

The Song of The Angels - Thursdays

between 23 November - 21 December, 18:30-19:30, Community Studio

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.

This is a free event, but booking is essential if attending in person.

Recordings of these talks will be available on the Cathedral YouTube channel after the event.

Please book via the Cathedral website, under What's On

7 December: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones: Exploring the Nine Heavenly Realms of Angels with Canon Emma

14 December: Go on, be an Angel: Angels and Pastoral Care with Dean David

21 December: Fear Not: The Song of the Angels with Archdeacon Will

TALK: Prior Wibert's Wonderous Waterworks Monday 4 December 2023

11:30, Clagett Auditorium

When Prior Wibert died in 1167 his obituary was recorded for the Chapter of Christ Church. It included a notice that he built "a watercourse with its ponds, conduits and fish pools, which water it carried nearly a mile from the town into the precinct and thus miraculously through all the offices of the very Precinct itself".

Extraordinarily plans of Prior Wibert's waterworks have survived, giving a glimpse of the day-to-day workings of the Priory, for the monks and their tenants and visitors. 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 rivals anything else in the rest of Europe and which, at the time, served to make our Cathedral gardens an earthly vision of Paradise.

Tickets: £8 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £10 non-members, includes tea and coffee on arrival

Cathedral Worshipper Roll

We are now have the forms and technology to update the Cathedral Worshipping Roll. This is for those who habitually worship at the Cathedral and is in line with the new Cathedrals Measure which is coming into force now. You need to apply even if you have been on the previous Cathedral Roll. You can do so online by going to: <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worshipping-community-roll-application-form/>

or by filling in a form that can be collected from Reception in Cathedral House.

If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral, please use the following link:

<https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/donate/online-form/>

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 3rd December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

8.00 Holy Communion

9.15 Matins

11.00 Choral Eucharist (Sunday)

15.00 Huguenot Service
(in French, Sunday only)

17.30 Choral Evensong

Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

7.30 Matins (9.15 Bank Holidays)

8.00 Holy Communion

11.00 Bell Ceremony

12.30 Holy Communion
(Wednesdays and Feast Days)

17.30 Choral Evensong

Sunday Club

Sunday club meets every Sunday in term time in the Water Tower, with children coming in at the time of Communion to receive a blessing. Sunday club is open to all children up to 13. We ask that parents stay with those who are below school age.

Today 5.30pm Tonight is our **Advent Carol Service**, in the Nave at 5.30. Please do come to join us as we start a new Christian year and as we begin our preparations for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Tuesday 5th December 7.30pm **Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Regimental Carol Service**
Get ready to sing your heart out as we celebrate the joyous holiday season together. The Princess of Wales's Royal Regimental Band will play festive carols, supported by two fantastic school choirs from Wickhambreaux CE Primary School and Spring Grove School. The event promises to be a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and family, and embrace the festive spirit.

Sunday 10th December 5.30pm **St Nicholas Family Service**

This short service for children and families is a joyful celebration of the story of St Nicholas and a chance to find out more about the original Santa Claus!

Free to attend, and everyone is welcome.

Dates for your diary at the Cathedral and across the city:

Festival of Carols with Nativity Tableau - 17th December at 5.30

On 17th December we will be having a Festival of Carols, a shorter, more congregational carol service in the Nave. During the service, we will build up a tableau of the Nativity Scene. If you would like to take part in this - as Ox or Ass, Shepherd, Wise Man, or Angel please email Claire Harland at claireharland49@gmail.com

Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour

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, with a focus on our windows depicting the Nativity story at this special time of year.

Tues 5 December, 11:15-12:15, Sat 9 December, 11:15-12:15

Tues 12 December, 11:15-12:15, Sat 16 December, 11:15-12:15

Tues 19 December, 11:15-12:15, Sat 23 December, 11:15-12:15

News and Events from Christians Together in Canterbury

'Revive us O Lord'

Prayer Meeting, **10am-1pm Saturday 9th December** in St Thomas Church Hall

'Shine your light'

3pm Saturday 9th December in the Butter Market

New Life Church invite you to join them in singing a carol or two and giving out festive treats .

Invitation for those in church leadership to attend an evening with Nicky Gumble at KICC, **10th December 2023**

Simon Redman writes: We have been invited by Rebecca, a church leader at Trinity Baptist Church in Wincheap, to a KICC church leaders worship night on the **10th December at 6pm** at their church centre in Chatham. The key speaker is Nicky Gumbel, formerly head of Holy Trinity Brompton Church and the innovator behind the modern Alpha courses. KICC stands for Kingsway International Christian Centre and their website link is shown here <https://www.kicc.org.uk>

The Big Christmas Lunch, 11am-3:30pm on Christmas Day, Canterbury Baptist Church
The Baptist Church Hub and the All Saints Community Larder have joined forces to provide Christmas dinner for anyone who is going to be on their own on Christmas Day or who is unable to afford to have their own Christmas dinner. Places must be booked in advance and guests must be referred by a church, charity or other support agency. A £5 deposit will be taken with the booking and returned on the day, providing the guest attends the meal.

Gaza: Archbishops of Jerusalem & Canterbury in Emergency Appeal for Diocese of Jerusalem

The Archbishops of Canterbury and Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum and Justin Welby, have issued a joint emergency appeal for the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The international appeal calls for prayers and donations not only for the work of the Anglican-run al-Ahli Arab Hospital's vital work in Gaza, but also for the Diocese of Jerusalem's ministries throughout the Holy Land which are also being greatly affected by the Israel-Hamas war.

Responding to the appeal, a spokesperson for the Diocese of Jerusalem said: "Thank you again for all your prayers and support during this time of great calamity! Continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for security for all who dwell in its lands."

To give please go to: cafdonate.cafonline.org/24666

Wednesday 6 Dec, 14:00-15:00 Canterbury Cathedral Library Tour

The Cathedral Library collection includes books on a range of subject matters from the early decades of printing onwards, including books from some of the earliest European printing presses.

Join a 45-minute guided tour in the Library building on selected Wednesdays to learn more about the Library and its collections, and explore some of the collection close-up.

Tour costs £8 per person. Admission to the Cathedral not included.

Pre-booking required, not suitable for under 12s.

Christmas Decoration Making *

Saturday 16th December, 10:00-15:00

Complete your Christmas tree with the most perfect and hand-crafted angel decoration made uniquely by YOU.

Children (aged 17 and under) go FREE to the Cathedral, when accompanied by a paying adult.

*This event is included with visitor entry.

Gregory Gargoyle's Angel Trail *

1st December 2023 – Early January 2024

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!

Children (aged 17 and under) go FREE to the Cathedral, when accompanied by a paying adult.

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A La Carte Sunday Lunches in the Lodge

A La Carte lunches are available in the Lodge on 17th December. £32 for three, £26 for two and £21 for one course. A wide variety of options is available. Book via Canterbury Cathedral Lodge online, or call 01227 865350.