CANTERBURY cathedral

What's On October-December 2023

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

LEGO® Brick Masterclasses See page 3



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.

> For more information, please contact: Cathedral House, The Precincts, Canterbury, CTI 2EH +44 (0) 1227 762862

enquiries@canterbury-cathedral.org www.canterbury-cathedral.org Facebook, Twitter & Instagram: @CburyCathedral







Oh What A Knight! - LEGO[®] Brick Masterclasses Tues 24 - Thurs 26 October

Can you help to create an army of LEGO[®] Brick Knights to fill Canterbury Cathedral?

Join professional LEGO[®] Brick Artists and Designers, Kevin Hall and Emily Corl from Brick Galleria - the LEGO[®] experts from TV's Celebrity LEGO MASTERS UK at Christmas - for three days of LEGO[®] Brick Masterclasses for the whole family, inspired by Canterbury's medieval knights!

For all those who already build and want to expand on their LEGO[®] building skills, come along to discover how to make a knight out of LEGO[®] and then get creative as you uniquely customise it with armour, shields, swords and... well, whatever you can imagine! Show us your awesome builds our favourites will stay on display throughout the sessions.

Priced event. See website for details.

Suitable for ages 4+ (including parents and LEGO[®]-loving adults!). Children must be accompanied at all times.



FREE* Gregory Gargoyle's Tree-mendous Trail

Throughout October

From our great Baobab Tree to our beautiful Purple Beech Tree, there's lots to discover in the Cathedral's green spaces.

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

FREE* Gregory Gargoyle's Angel Trail

Throughout December

Look for clues in the stained-glass windows, statues, stone, and wall paintings to find some of our many angels across the Cathedral and learn about their history and importance.

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

FREE* Christmas Activities at the Cathedral

Wed 20 - Fri 22 December, 11:00-15:00 Enjoy family-friendly Christmas crafting.

For more information, keep an eye on our website and subscribe to our newsletter.

*Included with visitor entry.

Music

Our world-class musicians regularly perform song and organ recitals, and choral and orchestral concerts in the Cathedral.

FREE Informal Organ Recitals

Featuring the Cathedral's resident organists and guests, this series of recitals are free of charge and un-ticketed, with a retiring collection. All start at 18:15 in the Cathedral Quire.

Fri 8 September Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music

Fri 15 September David Newsholme, Director of Music

Fri 22 September William Campbell, Organ Scholar

Further informal organ recitals will take place on Fri 6 October, Fri 13 October and Fri 3 November.

More information about these and future informal recitals can be found on our website and in our monthly Music Lists: canterbury-cathedral.org/music/

War Horse Concert

Fri 10 November, 19:30

In this very special concert, Michael Morpurgo retells an abridged version of *War Horse* accompanied by Ben Murray, with music and songs from the National Theatre production (which Ben also starred in as the Songman).

War Horse is one of Michael Morpurgo's most beloved books. Told from the perspective of a young farm horse, Joey, it follows his story as he is taken from the fields of Devon to the Western Front and all the people he encounters along the way. Set in 1914, young Joey is sold to the British army and thrust into the midst of the war. With his officer, he charges towards the enemy, witnessing the horror of the frontline. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him.

Tickets: Adults £22, Children £12 (Including £2 booking fee per ticket) Book at canterburyfestival.co.uk

Please note this performance is suitable for audiences aged 9+



Handel's Messiah by Candlelight Sat 2 December, 19:30 The girl choristers and Lay Clerks of Canterbury Cathedral will be joined by period instrument ensemble.The Harmonious Society of **Tickle-Fiddle** Gentlemen, and a stellar line up of critically-acclaimed soloists, for a candlelit performance of Handel's Messiah. Directed by David Newsholme, in the beautiful surroundings of Canterbury Cathedral Quire, this concert will be an intimate presentation of some of Handel's most enduring music. Price - £20 per ticket, plus £2 booking fee

Book at canterburyfestival.co.uk

Keep an eye on our website and subscribe to our newsletter for details of upcoming events.

