

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 EVENT The Friends' Coffee Concert

Tuesday 3 February 2026, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Your chance to be entertained by the Cathedral's Choral Scholars whilst enjoying coffee and pastries. This informal concert will showcase the progress and repertoire of the Scholars who joined the Cathedral in September 2025.

Expect a warm welcome and a mixed musical medley on a chilly Tuesday morning!

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

A FRIENDLY TALK

Life in a Changing City – Canterbury 1825-1910

Tuesday 10 February 2026, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Popular speaker Doreen Rosman will continue her series of talks about the history of Canterbury. A boy born in 1825, who survived into the 20th Century, would have lived through a time of major technological change: the coming of railways, gas and electric lighting, telephones and cinemas, bicycles, cars, and even an aeroplane.

This talk explores how these developments would have impacted on his life, and how the city changed before his eyes. Doreen Rosman taught history at the University of Kent. Her publications include, *Canterbury: A History since 1500*, the story of a city and its people.

£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 February 2026; 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 25th January 2026

The Conversion of Paul

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

Commemorating the Conversion of Paul

From time to time, a major saint's day falls on a Sunday and, if it is outside Lent or Advent, or the Easter Season, we keep the Saint's Day on that Sunday. This year, it is the case with the Conversion of Paul, one of the most significant events in the formation and spread of the early Church. As we also come to the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we can use the visceral story of Paul's conversion as a focus in our own prayers for the church and the world, and for a reflection upon our own faith and how we demonstrate it in our daily lives and interactions.

Candlemas Christingle Making in Children's Church - Sunday 1st February

As part of our Candlemas Celebrations, we will be making Christingles at Children's Church to be blessed at the end of the main Sunday Eucharist at 11.00. This particular activity is aimed for those aged 5-11. We meet in the Community Studio from 10.30.

Holy Week Retreat: The People of the Passion

Wednesday 1 April – Sunday 5 April. Join our clergy for Holy Week at Canterbury Cathedral, and experience a deeper appreciation of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth.

Our programme of events will take you through the experience of the darkness of the cross to the joy of Easter morning. Using Bible passages and art we will be reflecting on the different people that were involved in the Passion and Easter narratives and ponder how their faith was both tested and strengthened by these events. We will in turn explore our own journey of faith as we travel towards the cross and the renewal of Easter morning. £150 per person - Includes a full programme of special activities, as well as refreshments, and sandwich and soup lunch on Saturday.

Book via: <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/1-5april26-holy-week-retreat/>

Holocaust Memorial Day - Tuesday 27th January - 5.30pm

On 27 January 1945, Auschwitz was liberated and the full horrors of the Holocaust were exposed to the world. Each year this day is kept as Holocaust Memorial Day, when we remember the six million Jews and all those who lost their lives in the Nazi persecution, and the victims of other genocides and religious persecutions throughout the world. It is a day to commit ourselves to learning the lessons of the past, and to work for an end to hatred and a better future for all.

We keep Holocaust Memorial Day with a special service of Evensong at 5.30, with interfaith guests and contributors. Do join us on this solemn occasion.

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING COURSE 2026

The Dean's Pastoral Care Team is now operational and would welcome more members. Another Pastoral Care Training Course is therefore being offered and will be open to any regular worshipping member of the cathedral who would like to explore if this area of the church's ministry might be for them.

Consisting of six training sessions run over six consecutive weeks the course will again be led by the Pastoral Care Team Leader, Revd Carol Smith, together with the Revd Sara Bimson. These training sessions will be **held in Canterbury on a Wednesday from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, beginning on Wednesday 6th May.**

Commitment to attending all six sessions is required, although attendance will not automatically oblige participants to go forward. At the end of the course each participant will be offered a one-to-one evaluation with one of the course leaders to learn what the course revealed so that, together, the right path ahead for the participant's ministry may be discussed and agreed. Pastoral Care Team members are volunteers and each person who goes forward must be prepared to undergo the appropriate CoE Safeguarding Training and DBS application process.

For enquiries and/or enrolment on this course,

kindly email: carol.smith@canterbury-cathedral.org as soon as possible.

Note: Deadline for submissions, Friday 10th April.

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.

Cathedral Library Tours

Join a guided tour to learn more about the Library and to explore some of the collection close-up. The Howley-Harrison Library was rebuilt over the Infirmary Cloister in 1665 and recently restored to its splendid 19th century décor. It is the largest individual collection in the Library, made up of approximately 16,000 books and pamphlets.

Our Cathedral Library collection includes books from the early decades of printing onwards, including books from some of the earliest European printing presses.

Dates: Thursday 5 February, 14:00-14:45; Thursday 12 March, 14:00-14:45; Thursday 16 April, 14:00-14:45. £8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.

Pre-booking required. Not suitable for under 12s.

RSN Day Class: Dove of Peace and Huguenot Chapel Experience

Friday 6 March 2026, 10:00-16:00 in the Community Studio

Embroider a beautiful Dove of Peace and enjoy a rare opportunity to visit The Huguenot Chapel, given to the refugee French Protestant Huguenots by Queen Elizabeth I more than 400 years ago. The Dove motif was designed by the Royal School of Needlework Embroidery Studio and is evocative of the Huguenot Dove you'll see on stonework within the Chapel. The design is worked onto a dark blue Irish linen, while the bird is Appliquéd in an ivory silk satin.

On the day, RSN Tutor, Helen Stevens will teach you all of the techniques you need to know to complete the kit including: Appliqué, Bayeux Stitch, Couching (thread and Japanese passing), Fishbone Stitch and Stem Stitch. This class is suitable for all levels.

The event includes an exclusive opportunity to visit the Huguenot Chapel (French Protestant Church of Canterbury); originally the Black Prince's Chantry. Services are still held in French every Sunday afternoon, but it is not normally open to the public otherwise.

This exclusive project is part of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral's unique association with the Royal School of Needlework, dating back to the 1930s.

- BOOK YOU PLACE NOW -

The class cost is £175 per student and includes all materials and necessary equipment to complete the project. Book via the Cathedral website.

FREE to view exhibition (no admission required)

Smashed, Bombed, Lost - Recovered Tales of Canterbury's Stained Glass

Viewing Gallery, Visitor Centre

Over the centuries, Canterbury Cathedral's stained glass has been damaged by war and vandalism, or lost through iconoclasm, neglect or theft.

What remains of those victims of violence can be inspiring - some glass was returned to the Cathedral, some repaired or re-purposed in surprising ways.

This history of damage, restoration and resilience now inspires stained glass by a young Ukrainian artist, Yelizaveta Smirnova, which reacts to the current global crisis.

This family-friendly exhibition is available to view every day during visiting hours.

You do not need a Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' card to view this exhibition.

Safeguarding Survey

We value your thoughts on safeguarding practices here at the Cathedral. Please use the QR code below to participate in our 2026 survey. Canon Emma Pennington will have paper copies available at the post-service refreshments today. Please return all paper surveys to a member of clergy. Please contact the Safeguarding and Welfare Team if you have any questions: safeguarding@canterbury-cathedral.org
Huge thanks!



Valentine's Dinner at the Lodge

Spoil your loved one this Valentine's Day by treating them to an exclusive dinner at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. Unwind on your special evening in the picturesque grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, whilst enjoying a 4-course fine dining evening, with a local pianist to entertain.

Book your table for £60 per person – each guest receives a glass of Prosecco upon arrival. Tables are available to book at: 18:30, 19:00 and 19:30. Book via the website.