

Canterbury
Cathedral

What's On

September - December 2025

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

**Kids Go
FREE**

Visitor entry. T&Cs apply



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ALSO INSIDE...

Immersive sound and light show *Poppies* by Luxmuralis
Half term fun • The return of the Historic Christmas Market
Advent & Christmas preview
and much, much more!

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 opening times, 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.

Please take extra care when walking around our historic building, as the stone floors may be unpredictably uneven in places, and entry to some parts of the Cathedral is via stone steps or access ramps of varying gradients. Lighting levels may vary.

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Welcome from Dean David

Our theme this September to December is 'Hope'.

We've been looking forward with **hope** to news of who will be the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury.

Each new season of leadership and pilgrimage has its own character, both marked by our present commitments, but also marked by how we respond to life and events around us.

For the first time, there is the possibility that we might have our first female Archbishop which would be exciting. We'll welcome and support whoever is to be appointed.

We continue also to live in **hope** through the autumn, and into the winter and Christmas. Our worship will mark Harvest, All Saints and All Souls, Remembrance, and then Advent and Christmas - with the return of the Christmas Market. Each of these times has an appropriate mellowness, as the light dims and nature goes into sleep. So also it will be important to celebrate, gather for music, dancing and feasting in the growing cold and dark, reminding us of life's blessings, even if things are hard.

Our charity partner this Christmas will be Catching Lives (www.catchinglives.org) as we seek to raise the profile of their work, and to raise money as they support homeless people in and around Canterbury. Please be generous.

St Paul prays in the Bible 'that the God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace'. Whatever is going on this season - locally, nationally or internationally - that is also my prayer, which will be said daily for everyone who calls this place home, visits as a pilgrim or tourist, or simply pops in to see us out of curiosity or need.

David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury



How to use this guide

Services and events are listed in date order, with colour-coded symbols to show which type of event each is:

WS Worship & Spirituality

MP Music & Performance

AE Art & Exhibitions

TT Talks & Tours

MD Make & Do

CF Child Friendly



This guide offers a brief summary of these months' worship, events, child-friendly activities, and new visitor experiences at Canterbury Cathedral. Please go to our website for more information and, if required, ways to book.



Search canterbury-cathedral.org/events

Subscribe to our newsletter and stay up to date with all the latest events, news and offers.

Please note, the contents of this guide are correct at the time of publication, but may be subject to change. New events and services may also be added.

To avoid disappointment, when planning your visit we advise you to check our website for up-to-date details, seasonal service changes, and any closures in place.

Our Regular Services

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All are welcome. There is never a charge to attend a service of worship or come into one of the Cathedral's chapels to pray.

Our Chaplains lead prayers on the hour and are available outside of regular service times if you wish to speak with them. Confessions are also available throughout the day.

During choir holidays, we welcome talented visiting choirs - both national and international - to sing our regular services.

Monday to Saturday

07:30 Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer

08:00 Holy Communion

09:15 Saturdays: Morning Prayer

12:00 Fridays: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and Counsel

12:30 Mondays, during choir term time: Taizé Prayer

12:30 Wednesdays: Holy Communion

17:30 Mon-Wed & Fri-Sat: Choral Evensong [†]

Thursdays: Said Evening Prayer including silence

Sunday

08:00 Holy Communion (using the Book of Common Prayer)

09:15 Morning Prayer

10:30 Children's Church* in the Community Studio

11:00 Sung Eucharist [†]

17:30 Choral Evensong [†]

Sunday Worship for Children: Children's Church

Children and young people are a valued part of our worshipping community and there are a variety of ways for them to get involved and for families to find support.

At our 11:00 Sung Eucharist on Sundays*, there are parent-led crèche facilities for babies and toddlers, and we invite 5–11** year olds to join us for Children's Church from 10:30, where through story, songs, craft and games we worship together before joining the church family for communion.

*Children's Church runs most Sundays, but please check dates at canterbury-cathedral.org/worship

Children's Church is free, but with a suggested donation of £1 per family to contribute to running costs.

