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. Why not come along to one of our **Friendly Talks** and find out more about us?

A FRIENDLY TALK Living Through Change – Canterbury in the Reign of Elizabeth II
Friday 29 January 2027, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

When Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953, Canterbury was a small, quiet, market town. This last talk in a series on the history of Canterbury charts how local residents witnessed the building of vast housing estates, an influx of students to new centres of higher education, and the growth of tourism.

The city hit pop music headlines with the 'Canterbury Sound' in the 1960s; a few years later, Bagpuss and The Clangers were created in Blean, and Canterbury attracted national attention when the Pope prayed in the Cathedral in 1982. Since then, World Heritage status, big new glass-fronted buildings, the high-speed train, and a growing multi-ethnic population, have helped transform the city from what it was at the start of the late Queen's 70-year reign. Doreen Rosman taught history at the University of Kent and she returns to offer Friends the final talk in her series about the history of Canterbury. Doreen's 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.

Book via https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/become-a-friend/friends-events

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.

FRIENDly Singing is on **14th December this year, and 11 January, 8 February, 8 March, 12 April, 10 May, and 14 Jun in 2027.**

Please send submissions for future Pew Sheets to tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org

To be featured in the next publication, submissions should be sent by Wednesday latest

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our services for week beginning Sunday 15th November2026

Second Sunday before Advent

Canon in Residence: The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith

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 (9.30 Bank Holidays)
9.30	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 Prayers for Peace – Tuesdays in Term Time
17.30	Choral Evensong		17.30	Choral Evensong

Season of Safeguarding – at Sung Eucharist today

This morning, as we keep Safeguarding Sunday, we welcome as our preacher Mandy Marshall, Senior Adviser for Gender Justice for the Anglican Alliance and Mothers' Union. There will be an opportunity to tie ribbons onto the LOUDfence outside Cathedral House after the service, and then to speak with Mandy, our preacher, over coffee or tea in the CHAPTER HOUSE. Members of the Pastoral Team will also be available for conversations over post-Eucharist drinks.

Evensong Preacher - next Sunday (22nd) at 17.30

Next Sunday, at the end of the Season of Safeguarding, we will welcome Fiona Coombs, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. As we come to the end of a year when we have had a safeguarding audit, and where the need for safeguarding has again been highlighted in our country, it is important that we come together to think and pray about how we protect and support those who are most vulnerable in our communities.

Pastoral Care

If you would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Care Team kindly email your name and contact details to: pastoralcare@canterbury-cathedral.org and a member of the team will be pleased to assist. If you need a local pastoral visit, if you are a newcomer wanting to get more involved in the cathedral congregations, if you or someone else from the congregation need support or help, then please complete a Pastoral Care Card which are dotted around the quire of the cathedral or please ask a steward or virger for one. Please complete and send in following the instructions on the card.

Call for Stewards

Do you like meeting new people? Would you like to become part of the team that welcomes our Cathedral congregations and helps to ensure that five hundred plus services a year run smoothly? If so, have you thought of joining the Stewards? Meeting both locals and those from all around the world when you are on duty, we ask for at least two duties each month, but you are very welcome to do more if you wish.
To apply go to: www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/volunteer/

Safeguarding Audit

Our Ineqe Cathedral and Diocesan Safeguarding Audit has taken place. The audit team have been analysing the surveys, the submitted documents, and the results of 115 interviews. Their field work has sought to find evidence that the things we have said and provided evidence for hold true. The report will go several stages and is unlikely to be published before the early spring. They will make recommendations for taking our safeguarding work further which we will need to consider if or how best to implement. I wanted to offer a personal thank you to everyone who has been involved in any way. It has been demanding. Many thanks. Dean David

Michael Ramsey Advent Seminar

A conversation with author, spiritual director and pastoral theologian, Tanya Marlow, about her new book: Treasures in Straw: Exploring the griefs and gifts of the Christmas story Thursday 3rd December at 5pm, in the Community Studio, Canterbury Cathedral and online. Entrance Free. Treasures in Straw explores the themes of loss and blessing throughout the nativity. Against a darker backdrop, we see with greater clarity God's unexpected generosity and our unshakeable blessings. However you feel about Christmas, this book will leave you with fresh hope, deeper understanding, and genuine joy in living with Christ. Tanya Marlow has a passion for combining biblical texts and 'sacred storytelling' with honest theologies of disability and suffering. She is mostly bed-bound with chronic illness and does not let it limit her. All welcome. Please come along.

Precentor on the move

The Reverend Canon Lindsay Yates will move on from her role as Residentiary Canon at the end of January 2027. She is returning to work for the Diocese of Canterbury working to assist parishes developing their giving and generosity alongside developing support for parishes as they seek to grow in faith and deepen their mission. Lindsay will continue to live in the Precincts with her family, and we hope that she will be able to find time to be a Minor Canon. In time we will find appropriate ways to thank Lindsay for her service amongst us.

Experience Christmas at Canterbury Cathedral, and join in the celebration of festive traditions, both old and new.

Discover services of worship and carol services - both traditional and new - see the story of Christmas etched in stone and stunning stained glass, and don't miss the return of 'A Christmas Carol' performed for two nights only.
View the beautiful new Cathedral Nativity scene in the Precincts, and join us for special events, child-friendly activities, beautiful trees and decorations - plus the return of the Canterbury Christmas Market to the Cathedral grounds and throughout the city!
Whether your traditions feature choral music, carousels or Christmas trees – there's something for everyone at Canterbury Cathedral.
Find out more by visiting https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/christmas-at-the-cathedral/

Advent Sunday – 29th November

Advent Sunday is the beginning of the Christian Year, when we start the preparation for Christmas. This year, Advent Sunday is 29th November and at the Sung Eucharist on that morning, the Archbishop will bless the new outdoor Crib, with restored figures, and then preach the sermon at the service, which will be in the Nave.

At 17:30 we will have our traditional Advent Carol Service in the Nave, beginning with the full choir singing in the darkness from beyond the Pulpitum screen. The service will then follow a pattern of Bible readings, carols and choir anthems, as we come in expectation, for the coming of the Christ-child and the hope of our redemption.

Everyone is welcome to these services, and all public services in the Cathedral, in Advent, over Christmas, and throughout the year.

Season of Safeguarding – 13th-22nd November

Our annual **Season of Safeguarding** returns this November, with a number of events and services to reflect, listen and learn.
The national theme of Safeguarding Sunday this year is **Love Protects.** It is rooted in the well-known passage from *1 Corinthians 13* which reminds us that 'love always protects'. Safeguarding isn't a bureaucracy. It isn't a distraction from ministry. It is ministry - a Christian act of love in action. Our services events will loosely follow this theme, but will focus on the abuse of love, through focussing on Victims and Survivors of Domestic Abuse. These will include: Eucharist on Safeguarding Sunday 15th November and Evensong on Sunday 22nd November; a designated Chapel as a place of prayer for Victims and Survivors; an opportunity to tie ribbons on the railings outside Cathedral House to create a LOUDfence to show support and solidarity for those affected by abuse; and more.

In collaboration with Canterbury Cathedral and the Diocese of Canterbury, this week brings together parishes across the diocese for focused reflection, prayer, and safeguarding activities.
Please see the relevant page of the Cathedral website for more details of events and services during the Season of Safeguarding:
https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/safeguarding/season-of-safeguarding-2026/