight and wake up to views of the Cathedral from your bedroom window?

Facilities include en-suite bathrooms, complimentary Wi-Fi, mini fridges, and 42inch smart TVs.

All stays include a full Kentish breakfast, served in the Refectory Restaurant. A la carte dinner is offered Friday and Saturday evenings from 18:30, and Sunday Lunch between 12:30-15:00.

**To book your stay, call 01227 865350 or email [stay@canterburycathedrallodge.org](mailto:stay@canterburycathedrallodge.org)**

*Guests attending a special event at Cathedral Lodge receive 10% off room rates. To claim this discount, please state the event you are attending when booking.*

*Friends of Canterbury Cathedral receive a 10% discount on both dining and stays.*

Subscribe to our mailing list and keep an eye on our website for future events and offers:  
[canterburycathedrallodge.org](http://canterburycathedrallodge.org)



## FRIENDly Events

**The Friends are the Cathedral's fan club!**

They are a community who work together to help support this magnificent place.

As a Friend, you also benefit from exclusive trips and events. The events included here are also open to non-members.

### Friendly Singing for Wellbeing

*15 April, 14:00-15:00*

*13 May, 14:00-15:00*

*10 June, 14:00-15:00*

*8 July, 14:00-15:00*

**St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH**

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, and our Choral Scholars.

*Free to attend, but donations welcomed. No need to book.*

Get 15 months for  
the price of 12 if you  
join today and quote  
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**The Friends of  
Canterbury Cathedral  
present: D-Day  
Commemoration  
Concert from the  
RBL Central Band**

**Sat 15 June, 18:00 in the Nave**

This June is the 80th anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy. Join us as we welcome the return of The Central Band of The Royal British Legion, for a sensational and heart-stirring concert, as they join us straight from playing for veterans on their way to France.

This will be an evening not to be missed!

The music will feature the sounds of songs made famous by Dame Vera Lynn (*Run, Rabbit, Run, White Cliffs of Dover, Wish me Luck, We'll Meet Again*), Eric Coates' *The Knightsbridge March, The Padstow Lifeboat*, The Sounds of Richard Rogers (*Oklahoma, Nothing Like a Dame, Climb Eve'ry Mountain*), Ladies in Lavender, ABBA Gold (*Waterloo* and many more), Sibelius' *Finlandia*, and Williams' *Hymn to the Fallen* (from *Saving Private Ryan*).  
**See website for full programme of music.**

A spectacular celebration of the music of World War Two to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the 80th anniversary of the Central Band of the Royal British Legion, and the 200th Anniversary of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

**Tickets: Adults £22, Children (under 12) £12  
(Incl. £2 booking fee per ticket)**

Book tickets at [canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://canterburyfestival.co.uk) or via the Canterbury Festival Box Office.

*This event is organised, managed and delivered by the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral.*

*This is a charity fundraising event in support of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 256575).*



**TALK: Coffee and  
Coffee Houses:  
following the stream  
of coffee from  
Arabian discovery to  
Georgian London**

**Tues 25 June, 14:30**

**in the Clagett Auditorium**

Popular speaker Terrie Chrones, food historian and member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, returns to talk to Friends about the rise of coffee from the Ottoman empire to London's early coffee houses frequented by the likes of Jacobite plotters, Pepys, and Samuel Johnson.

From being associated with court intrigues to traders across Europe, the 'dark brew' has been desired, vilified, banned, seen as medicinal, and is now, for many, a daily ritual.

Join us to appreciate the historical background and learn about one of the beverages which changed the world.

**Tickets: £8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral,  
£10 non-members, includes tea and coffee**  
Book at [canterbury-cathedral.org/friends](http://canterbury-cathedral.org/friends)

*This event is supported by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 256575).*

**For more information about these and future events, help booking or becoming a member, call The Friends' Office at 01227 865292 or email [friends@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:friends@canterbury-cathedral.org)**



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**All profits go towards the upkeep of Canterbury Cathedral**

## **NEW** exclusive Canterbury Cathedral Medley range

This design, created by local illustrator Esther Johnson, is inspired by iconic features of our Cathedral such as Christ Church Gate, Bell Harry Tower and pilgrimage stained glass.

The range consists of over 10 products including a tea towel, bookmark, cushion, tote bag, mug and coasters.



[www.canterbury-cathedral.org/shop](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/shop)