****Under 5s are welcome, but must be supervised by a parent/carer.**

Regular Talks, Tours & Exhibitions

**Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card. Kids go FREE every day! (T&Cs apply; does not apply to group bookings or school visits).*

FREE* Mini Talks

DAILY Between 10:00-16:00, various intervals

15-minute bite-sized talks about the Cathedral's history, delivered by our knowledgeable team. Subject to availability on the day. Ask at our Visitor Centre.

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'The Inside Story' Tour

Mon-Sat 10:30, 12:00 & 14:00; Sun 13:00

Discover the story of Canterbury Cathedral through its soaring architecture, beautiful medieval stained glass and the history that helped to make and shape it.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

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FREE* Exhibitions

DAILY during visiting hours - various locations

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Making History:

Church, State and Conflict

Western Crypt

Chalices, Flagons and Patens

Water Tower Corridor

Monastic Life

Water Tower

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/exhibitions

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LIMITED TIME ONLY FREE EXHIBITION

Smashed, Bombed, Lost - Recovered Tales of Canterbury's Stained Glass

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COMING SOON - KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE!

in the Viewing Gallery, Visitor Centre

Free for all to view - no admission required!

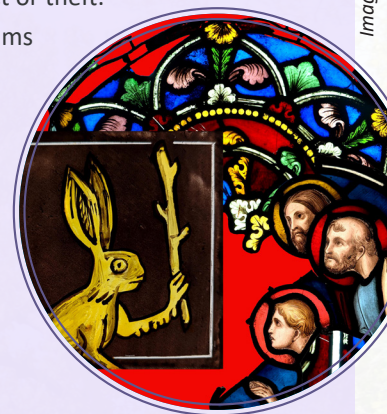
Over the centuries, Canterbury Cathedral's stained glass has been damaged by war and vandalism, or lost through iconoclasm, neglect or theft.

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, 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.



Reflective Guided Pilgrimages

**WEEKLY on a Thursday (please check dates),
16:30-17:00**

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Join us after visiting hours for a short guided pilgrimage around the Cathedral, stopping at places of significance for reflection and prayer.

All are welcome to join us afterwards for our evening service at 17:30, followed by a blessing for those who wish to attend.

Free to attend; but donations gratefully received.

See dates and more information at canterbury-cathedral.org/pilgrimage



Regular £5 Themed Tours

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All £5 per person, per tour, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/tours

American Connections Tour

Labor Day: Mon 1 September, 11:15-12:30

Patriots' Day: Thurs 11 September, 11:15-12:30

Indigenous Peoples' Day: Mon 13 October, 11:15-12:30

Fri 24 October, 11:15-12:30

Veterans Day: Tues 11 November, 11:15-12:30

Thanksgiving: Thurs 27 November, 11:15-12:30

Discover the strong bond that Canterbury Cathedral has had with the United States, throughout history.

'The St Thomas Becket Story' Tour

Wednesdays 3, 10 & 24 September, 11:15-12:30

Wednesdays 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 October, 11:15-12:30

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19 & 26 November, 11:15-12:30

Wednesdays 17 & 31 December, 11:15-12:30

SPECIAL TOUR Mon 29 December

(The Martyrdom of St Thomas Becket), 11:15-12:30



Uncover the full story of St Thomas Becket in the Cathedral, where echoes of his life and legacy resound.

Explore the places in the Cathedral associated with the life and death of the renowned saint and martyr, from the location of his shocking murder in 1170, to the site of his first tomb, where over 700 miracles were reported; and discover how the story was re-told in stained glass.

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Gentle Tours

Thursdays 4 & 18 September, between 14:15-16:00

Thursdays 2, 16 & 30 October, between 14:15-16:00

Thursdays 13 & 27 November, between 14:15-16:00

Thurs 11 December, between 14:15-16:00

Join us for our step-free tours, delivered at a gentle pace, in a smaller group; split into two parts, with a comfort break.

