Canterbury Cathedral Community Picnic, 12.30-14.30, Sunday 26th May 2024, Green Court, The Precincts

Please join us on Sunday 26th May 2024 for our community celebration, dedicated to nurturing a spirit of togetherness and inclusion.

Relax and dine al fresco with your own picnic spread, enjoy family-friendly games, and explore areas not usually open to the public.

Bring your own picnic and relax in the beautiful surroundings of Green Court*. Treat yourself: complement your picnic with a variety of scrumptious food and drink options – including soft and alcoholic beverages - available to buy from the Cathedral Lodge.

Enjoy a variety of family-friendly games, with Cathedral prizes to be won! Explore areas of the Precincts not usually open to the public, including the Bastion Chapel in the old city wall.

Meet other members of our amazing Cathedral community.

Free entry: the Community Picnic is open to all Cathedral Passholders, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, congregation members, volunteers, Becket Patrons, and staff. Simply show your Cathedral Pass, Friends card, Patron card, Cathedral volunteer or staff card, or that day’s Order of Service when you arrive. There’s no need to book.

This event is a wonderful chance for members of our community to engage with one another, and to celebrate our collective identity and the shared journey that connects us all.

We look forward to welcoming you.

The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith
Dean of Canterbury

*For our congregation members attending that day’s 11am Eucharist, you are welcome to drop off your picnic before the service - between 10:30am to 10:45am at the Community Studio and then collect it later in Green Court. Please note, items will not be refrigerated, and will be stored at your own risk.

The Cathedral and Metropolitical Church of Christ, Canterbury

Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 12th May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day, BCP)

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Dr T J N Naish

You are more than welcome to join us at any of the following daily services

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Today 5.30pm At Evensong today Canon Tim will be preaching for the beginning of Christian Aid week. There will also be a display about the work of Christian Aid in the South Quire Aisle. There will be envelopes that people can use to make a donation. The Preacher next Sunday morning will be Patrick Watt, the CEO of Christian Aid

Film Club, SUNDAY 12th MAY, 2.00pm in the Cathedral Lodge AV Room

Do come and join us for May’s film: AFTERSUN Director and Writer, Charlotte Wells. Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier. Memories real and imagined fill the gaps between as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn’t... Aftersun (2022) Infrequent strong language, moderate sex references, upsetting scenes

Canterbury Theological Seminar Tuesday 14th May at 11.30am

Canon Tim is leading this seminar which takes place three times a year, in the Community Studio. Though designed for the academic theological communities in and around Canterbury, on this occasion he promises it will not be too demandingly intellectual. The subject is how we think about and practise Christian mission, looking at the ‘Five Marks of Mission’ which were first articulated forty years ago this year, and have had a considerable influence. Presentation, discussion, and a light lunch (provided, with donations welcomed).

Please let Tim know if you plan to come: tim.naish@canterbury-cathedral.org

Dean in the Diocese

The Dean will be presiding and preaching at All Saints’ Birchington this morning.
Helping to host visits from Deaneries in the Diocese

We have invited deaneries from across the diocese to visit and meet us all for a cuppa and cake at 4pm prior to a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday afternoons. We have offered a series of dates in 2024/25. So far deaneries are booked in for 9 June, 28 July, and 29 September. Initially we will use the Community Studio as the venue for tea and cake. I would like to try and pull together a little group of volunteers who might be willing to offer this hospitality to our guests by making drinks, offering snacks and then clearing up afterwards. It will be a small but important way for us to show care for the members of the diocese at large. Please email my Executive Assistant (andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org) if this is something that you could do and then we can explore it further.

Dean David

News from Churches Together in Canterbury

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Evening, 6:30pm-8pm Sunday 12th May at St Mary Bredin
Come and join in an evening of praying for Canterbury with people from all over the city.

24-7 Prayer, Sunday 12th May to Sunday 19th May at St Mary Bredin
St Mary Bredin will be hosting a prayer room, open 24-7 for 7 days, with all sorts of creative ways to pray. Contact office@smb.org.uk for more details.