Services

Feast of St Luke the Evangelist Wed 18 October, 12:30 Eucharist

Feast of St Simon and St Jude Sat 28 October, 12:30 Eucharist

All Saints Day Wed I November 12:30 Eucharist, 17:30 Evensong

All Souls Day

Thurs 2 November 12:30 Holy Communion 16:30 Said Evening Prayer 17:30 Choral Requiem

Remembrance Day Sat 11 November 11:00 Extended Act of Remembrance

Remembrance Sunday

Sun 12 November 10:10 Civic Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying, in the Buttermarket 10:45 Civic Service of Remembrance (Doors open at 10:10) 12:30 Sung Eucharist

Feast of St Andrew the Apostle Thurs 30 November, 12:30 Eucharist

Feast of St Stephen Tues 26 December, 12:30 Eucharist

Feast of St John Wed 27 December, 12:30 Eucharist

Feast of the Holy Innocents Thurs 28 December, 12:30 Eucharist

Evensong for St John's Bible Sat 11 November, 17:30

This will mark the presentation to the Cathedral of a Heritage Edition of the St John's Bible, commissioned by St John's Abbey and University, Minnesota.

This service is preceded by a lecture on the St John's Bible project at 15:00, in the Eastern Crypt. For more information please email Archives at archives@canterbury-cathedral.org

Pet Blessing Service Sun 8 October, 15:00

We invite you to join us at our Pet Blessing Service, as we celebrate and recognise the role our pets play in our lives. This is an open service for all.

This short family and domestic pet-friendly service will take place in the Nave where you can look forward to an animal-themed service including the blessing of pets, past and present. Attendees can also pick up a pet blessing certificate if they wish.

Booking not necessary. All animals must be kept on a leash or in a secure carrycase; Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

The Julian Prayer Meetings

Thurs 12 October, 18:30-19:00 Thurs 2 November, 18:30-19:00 Thurs 30 November, 18:30-19:00 If you are drawn to silent prayer, join our Julian Prayer Meetings (named after Julian of Norwich). The meetings are for people of all denominations, faiths or none who wish to join in silent prayer. For more information, please email Canon Emma at emma.pennington@canterbury-cathedral.org

See our website for details of all our services, and any closures in place.

See our Advent and Christmas services and events on pages 14-17.

Exhibitions

Discover our FREE* exhibitions at Canterbury Cathedral.

NEW - Viewing Gallery: Stories Set in Stone

This display includes exhibits dating from the 9th Century to the present day. As well as telling the story of how stone is carved, it explores how techniques and styles of working in stone have changed over the centuries.

Water Tower Corridor: Chalices, Flagons and Patens

Church practice through the centuries has been full of variety, and this can be seen in the objects used in worship, from simple communion cups to decorated chalices.

Water Tower: Monastic Life

In this interactive exhibition in the Cathedral's restored Water Tower, discover what day-to-day life was like for Canterbury's monks.



The Crypt: Making History -Church State and Conflict

This display in the Cathedral Crypt allows visitors to explore up close a unique collection of artefacts that tell the complex, and often violent, story of Church-State relations.

Amazing objects on display include the battle shield of Edward The Black Prince, a charter of King Henry II issued five years after the murder of Thomas Becket, and an I I th-Century document with the wax seal of William the Conqueror

*Our Crypt and Water Tower exhibitions are included with your Admission Ticket. Our Viewing Gallery exhibition does not require a ticket. Children must be accompanied at all times.

Guided Tours

*£5 per person, plus admission charge. Book at our Visitor Centre.

'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 the Cathedral.

Stained Glass Windows Tour*

Tuesdays and Saturdays, 11:15-12:15, 5 September - 23 December (Some exceptions apply*)

Did you know that some stained-glass windows at Canterbury Cathedral are amongst the oldest in the world? Join us on a guided tour, offering an introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern. * There is no tour Tues 12 September. Tues 10 October tour will be 14:15-15:15.

Library Tour Wed 4 October, 14:00-15:00 Wed 18 October, 14:00-15:00 Wed 1 November, 14:00-15:00 Wed 6 December, 14:00-15:00 A 45-minute guided tour in our Library building, to learn more about the Library and its fascinating collections, and to explore some of the unique items close-up. £8 per person. Cathedral admission not included. Pre-booking required, not suitable for under-12s.

UNESCO Tour: Foundations of Faith

Thurs 5 October, 09:30-16:30 Discover more about the introduction of Roman Christianity to Britain.