Hear the story of St Thomas Becket, feast your eyes on some of our oldest stained glass windows, and find out why there is a cannonball in an Archbishop's tomb!

Stained Glass Windows Tour

Fridays 5, 12, 19 & 26 September, 11:15-12:30

Fridays 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 October, 11:15-12:30

Fridays 7, 14 & 28 November, 11:15-12:30

FESTIVE TOURS Fridays 5, 12 & 19 December, 11:15-12:30

See 'Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour' (page 27)

An introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern.

Discover richly-detailed Bible-story windows, marvel at the Miracle Windows, and see the oldest stained glass in England.

'Women at Canterbury Cathedral' Tour

Tues 9 September, 11:15-12:30

Tues 2 December, 11:15-12:30

Canterbury's story is not just shaped by monks and monarchs.

Uncover the lives of the remarkable queens, noblewomen and more humble artists and makers who have all helped shape Canterbury Cathedral.

Historic Graffiti Tour

Thurs 18 September, 14:15-15:30

Thurs 25 September, 12:15-13:30

Tues 14 October, 12:15-13:30

Thurs 23 October, 14:15-15:30

Tues 11 November, 14:15-15:30

Tues 9 December, 12:15-13:30

Members of our Historic Graffiti Team will shine a light on a selection of historic graffiti found throughout the Cathedral.

Discover the limited time only exhibition "HEAR US" - coming to Canterbury Cathedral 17 October 2025 (see pages 18-19).



September

See also, Regular £5 Themed Tours (page 8)

LAST DATES IN 2025 'Climb the Corona' Tour TT

Wednesdays 3 & 10 September, 14:15-15:15

Fridays 5 & 12 September, 14:15-15:15

The Corona Chapel was built in the 12th century to house the crown - 'corona' in Latin - of St Thomas Becket's skull, which had been sliced off during his murder and was revered as a saintly relic.

Explore the Chapel, usually closed to the public, and climb the 95 steps to the top of the tower!

£12 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

This is a popular tour; pre-booking suggested. Over 16s only.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/tours

Read full tour information and restrictions before booking. *You will be required to sign a disclaimer, to confirm you have understood and will abide by the tour guidelines/restrictions.*

FREE 'Back to School' Event

Sat 6 September, 10:30-12:15

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Whether your child is starting school for the first time or transitioning into their next school year, this event is a truly unique and unforgettable experience for all the family!

10:30-11:00 Craft activities

11:10-11:40 Musical workshop

11:45-12:15 Joyful talk and blessing

Free to attend. All welcome.

Booking is preferred, but not essential.

Book at canterbury-cathedral.org/back-to-school

Free bag tags have kindly been sponsored by The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 1210093).

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FRIENDLY Singing for Wellbeing

Mon 8 September, 14:00-15:00

St Paul's Church Hall, Canterbury, CT1 1NH

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, and our Choral Scholars.

All welcome. Free to attend; donations welcomed.

This event is organised by and in support of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Charity No 1210093).

ONLINE BOOK GROUP

The Interior Castle by Teresa of Avila

Ten sessions between 9 September - 18 November

on Tuesday evenings, 20:00 - 21:00 GMT via Zoom

Among the mystics, St Teresa of Avila holds a unique position as a witness to divine realities. Her common sense, humour, and penchant for everyday images liven her writings; but she is above all remarkable for her analytical abilities in proving the mystery of God's workings in the soul. Join Canon Emma online to reflect and discuss this text.

The group is free, but donations are gratefully received.

Booking essential - Book your space to be sent a Zoom link.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

Private Evening Cathedral Tour TT

Fri 12 September, 18:30-20:00

Discover 1,400 years of history as you explore the Cathedral, hear stories of saints and royalty etched in stained glass and stone, and explore areas not usually open to the public.

£40 per person. Pre-booking required.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/tours

Hop Hoodening Service [†]

Sat 13 September, from 11:00 in the Cathedral

Join us for a uniquely Kentish celebration of the hops and harvest.

