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 29th November2026

The First Sunday of Advent

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)			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

Blessing of the Crib

We are so grateful to our friends at *The Canterbury Tales Experience* who have researched and constructed our new crib, using some materials from our old set of figures, and also enabled those who come, to hear the Christmas story and carols sung by the Cathedral Choir. It is a truly magnificent piece of work.

Advent Carol Service - today at 17.30

This evening at 5.30, the Advent Carol Service will take place in the Nave. This is when we come together to hear the beginning of the story of salvation, through scripture and music, poetry and stirring hymns. Please do join us as we begin the journey that ends in the stable at Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

Advent Reflections

Our Friday Advent Reflections with the Dean are on Fridays at 12.30 in the Compass Rose. All are very welcome for a short service of reflection and music

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.

Blood donations

As always at this time of year the NHS seeks support for the winter months. There is an informative official NHS website: https://my.blood.co.uk/

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

Governor Vacancy Simon Langton Boys

The Dean chairs the trustees of Jesus Hospital and because of historic connection, the trustees need to nominate a school governor. In terms of skill sets, the school is especially in need of people who have current financial expertise or skills which can assist with health and safety. Please can any interested people who would like to be considered contact dean@canterbury-cathedral.org

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 Book Recommendation

Local author Tanya Marlow's new book Treasures in Straw: Exploring the griefs and gifts of the Christmas story – (see also the Michael Ramsey seminar below),
The book is available in the cathedral shop priced £9.99 and it can also be purchased online as an e-book from the publishers Bible Reading Fellowship. 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. We are not offering a book or study group but perhaps those using it might initiate conversations of interest one to another.

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. You can book via: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autumn-term-michael-ramsey-talk-tickets-2004479531237?aff=oddtdtcreator or via the website.

Local Advent Retreats run by Eddie Gilmore

December 4th: 'Light in the Darkness.' A Retreat Day at Minster Abbey.
December 7th- 11th: Advent online Retreat with daily speakers.
Contact gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

Worship in the rest of the Christmas season

Once we have finished our carols and hymns of Christmas joy, the season continues until Candlemas on 2nd February. Visiting choirs will sing some of the services after Christmas, up to 5th January when we have Solemn Evensong for the eve of Epiphany.
On 6th January there will be Sung Eucharist for the Epiphany at 5.30.
On Sunday 10th January there will be the usual Sung Eucharist in the morning and then the Epiphany Carol Service at 5.30. This is a service filled with beautiful music and helps us to move from the birth of Jesus to his Baptism and first miracle – the turning of water into wine at the Marriage at Cana – and from this we can enter into his life and ministry as we look forward to Lent and Easter.