

## 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](mailto: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. Our new Programme of Events has just been launched and includes talks, coffee mornings, day trips, recitals, and even an annual holiday!

### A FRIENDLY TALK The Bayeux Tapestry

Tuesday 20 January 2026, 10.30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

As we eagerly await the temporary return of this 11th Century Romanesque masterpiece to the British Museum in London, Patricia Erskine-Hill will speak to Friends about this immensely detailed embroidery that was probably commissioned by Bishop Odo, William the Conqueror's half-brother, to embellish his newly-built cathedral in Bayeux in 1077.

Over 58 scenes, which include 626 characters and 202 horses, the story shown in the textile begins in 1064 and ends with the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

But who stitched it and where? Does it have a connection to Canterbury? Is it a piece of medieval propaganda? Was it part of Napoleon's pre-TikTok social media campaign in 1803? And how did it survive the Second World War?

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee on arrival.

### A FRIENDLY EVENT The Friends' Coffee Concert

Tuesday 3 February 2026, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Your chance to be entertained by the Cathedral's Choral Scholars whilst enjoying coffee and pastries. This informal concert will showcase the progress and repertoire of the Scholars who joined the Cathedral in September 2025.

Expect a warm welcome and a mixed musical medley on a chilly Tuesday morning!

Tickets: £10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral, £15 non-members. Includes tea and coffee.

These events are organised by and in support of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 1210093). For more information about this and future events, help booking, or becoming a member, please call The Friends' Office at 01227 865292 or email [friends@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:friends@canterbury-cathedral.org)

### 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.

Please join us between 14:00-15:00 on the following Mondays: 9th February 2026; 9th March, 11th May, 8th June.

**Please send submissions for the Pew Sheet to:**

[tobin.wallace-sims@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto: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 18th January 2026**

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

**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 (9.15 Bank Holidays)
9.15	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
17.30	Choral Evensong	17.30	Choral Evensong Thursdays said Evening Prayer with Silence

### Our Preacher this morning

We welcome as our preacher this morning The Reverend Dr Mary Kells, who is the Rector of St Martin and St Paul in our city.

### Installations at Evensong

Today at 5.30, the Dean will install Natasha Traynor as a Non-Executive Member of Chapter and Charlie Maggs as Head Virger. Please pray for both of them at this time.

### Taizé Lunchtime Prayer

Taizé Prayer returns at 12.30 on Monday 19th January. Do join us for this special service of prayer through song.

### Holy Week Retreat: The People of the Passion

Wednesday 1 April – Sunday 5 April. Join our clergy for Holy Week at Canterbury Cathedral, and experience a deeper appreciation of the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth.

Our programme of events will take you through the experience of the darkness of the cross to the joy of Easter morning. Using Bible passages and art we will be reflecting on the different people that were involved in the Passion and Easter narratives and ponder how their faith was both tested and strengthened by these events. We will in turn explore our own journey of faith as we travel towards the cross and the renewal of Easter morning. The themes and people we will be focusing on include: £150 per person - Includes a full programme of special activities, as well as refreshments, and sandwich and soup lunch on Saturday.  
Book via: <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/whats-on/events/1-5april26-holy-week-retreat/>

## 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](mailto: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.

## Film Club - TODAY 2pm - AV Studio

EO 1hr 28min Director: Jerzy Skolimowski. Writer: Ewa Piaskowska& Jerzy Skolimowski  
Follows a donkey who encounters on his journeys good and bad people, experiences joy and pain, exploring a vision of modern Europe through his eyes.  
Certificate 15, Strong language, violence, threat

## Contemporary Theology Group - next talk

**Wednesday 21 January, 5 p.m.** The first talk in the ecumenical Contemporary Theology Group's 2026 programme will be given by local poet, poetry therapist, and memoirist, Victoria Field on **Contemporary Pilgrimage - what's really going on?** The talk will be held in the **Methodist Church, St Peter's St, Canterbury**. There is an entrance fee of £5 to cover costs and honoraria for our various speakers, but people in full-time education are welcome to attend free of charge.

## Cherry Johnstone RIP

Cherry was part of the Cathedral community since before practically anyone can remember: distinct and unique, she cared deeply about the place and its people.  
Her memorial service will take place on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 11.30 in St Mildred's Church, Canterbury, all are very welcome.