The service is followed at 12:00 by dancing in the Precincts and through Canterbury - in person. **All welcome.**

Free to attend; with retiring collection.

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MONTHLY Film Club Sun 14 September, from 14:00

MP

The Boy and the Heron (2023) | 12

Director & Writer: Hayao Miyazaki **Run time:** 2hr 4min

In the wake of his mother's death and his father's remarriage, a headstrong boy named Mahito ventures into a dreamlike world shared by both the living and the dead.

The first rule of Film Club, is that there is no charge for Film Club...(but any donations are gratefully received!)

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/film-club

A FRIENDLY EVENT Summer Serenade

MP

Fri 19 September, 18:30-19:30 in the Campanile Garden

Join us after Evensong for a late-summer evening of cocktails and canapés whilst we are entertained by some of our talented Cathedral musicians, led by Caroline McCartney.

Enjoy a mixed medley of classical and folk music in the stunning garden of The Lodge which overlooks our Cathedral.

**£30 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral;
£35 non-members.**

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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SPECIAL THEMED TOUR

'The Cathedral in WWII' Tours

Mon 22 - Fri 26 September, 12:30-13:45

Sat 27 September, 11:30-12:45

Sun 28 September, 14:00-15:15

A special themed tour, aligning with the visit of Luxmuralis' immersive sound and light installation *Poppy Fields* (page 14)

Discover the story of how Canterbury Cathedral fared in WWII; from the preservation of precious stained glass, to the work of the brave firewatchers, perched on the roof, who saved the Cathedral from the worst of the Blitz.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

A FRIENDLY EVENT

Bruges – It's More Than Just Chocolate

**Tues 23 September, 10:30-11:30
in the Kentish Barn**

Melanie Gibson-Barton returns to give us insight into another culture, encompassing the history and geography of this European landmark. Attendees will also learn about the modern aspects of the attractive city of Bruges.

For audience members that have visited Bruges the talk will bring back memories and will show that there is much more to see in this city to inspire a return visit to explore in more depth.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members.

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Cathedral Library Tour

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Learn about our Library and view some of the amazing, historic collection close-up.

Not suitable for under 12s.

£8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.

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TICKETS SELLING FAST - BOOK NOW

Luxmuralis presents:

Poppy Fields

23 - 27 September 2025

For five nights this September - in the year of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day - Canterbury Cathedral will be illuminated with the immersive sound and light installation *Poppy Fields* by Luxmuralis, commemorating the First and Second World Wars.

The installations reflect on the end of WW1 and WW2 but, more importantly, look at the hopes and wishes for peace in our world.

The work includes artworks such as *Imagine Peace*, *The Second Day* and *Falling Leaves*, and recorded poetry readings of WW1 authors read by Oscar-winning actor Eddie Redmayne OBE.

Music is by David Harper, composer for Luxmuralis.



Viewers said:

"We were amongst the first to see this wonderful exhibition last night...Very moving, a "must see"!"

"Amazing to see the way light and pictures are used to make us think about peace, the utter devastation from the war shown in the silent films, to the continuing effect war and peace has on lives shown in different installations. I look forward to seeing it again".

Visit duration: approx. 45-60 minutes

Entry timeslots every 20 minutes, between 19:00-21:00

Accessibility: The 19:00 entry slot offers step-free access and lower audio volume.

Tickets:

- General Admission: £16
- Family Ticket (up to 2 adults & 2 children under 12): £50 - available between 19:00-20:00
- Accessible/Step-free Ticket: £10 - available for 19:00 slots



Find out more
and book now!

Enhance your evening with dinner at The Lodge!

Bookings available between 18:30-20:15 each evening

Treat yourself to a delicious three-course meal in the Refectory Restaurant, before or after your light show slot.

Two-courses - £30 per person

Three-courses - £40 per person

View menu & book at canterburycathedrallodge.org/events

canterbury-cathedral.org/poppy-fields



October

See also, Regular £5 Themed Tours (page 8)

Private Evening Cathedral Tour

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£40 per person. Pre-booking required.