Join this guided tour of St Martin's Church, St Augustine's Abbey and Canterbury Cathedral, three historic sites that together make Canterbury a World Heritage Site. There will be some outdoor elements at all sites. Appropriate clothing and footwear is advised. £52 per person, including scone and refreshments. Book online at www.canterburyunescotour.co.uk

Cathedral Precincts Tour*

Fri 6 October, 12:15-13:30 Fri 13 October, 12:15-13:30 Fri 20 October, 12:15-13:30 Fri 27 October, 12:15-13:30 Walk the perimeter of the Cathedral and

discover how it was first built and altered over time, discovering adornments, statues and grotesques along the way. Hear why the Cathedral Crypt is above ground and why the feet of Stephen Langton, a major influencer of Magna Carta are out in the cold. *All aspects of this tour will be outside*.

American Tour*

Columbus Day: 9 October, 11:15-13:00 Veterans Day: 11 November, 11:15-13:00 Thanksgiving: 23 November, 11:15-13:00 Discover the strong bond that 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 Canterbury Cathedral adorns their churches.

For more information about any of our tours, please email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org

Advent and Christmas

The Song of the Angels

This Christmas season, Canterbury Cathedral delves into the story of the song of the Angels to the shepherds, bringing you a series of services, events and decorations to celebrate their message of peace and goodwill to all.

All are welcome to join our services over the Advent and Christmas season.

All services of worship are free to attend. Tickets must be purchased for some events.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org

Advent Carol Service* Sun 3 December, 17:30-18:30

This beautiful service at the beginning of the season of Advent brings together music, readings, and the lighting of candles.

St Nicholas Family Service*

Sun 10 December, 17:30-18:15 A short service for children and families to celebrate the story of St Nicholas.

Festival of Carols*

Sun 17 December, 17:30-18:30

Join us at a new seasonal service featuring popular songs, carols and readings that capture the peace and joy of Christmas.

Canterbury Choral Society Family Carols

Mon 18 December, 19:00-20:30

Sing a selection of the finest carols with Canterbury Choral Society and the Festival Brass Ensemble. Book online at canterburychoral.co.uk

Demelza House Carols Tues 19 December, 19:30-21:00

A popular festive service with readings and carols to support Demelza, the local children's hospice care charity. Book online at demelza.org.uk/events

The Friends' Carol Service Wed 20 December, 19:00-20:00

Everyone is welcome to attend our Friendly traditional service in the Nave. Hear the Cathedral bells ring out to greet you as you arrive!

Family Crib Service Sat 23 December, 10:00-10:45

A joyful and informal service for children and families which tells the story of the birth of Jesus, with music from the Cathedral Choral Scholars and the singing of traditional Christmas Carols.

Cathedral Carol Service* Sat 23 December, 17:30-19:00 Sun 24 December, 17:30-19:00

A major highlight of the Cathedral's year, our Carol Services feature music by our worldfamous Cathedral Choir, and readings to tell the story of the birth of Christ. Both Cathedral Carol Services are un-ticketed, with doors opening at 16.30 for each service.

Midnight Mass Sun 24 December, 23:00-00:10

This traditional night-time communion service ends at midnight, marking the dawn of Christmas Day and celebrating the joy of when the Angels appeared to the shepherds.

Christmas Day Eucharist Mon 25 December, 11:00-12:30

A celebration of the birth of Christ led by the Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, with the clergy and choir of Canterbury Cathedral.

Our standard 08:00 Holy Communion and 09:15 Said Matins will also take place on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Evening Prayer with Carols

Mon 25 December, 15:00-16:00

With a beautiful arrangement of carols and readings, hear once again the story of Christmas and experience the peace and goodwill which the angels announced.

Memorial Service for the Martyrdom of St Thomas Fri 29 December, 17:30-18:30

834 years after his death, we recall the story of Archbishop Thomas Becket, reflecting on martyrdom then and now. This service is led by the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop of Chelmsford.

Epiphany Carol Service Sun 7 January 2024, 17:30-18:30

A beautiful carol service to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.

*There is no Evensong or Said Prayer this day.

"The Song of The Angels" -Talks by our clergy

This series of five talks takes you into the heavenly realm of angels to explore what they are and how their message of "Peace and Goodwill to all" still resonates as powerfully today as it did when given to shepherds on a hill side centuries ago.

