Canterbury Cathedral Community Picnic, 12.30-14.30, Sunday 26th May 2024, Green Court, The Precincts

Please join us on Sunday 26th May 2024 for our community celebration, dedicated to nurturing a spirit of togetherness and inclusion.

Relax and dine al fresco with your own picnic spread, enjoy family-friendly games, and explore areas not usually open to the public.

Bring your own picnic and relax in the beautiful surroundings of Green Court*.

Treat yourself: complement your picnic with a variety of scrumptious food and drink options – including soft and alcoholic beverages - available to buy from the Cathedral Lodge.

Enjoy a variety of family-friendly games, with Cathedral prizes to be won!

Explore areas of the Precincts not usually open to the public, including the Bastion Chapel in the old city wall.

Meet other members of our amazing Cathedral community.

Free entry: the Community Picnic is open to all Cathedral Passholders, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, congregation members, volunteers, Becket Patrons, and staff. Simply show your Cathedral Pass, Friends card, Patron card, Cathedral volunteer or staff card, or that day’s Order of Service when you arrive. There’s no need to book.

This event is a wonderful chance for members of our community to engage with one another, and to celebrate our collective identity and the shared journey that connects us all.

We look forward to welcoming you.

The Very Reverend Dr David Monteith
Dean of Canterbury

*For our congregation members attending that day’s 11am Eucharist, you are welcome to drop off your picnic before the service - between 10:30am to 10:45am at the Community Studio - and then collect it later in Green Court. Please note, items will not be refrigerated, and will be stored at your own risk.

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 METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Fifth Sunday after Easter, BCP)

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Dr T J N Naish

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

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun) Weekday Services (Mon—Fri)

8.00 Holy Communion 7.30 Matins (9.15 Bank Holidays)
9.15 Matins 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 and Feast Days)
17.30 Choral Evensong 17.30 Choral Evensong

Today 5.30pm At Evensong today we resume our series of homilies from members of the Cathedral Community. Tonight we hear from Pim Baxter who is a new Non-Executive Member of Chapter who was formally installed at Evensong last Sunday. She is a Licensed Lay Minister and worships in the Benefice of Kingsdown & Creekside and High Downs.

Ascension Day - Thursday 9th May

Ascension Day is a Principal Feast of the Church. In addition to our services of Holy Communion at 8am and 12.30pm and Festal Sung Eucharist at 5.30pm, Matins at 7.30am will be outside, gathering in the Oaks near the entrance to the Memorial Garden, as we join with members of the King’s School community who will be singing from the Corona Tower.

Celebration of 30 years of Women’s Ordination to the Priesthood

Saturday 11th May at 10.30 in the Nave - Sung Eucharist, President: The Bishop of Dover

The first Ordination of women priests in this diocese took place on 8th May 1994. To commemorate and celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of that very special day, do join us for this service where the preacher will be The Reverend Canon Estella Last.

Film Club, SUNDAY 12th MAY, 2.00pm in the Cathedral Lodge AV Room

Do come and join us for May’s film: AFTERSUN Director and Writer, Charlotte Wells

Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her father twenty years earlier. Memories real and imagined fill the gaps between as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn’t...

Aftersun (2022) Infrequent strong language, moderate sex references, upsetting scenes
**Dates for your diary and news from the Cathedral and around the local area.**

**Renaissance Lecture 2024 - Thursday 9 May 2024 17:00 Templeman Lecture Theatre, University of Kent.**

**Charles II: Conformity, Toleration & Supremacy**  
Charles II is often considered a ‘merry monarch’, but he was also serious about the politics of religion. This lecture explores his supremacy, his mixed success and the problems he faced in handling religious pluralism. Given by Professor Kenneth Fincham, Emeritus Professor of Early Modern History University of Kent  Reception to follow the Lecture. Teams link - https://bit.ly/memsren24  
This is a public Lecture - All are welcome

**“What is Anti-Semitism?” Tuesday May 7th 2024: Professor Rabbi Dan Cohn-Sherbok**

St Stephen’s Church Hales Drive, Canterbury 7.30pm start.  
Dan Cohn-Sherbok writes: ‘Jew-hatred has endured for over 20 centuries. This talk will explore the reasons that this has occurred. And most importantly it will argue that the rise in antisemitism following Hamas’ onslaught against Israel on Oct 7 has evoked a new and possibly the most dangerous form of antisemitism in its long history.’  
Dan Cohn Sherbok’s recent book is called: ‘Antisemitism: A World History of Prejudice’.