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Animal Blessing Service

Sun 5 October, 15:30-16:00 in the Precincts

A celebration and thanksgiving service for all animals.

All animals must be kept on a leash or in a secure carrycase.

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County Harvest Service [†]

Sun 5 October, 17:30-18:30 in the Cathedral

Together, we will gather with the farming community across Kent to give thanks for the harvest.

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A FRIENDLY EVENT

Stone on Stone -

the Men Who Built the Cathedrals

Tues 7 October 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Standing in a cathedral, it's hard not to wonder how ordinary human beings could have created sky-scraping, dizzyingly high buildings on which even the top-most parts were delicately decorated, in an age before even the simplest of power tools. Speaker Imogen Corrigan will tell us the story of the men who built the cathedrals of the medieval era: who they were, how they lived and how with the simplest of hand tools they created the astonishing buildings that hundreds of years later still stand as monuments to their ingenuity and skill.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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Cathedral Library Tour

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MONTHLY Film Club **Sun 12 October, from 14:00**

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Pan's Labyrinth (2006) | 15

Director & Writer: Guillermo del Toro **Run time:** 1hr 58min

In 1944 Spain, a girl is sent to live with her ruthless stepfather. During the night, she meets a fairy who takes her to an old faun. He tells her she's a princess, but must prove her royalty by surviving three gruesome tasks.

The first rule of Film Club, is that there is no charge for Film Club...(but any donations are gratefully received!)

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/film-club

NEW Behind the Scenes:

Book and Paper Conservation in Action

Tues 14 October, 11:00-12:30 in the Conservation Studio

A rare chance to see behind the scenes of the Archives and Library, in our conservation and bookbinding studio.

Learn about the skills and techniques required to repair fragile paper, parchment, bindings and seals, and view some fine and rare examples of bindings from our collections.

£25 per person. Cathedral admission not included. Pre-booking required; not suitable for under 18s.

Book at canterbury-cathedral.org/tours

Regrettably, due to the location, this tour is not wheelchair accessible, and is not suitable for those with limited mobility.



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[†] **Live streamed on our YouTube Channel.**

FREE Informal Organ Recital

with Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music

Fri 17 October, 18:15 in the Quire - after 17:30 Evensong

One in our series of informal organ recitals, featuring the Cathedral's resident organists and guests.

Free and un-ticketed; with a retiring collection.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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LIMITED TIME ONLY FREE* EXHIBITION

"HEAR US"

at Canterbury Cathedral

17 October 2025 – 18 January 2026

A unique collaboration between poet Alex Vellis, curator Jacqueline Creswell, and marginalised communities.

Through graffiti-style displays within the Cathedral, participants pose personal questions to God, merging contemporary inquiries with ancient architecture.



The project highlights graffiti as a means of reclaiming public spaces, preserving cultural heritage, and affirming identity. By blending traditional and innovative elements, "Hear Us" explores the dynamic interaction between faith, art, and community, offering participants a platform for creative expression and self-discovery in a sacred setting.

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Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/hear-us

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We will also be running a special programme of events to complement the unique exhibition "HEAR US":

FREE* Historic Graffiti Mini Talks

Tuesdays 21 & 28 October, 12:10-12:30

Fridays 24 & 31 October, 12:10-12:30

An introduction to the historic graffiti found in the Cathedral Crypt, delivered by our knowledgeable team.

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Historic Graffiti Tour

Thurs 23 October, 14:15-15:30

A detailed exploration of the history of graffiti, delivered by members of our Historic Graffiti Team; highlighting a selection of carvings found across the Cathedral.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.

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FREE* Historic Graffiti Family Tour

Thurs 30 October, 12:10-12:55

Plus an artist's talk, free* Mini Talks and family-friendly graffiti-themed craft activities, and more...

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/hear-us

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A FRIENDLY EVENT

Who Was Thomas Becket?

Tues 28 October, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

We've all heard of Thomas Becket – or at least the dramatic events at the end of his life, and the martyrdom and miracles that came afterward. But what was Becket's background?