Man, Messenger, Word, Angel, Lord...: Divine Visitors in the Hebrew Scriptures with Canon Tim Thurs 23 November, 18:30-19:30

Wings of Desire: Angels in Popular Culture with Canon Andrew Thurs 30 November, 18:30-19:30

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones: Exploring the Nine Heavenly Realms of Angels with Canon Emma Thurs 7 December, 18:30-19:30

Go on, be an Angel: Angels and Pastoral Care with Dean David Thurs 14 December, 18:30-19:30

Fear Not: The Song of the Angels with Archdeacon Will Thurs 21 December, 18:30-19:30

Advent Calendar of Angels

A series of videos which will include short reflections on angels in stone, glass and music. These will be released on the Cathedral YouTube channel, every Monday to Saturday in Advent.

Please see our website for details of all our services, events, and any closures.

FRIENDly Events

The Friends are a part of the Cathedral community who work together to preserve this magnificent place, by contributing financially to many vital projects.

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

Friendly Singing for Wellbeing Mon 9 October, 14:00-15:00 Mon 13 November, 14:00-15:00

Mon 11 December, 14:00-15:00

St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 INH Turn up for a cuppa and a biscuit followed by some 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.

TALK: Aphra Behn – Playwright, Poet, Spy Tues 3 October, 14:30

Born in Harbledown in 1640, it's probably fair to say that not much would have been expected from Eaffry Johnson. Who could have predicted she would travel, survive the Great Plague, become a spy, start writing, and, after dying at the height of her success, be buried at Westminster Abbey – and then become almost entirely forgotten until the early 20th Century? £10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.

TALK: Tudor Canterbury – From Catholic to Protestant Tues 10 October, 10:30

What was it like to live through the momentous religious changes of the 16th Century in Canterbury? In this talk, Doreen Rosman, former lecturer at the University of Kent, will explore local conflicts to which changing government policy gave rise.

£10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.

TALK: Jan Van Eyck's Mystic Lamb

Thurs 9 November, 14:30

The Ghent Altarpiece, or 'The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb' by Jan Van Eyck, completed in 1432, is recognised worldwide as a great work of art, and one of the most influential paintings ever made. But what is the real story behind this painting that was once ransomed for I million Belgian francs? Brenda Tate-Lovery, former Open University lecturer and Friend, will unpack the complex imagery, and explain what makes this possibly the most important altarpiece in Northern European art.

£10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.

TALK: Setting it Out – Stone Masonry at Canterbury Cathedral

Wed 29 November, 10:30

Cathedral masons Emlyn Harris and Benn Swinfield will talk to Friends about the work of our stone masons. They will explain about the team of artists, sculptors, heavy labourers, and technicians whose combined heritage skills have looked after our Cathedral for the last 1,400 years and whose expertise will ensure that it will still be here in the 31st Century and beyond. £10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.

TALK: Prior Wibert's Wonderous Waterworks Mon 4 December, 11:30

Friend Dick Bolton will speak to Friends about the goings on in the Priory in circa 1160 which led to the development of a water system that rivalled anything else in the rest of Europe and which, at the time, served to make our Cathedral gardens an earthly vision of Paradise.

£10 per person (£8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral), includes tea and coffee on arrival.

Book at canterbury-cathedral.org/friends

For more information you can call The Friends' Office at 01227 865292 or email friends@canterbury-cathedral.org

Events supported by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Charity No 256575).



Give the gift of Friendship

The Friends are the Cathedral's fan club. They organise trips, tours, talks, and other events for all ages.

As a Friend, you also receive a 10% discount at the Cathedral Shop and Canterbury Cathedral Lodge (some exclusions apply).

Why not join as Family Friends so the whole family can enjoy the Cathedral for generations to come?

> Get 15 months for the price of 12 if you join today and quote WO2

www.canterbury-cathedral.org/friends

Luxmuralis presents

Renaissance

Tues 26 – Sat 30 September

Timed entry slots from 18:45 daily Tickets £15, children (under 16) £12

Tickets can be booked online at www.canterburyfestival.co.uk

Luxmuralis follow up last year's incredible Shine at Canterbury Cathedral with a thrilling opening to this year's Festival – prepare for *Renaissance*.

Visitors are invited to become immersed in the greatest paintings and artworks of the time, to explore through light art and bespoke compositions the wonder and awe that revolutionised Europe, and bridged the gap from the Dark Ages to modern day civilisation.

