

## 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](mailto: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

**Catherine the Great** - Friday 20 March 2026, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium  
In this talk given by Patricia Erskine-Hill, attendees will find out more about this extraordinary woman who asserted her power over Russia. Catherine II, best known as Catherine the Great, was the Empress of Russia 1762-1796. Born Princess Sophia Augusta Frederica of Anhalt-Zerbst (Prussia), she came to power after over-throwing her husband Peter III. Catherine influenced the arts, established the first state-funded higher education institute for women in Europe, built new cities & towns & brought recognition to Russia as one of the great powers of Europe. £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

### A FRIENDLY TALK

**Divine Light** - The Stained Glass of England's Cathedrals. Wednesday 22 April 2026, 14:30-15:30 in the Clagett Auditorium. Stained glass windows combine light and colour with imagery and sophisticated design to illuminate interior spaces, communicate religious and other messages, and perhaps offer us a glimpse of heaven. Visitors are often captivated by the stained glass of England's cathedrals, but few realise that it represents a significant national art collection. From one of the earliest stained glass schemes in Canterbury to mark the murder of Thomas Becket, the stained glass of England's cathedrals represents a significant national art collection and spans 900 years. Inspired by the book she has compiled entitled Divine Light, Dr Janet Gough OBE will speak to Friends about this stunning and enlightening subject. £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](mailto: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: 11th May, 8th June.

**Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:**

[tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto: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 15th March 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

Canon in Residence: The Venerable Dr Will Adam

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

### Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.15 Morning Prayer  
11.00 Choral Eucharist (Sunday)  
15.00 Huguenot Service  
(in French, Sunday only)  
17.30 Choral Evensong

### Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

7.30 Morning Prayer (9.15 Bank Holidays)  
8.00 Holy Communion  
11.00 Bell Ceremony  
12.30 Holy Communion - Wednesdays  
Taizé Prayer - Mondays in Term Time  
17.30 Choral Evensong  
Thursdays said Evening Prayer with  
Silence

## Mothering Sunday

Today, to celebrate Mothering Sunday, everyone will receive a posy of flowers made by our Flower Guild.

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

Date: Saturday 28 March 2026 Time: 5.30-6.30pm

Location: Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury

Registration remains open for the Diocesan Service of Welcome to Archbishop Sarah.

The service, led by the Bishop of Dover, will bring together individuals and church groups from across our diocese highlighting the rich and varied communities which we serve. This will be the main opportunity for the whole Diocese to formally welcome and show our support for our new Diocesan Bishop. All are warmly invited to attend this service however, to manage capacity we ask that you book free tickets for all in your party, so we can ensure appropriate seating for everyone. Clergy and Readers are not expected to robe.



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

Regrettably, there is no congregational parking on site. For information on city car parks and the City's Park & Ride system, please refer to [www.canterbury.gov.uk/parking](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/parking). Free public blue badge parking can be found at Iron Bar Lane Service Area or Orange Street Car Park.

The service will also be livestreamed for those unable to make it in person.

Please join us for this joyful and historic occasion as we welcome the new Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese of Canterbury.

## 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 20th 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 CoFE Safeguarding Training and DBS application process.

For enquiries and/or enrolment on this course, kindly email: [carol.smith@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:carol.smith@canterbury-cathedral.org) as soon as possible.

Note: Deadline for submissions, Friday 10th April.

## 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 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.



## St Peter's Lent Lectures - 'Journey' Tuesdays 17th-24th March, 12 noon

This Tuesday, The Reverend Dr Mary Kells, will speak on 'St Patrick and My Journey'. Lecture begins at noon in St Peter's Anglican Church, followed by a light lunch, with a £5 suggested donation for this.

Tuesday 24th: Councillor Connie Nolan, 'Cradle Catholic and Still a Catholic'

## Ecumenical Contemporary Theology Group

**Wednesday 18 March, 5 pm at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury.**

The Rev'd Dr Mary Kells, Rector of St Paul's and St Martin's Canterbury, and author of 'God beyond Gender', will speak on the subject 'Waking up our God Talk: As God is not a "He", why do we use "He" in Liturgy?'

There is an entrance charge of £5 to cover costs but people in full-time education are welcome to attend free.

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in memory of someone who has died, please pick up a leaflet in the Cathedral from the virgers or stewards and return the completed form before Palm Sunday on 29th March.

## Good Friday Concert by Candlelight: Arvo Pärt, 'Passio'

On Good Friday, 3rd of April at 7.30pm, the Lay Clerks and Organists of Canterbury Cathedral present the unique opportunity to hear Arvo Pärt's spellbinding and immersive Passio, alongside distinguished guest musicians. Performed by candlelight in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral Quire, it is a chance to experience this lesser-performed masterpiece. Tickets are available from the Canterbury Festival website <https://canterburyfestival.co.uk> or by scanning the QR code.



## Post Eucharist Teas and Coffees

Please do join for the refreshments after Sunday Eucharist, usually in the Claggett Auditorium. We do ask for a donation to cover costs of paid staff and requisites. We've totted up donations over the past 8 weeks. In total they have ranged from £1.70 to £34.15 with the average for the period being £14.41. We know people give in different ways but may I encourage greater generosity to cover the costs? Thanks

The Dean

## 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](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.eddiegilmore.com](http://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](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.augustinecamino.co.uk](http://www.augustinecamino.co.uk) [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org)

## The Dean is made Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Kent

Six new Deputy Lieutenants of Kent have been appointed, each of them honoured for their positive contributions to the County and the Nation. The Dean is one of these six, and we offer him our congratulations for this honour.

## Congregational Forum with Dean David

Please mark in your diaries 22nd March after the 11am service during our coffee time in the Claggett Auditorium. Please send in any questions by email to [andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto: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