**Employment Opportunity - Chorister Chaperones**

Many people work behind the scenes to ensure that the cathedral provides the high standard of worship that our regular congregation and visitors expect: these include the Chorister Chaperones. An exciting opportunity has arisen for Chorister Chaperones to support the Chorister team by providing a presence with the Choristers whenever they are under the responsibility of the Cathedral. The role is to supervise the children in an appropriately pastoral manner, taking a proactive approach towards accepted standards of behaviour and ensuring that good practice in safeguarding matters is always observed. Please email precentor@canterbury-cathedral.org for more details and a job description.

**THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE in a time of crisis.**

**Day Conference, Cathedral Lodge, Saturday 18 May 2024, 9.15-17.30**

Centre for Anglican History & Theology, University of Kent  Opening lecture by Lady Brenda Hale, ‘Rebuilding Civil Society in Britain’ . Ten other speakers will explore the links between poverty and inequality, uneven development and environmental catastrophe, along with theologies adequate to meet today’s global challenges. Tickets include lunch and reception, concessions available. Full programme and booking: https://research.kent.ac.uk/anglican-history-theology/events.

**Canterbury Cathedral Organ Festival 2024**

Canterbury Cathedral will be holding an Organ Festival this summer, with an Organ Festival Open Evening, and three recitals by renowned international concert organists.  
The Open Evening, on Friday 24 May from 6.30pm, will be run by our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, and will include an introduction to the Cathedral’s organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020), a demonstration, and a chance for keen organists to play a short piece of their choice, time allowing. The Open Evening is free of charge and un-ticketed and anyone wishing to play should write to music@canterbury-cathedral.org in advance.

**Organ Recitals**

- **Friday 14 June – Tom Bell – Messiaen, Livre du Saint Sacrement**
- **Friday 21 June – Roger Sayer - programme to include music from Hans Zimmer’s Oscar-nominated score for the motion picture Interstellar**
- **Friday 5 July – Martin Baker - programme to include music by Stanford, to mark the 100th anniversary of his death.**

Each Organ Recital will start at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Quire. Tickets for the Organ Recitals are available via the Canterbury Festival Box Office and cost £15 per recital or £30 for all three recitals, plus booking fees of £2 per recital. Tickets for under 18s are free of charge and can be obtained by emailing the Box Office at boxoffice@canterburyfestival.co.uk https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/

**The Return of Luxmuralis - booking for congregation**

Experience the splendour of Coronations and the Crown Jewels in this amazing new immersive light show. Crown and Coronation will bring the spectacle, significance and shared experience of Coronations to life, demonstrating the pivotal role of the Crown Jewels, part of the Royal Collection, within the ceremony. The show will feature stunning imagery spanning more than 1,000 years of history, enhanced by the magnificence of Canterbury Cathedral – host to many kings and queens throughout its incredible history - where the projections and soundscape will sweep through the amazing interiors. The Crown Jewels, the objects at the very heart of the Coronation ceremony, will be projected through detailed footage and an emotive musical score, evoking the sensation of having a private audience with the magnificent collection.  
Crown and Coronation has been created by Historic Royal Palaces – the charity that cares for the Tower of London - in partnership with Luxmuralis, as part of an artistic collaboration between artist Peter Walker and composer David Harper. Luxmuralis worked with Canterbury Cathedral in September 2023, with the hugely popular Renaissance show. BOOK ONLINE at https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/24-28sept24-luxmuralis-presents-crown-and-coronation/  
£16 per ticket Visit duration: 45-60 minutes  
Entry timeslots available every 15 minutes from 18:30-21:30  
Accessibility: the 18:30 entry slot offers step-free access and lower audio volume.