Images courtesy of Luxmuralis.

The tour is expected to take 45 minutes and requires walking and navigating steps in limited light. Not suitable for those sensitive to flashing lights or loud music. The route is not suitable for buggies; buggy parking will be available.

Suitable for all ages – Under 2s go free.

Please note the full route is not accessible for visitors with mobility or other special requirements due to the architecture of the

building. Nave-only accessible sessions take place at 18:45 daily. This limited route is offered at a reduced price of £8.



The Canterbury Festival

Kent's international arts festival returns from 26 September – 4 November to light up the city as the autumn evenings draw in. Presenting local favourites, fresh faces and some truly unique experiences!

Ticket prices vary, depending on event. All events listed take place at Canterbury Cathedral; other Canterbury Festival events can be found online.

Find out more and book tickets online at canterburyfestival.co.uk

Festival Chamber Orchestra: Music To Feed The Soul (Music) Sun 8 October, 16:00 - Cathedral Lodge

The Tallis Scholars (Music) Sat 21 October, 19:30 - Cathedral Nave

Festival Evensong (Music) Sun 22 October, 17:30 - Cathedral Quire

David Reekie: The Mysterious Death of Christopher Marlowe (Community) Mon 23 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Helen Czerski: Blue Machine -How the Ocean Shapes our World (Science) Mon 23 October, 20:00 - Cathedral Lodge Sara Wheeler: Glowing Still -A Woman's Life on the Road (Community) Tues 24 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Sir David Haslam: Side Effects - How our Healthcare Lost its Way (Science) Tues 24 October, 20:00 - Cathedral Lodge

Dr Robert Gallagher: Canterbury and the Making of England in the 10th and 11th Centuries Wed 25 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Dr Kathryn Harkup: Superspy Science -Science, Death and Tech in the World of James Bond (Science) Wed 25 October, 20:00 - Cathedral Lodge

Tim Marshall: The Future of Geography - How Power and Politics in Space will change our World (Community) Thurs 26 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Frisia meets Canterbury (Music) Thurs 26 October, 19:30 - Cathedral Nave

Peter Barber: Pride and Prejudice in Andrews and Dury's Topographical Maps of Kent & Canterbury, 1768-9 (Community) Fri 27 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Dr Geoffrey Webber: All things Scarlatti (Music) Sat 28 October, 18:15 - Cathedral Lodge

Armonico Consort: The Forgotten Scarlatti - The Greatest Musical Find of the Century (Music) Sat 28 October, 19:30 - Cathedral Nave Oliver Soden: Masquerade – The Lives of Noël Coward (Community) Mon 30 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Louise Gray: Avocado Anxiety - and other stories about where your food comes from (Science) Mon 30 October, 20:00 - Cathedral Lodge

Gregory Doran: My Shakespeare – A Director's Journey through the First Folio (Community) Tues 31 October, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

The Climate Emergency: What we can do to avert Global Disaster (Science) Tues 31 October, 20:00 - Cathedral Lodge

Michael Wood: In Search of the Dark Ages (Community) Wed 1 November, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

The Blean Bison Project: The Spirit and Science of Rewilding (Science) Wed 1 November, 20:00 - Cathedral Lodge

Geoffrey Munn: A Touch of Gold (Community) Thurs 2 November, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

William Sieghart: The Poetry Pharmacy Forever (Community) Fri 3 November, 17:45 - Cathedral Lodge

Canterbury Choral Society and CCS Youth Choir: Haydn's The Creation (Music) Sat 4 November, 19:30 - Cathedral Nave



Treat yourself (and the Cathedral)

Discover hundreds of unique products and special gifts in-store and online with our Cathedral Shop.

All profits go towards the upkeep of Canterbury Cathedral





Discover our exclusive 2024 calendar, this year's official Canterbury Cathedral Christmas cards, and advent candles.

www.canterbury-cathedral.org/shop





À LA CARTE DINING & SUNDAY LUNCH

The Refectory Restaurant, Canterbury Cathedral Lodge Located in the beautiful historic grounds of Canterbury Cathedral

Enjoy a splendid à la carte dinner or Sunday lunch - with alfresco dining available.

Open Wednesday to Saturday evenings and Sunday lunchtime. To make a table reservation, please call 01227 865350



www.canterburycathedrallodge.org