Night of Prayer, 10pm Friday 17th – 5am Saturday 18th May at St Andrew’s URC
This will be a night of prayer and worship together, with leaders of different churches helping us stay focused in our prayers, and worship groups from different churches leading us in worship throughout. We will also be joined by Pastor Jonathan Oloyede, who leads the National Day of Prayer, an organisation which exists to help encourage more united prayer around the UK.

Pentecost Prayer Celebration – 6:30-8:30pm Sunday 19th May at Canterbury Baptist Church.
Join us to welcome the gift of God’s Holy Spirit and to pray for our city and region, our friends and family, ourselves, the Church and the world. This will be a high energy, joyful time of prayer and worship, and we are honoured to welcome Pastor Jonathan Oloyede and the National Day of Prayer team to join us for the evening. Doors open 6pm for a 6:30 start.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE in a time of crisis.

Day Conference, Cathedral Lodge, Saturday 18 May 2024, 9.15-17.30

Centre for Anglican History & Theology, University of Kent. Opening lecture by Lady Brenda Hale, ‘Rebuilding Civil Society in Britain’. Ten other speakers will explore the links between poverty and inequality, uneven development and environmental catastrophe, along with theologies adequate to meet today’s global challenges. Tickets include lunch and reception, concessions available. Full programme and booking: https://research.kent.ac.uk/anglican-history-theology/events.

Canterbury Cathedral Organ Festival 2024

Canterbury Cathedral will be holding an Organ Festival this summer, with an Organ Festival Open Evening, and three recitals by renowned international concert organists.

The Open Evening, on Friday 24 May from 6.30pm, will be run by our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, and will include an introduction to the Cathedral’s organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020), a demonstration, and a chance for keen organists to play a short piece of their choice, time allowing. The Open Evening is free of charge and un-ticketed and anyone wishing to play should write to music@canterbury-cathedral.org in advance.

Organ Recitals
Friday 14 June – Tom Bell – Messiaen, Livre du Saint Sacrement
Friday 21 June – Roger Sayer - programme to include music from Hans Zimmer’s Oscar-nominated score for the motion picture Interstellar.
Friday 5 July – Martin Baker - programme to include music by Stanford, to mark the 100th anniversary of his death.

Each Organ Recital will start at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Quire. Tickets for the Organ Recitals are available via the Canterbury Festival Box Office and cost £15 per recital or £30 for all three recitals, plus booking fees of £2 per recital. Tickets for under 18s are free of charge and can be obtained by emailing the Box Office at boxoffice@canterburyfestival.co.uk https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/

The Return of Luxmuralis - booking for congregation

Experience the splendour of Coronations and the Crown Jewels in this amazing new immersive light show. Crown and Coronation will bring the spectacle, significance and shared experience of Coronations to life, demonstrating the pivotal role of the Crown Jewels, part of the Royal Collection, within the ceremony. The show will feature stunning imagery spanning more than 1,000 years of history, enhanced by the magnificence of Canterbury Cathedral – host to many kings and queens throughout its incredible history - where the projections and soundscape will sweep through the amazing interiors. The Crown Jewels, the objects at the very heart of the Coronation ceremony, will be projected through detailed footage and an emotive musical score, evoking the sensation of having a private audience with the magnificent collection.

Crown and Coronation has been created by Historic Royal Palaces – the charity that cares for the Tower of London - in partnership with Luxmuralis, as part of an artistic collaboration between artist Peter Walker and composer David Harper. Luxmuralis worked with Canterbury Cathedral in September 2023, with the hugely popular Renaissance show. BOOK ONLINE at https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/24-28sept24-luxmuralis-presents-crown-and-coronation/

£16 per ticket Visit duration: 45-60 minutes
Entry timeslots available every 15 minutes from 18:30-21:30
Accessibility: the 18:30 entry slot offers step-free access and lower audio volume.