## Organ Open Evening Friday 27 February 2026, 18:30 in the Quire

Learn all about our Cathedral organ at our FREE Open Evening!  
This will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020) and demonstration by Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, followed by a chance for keen organists to play - time allowing - a short piece of their choice.  
This event is free to attend and un-ticketed. Anyone wishing to play the organ at this event should write to [music@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:music@canterbury-cathedral.org) in advance. The list usually fills up very quickly, so please get in touch soon if you would like to play.

## Cathedral Library Tours

Join a guided tour to learn more about the Library and to explore some of the collection close-up. The Howley-Harrison Library was rebuilt over the Infirmary Cloister in 1665 and recently restored to its splendid 19th century décor. It is the largest individual collection in the Library, made up of approximately 16,000 books and pamphlets.  
Our Cathedral Library collection includes books from the early decades of printing onwards, including books from some of the earliest European printing presses.  
Dates: Thursday 5 February, 14:00-14:45; Thursday 12 March, 14:00-14:45; Thursday 16 April, 14:00-14:45. £8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.  
Pre-booking required. Not suitable for under 12s.

## RSN Day Class: Dove of Peace and Huguenot Chapel Experience

Friday 6 March 2026, 10:00-16:00 in the Community Studio  
Embroider a beautiful Dove of Peace and enjoy a rare opportunity to visit The Huguenot Chapel, given to the refugee French Protestant Huguenots by Queen Elizabeth I more than 400 years ago. The Dove motif was designed by the Royal School of Needlework Embroidery Studio and is evocative of the Huguenot Dove you'll see on stonework within the Chapel. The design is worked onto a dark blue Irish linen, while the bird is Appliquéd in an ivory silk satin.  
On the day, RSN Tutor, Helen Stevens will teach you all of the techniques you need to know to complete the kit including: Appliquéd, Bayeux Stitch, Couching (thread and Japanese passing), Fishbone Stitch and Stem Stitch. This class is suitable for all levels.  
The event includes an exclusive opportunity to visit the Huguenot Chapel (French Protestant Church of Canterbury); originally the Black Prince's Chantry. Services are still held in French every Sunday afternoon, but it is not normally open to the public otherwise.  
This exclusive project is part of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral's unique association with the Royal School of Needlework, dating back to the 1930s.  
- BOOK YOU PLACE NOW -  
The class cost is £175 per student and includes all materials and necessary equipment to complete the project. Book via the Cathedral website.

## FREE to view exhibition (no admission required)

**Smashed, Bombed, Lost - Recovered** Tales of Canterbury's Stained Glass Viewing Gallery, Visitor Centre  
Over the centuries, Canterbury Cathedral's stained glass has been damaged by war and vandalism, or lost through iconoclasm, neglect or theft.  
What remains of those victims of violence can be inspiring - some glass was returned to the Cathedral, some repaired or re-purposed in surprising ways.  
This history of damage, restoration and resilience now inspires stained glass by a young Ukrainian artist, Yelizaveta Smirnova, which reacts to the current global crisis.  
This family-friendly exhibition is available to view every day during visiting hours.  
You do not need a Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' card to view this exhibition.

## Canterbury Choral Society presents Britten: St Nicolas 24th January.

To mark the 50th anniversary of Benjamin Britten's death, Canterbury Choral Society and Youth Choir will perform his popular cantata St Nicolas. This inventive work features dramatic storms and shipwrecks alongside touching scenes from the saint's life, with audience participation in two hymns.  
Joining the choir are the world-renowned London Mozart Players, who will also perform two of the finest English works for string orchestra by Elgar and Vaughan Williams.  
Together with Holst's moving Psalm 86, this promises to be an evening of rich enchantment and powerful storytelling.  
Book via: <https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/canterbury-choral-society-presents-britten-st-nicolas/>

## Valentine's Dinner at the Lodge

Spoil your loved one this Valentine's Day by treating them to an exclusive dinner at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge. Unwind on your special evening in the picturesque grounds of Canterbury Cathedral, whilst enjoying a 4-course fine dining evening, with a local pianist to entertain.  
Book your table for £60 per person – each guest receives a glass of Prosecco upon arrival.  
Tables are available to book at: 18:30, 19:00 and 19:30. Book via the website.