Cathedral Guide Maggie Price will speak about the early life and career of the man who will eternally be known as Saint Thomas of Canterbury. This is the first of two talks on Becket.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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FREE* Half Term Fun

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Magnificent Mini Golf in the Chapter House

Sat 25 October, 10:00-16:00
(last entry 15:45)

Sun 26 October, 12:30-16:00
(last entry 15:45)

Mon 27 - Fri 31 October,
10:00-16:00 (last entry 15:45)



Challenge your group to a game of mini golf in the stunning setting of Canterbury Cathedral's Chapter House - the largest Chapter House in England!

Suitable for ages 3+. Children must be accompanied at all times by parents/carers.

Drop-in activity; queues likely.

Family Tours

Monday 27 - Friday 31 October, 11:05 & 13:30

Bring your little historians to Canterbury Cathedral to hear stories of Becket and the Black Prince, Monks and Miracles, Tombs and Towers.

Tours are aimed at children aged 6 - 13, but enjoyed by all!

Tours last 45 minutes, and pre-booking is suggested.

To book, email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/half-term

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All Saints' Day Services

Sat 1 November (All Saints' Day), 17:30 Sung Eucharist[†]

Sun 2 November (All Saints' Sunday), 17:30 Solemn Evensong[†]

We gather together to celebrate all saints of the Church.

Choral Requiem for All Souls' Day[†]

Mon 3 November - All Souls' Day (transferred), 17:30

We pray for and remember all who have died.

Remembrance Sunday Sun 9 November

10:10 Civic Act of Remembrance and Wreath Laying

10:45 Civic Service of Remembrance[†]

12:15 Sung Eucharist

MONTHLY Film Club Sun 9 November, from 14:00

The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943) | U

Directors & Writers: Michael Powell & Emeric Pressburger

From the Boer War through World War II, a soldier rises through the ranks in the British military. Though Winston Churchill was famously tempted to suppress the film, it's now acknowledged as a humanist testament and one of the finest British movies ever made. **Run time:** 2hr 43min

The first rule of Film Club, is that there is no charge for Film Club...(but any donations are gratefully received!)

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/film-club

Remembrance Day Tues 11 November

11:00 Act of Remembrance

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Safeguarding Season: 12 - 28 November

This November, we will be marking our first Safeguarding Season with a number of events and services to lament, listen and learn from the survivors of abuse, and reflect on failures of the Church of England to keep everyone safe.

These will include: Safeguarding Sunday (16 November), with Rev'd Ravi Holi as preacher; time for discussion over coffee; a designated Chapel as a place of prayer for Victims and Survivors; an opportunity to tie ribbons on the railings outside Cathedral House to create a LOUDfence to show support and solidarity for those affected by abuse; publication of our Victims' and Survivors' Charter; and more.

Keep an eye on our website for further details.

A FRIENDLY EVENT

Becket - the Murder and What Happened Next?

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Tues 18 November, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Almost every visitor to Canterbury has been told a version of Becket's murder - even if it is only the nursery rhyme, *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*. But what really did happen in the lead up to the Archbishop's assassination?

In her second talk, Cathedral Guide Maggie Price will explain what the effects of the aftershock of Becket's demise meant for the church - in Rome as well as England - and also the citizens and Crown. Both immediately and for years after.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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Handel's Messiah by Candlelight

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Sat 22 November, 19:30-22:00 in the Quire

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*.

This concert will be an intimate presentation of some of Handel's most enduring music in the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral Quire.

Tickets available via Canterbury Festival from mid-Sept.

canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on

Canterbury Festival Box Office, Festival House, 8 Orange Street, Canterbury, Kent CT1 2JA / 01227 457568

A FRIENDLY EVENT

ABCDE - Project 106

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Mon 24 November, 11:30-12:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Since 597AD, there have been 105 Archbishops of Canterbury (ABCs) – the first being Saint Augustine. The Church of England is currently involved in Project 106: the search for the next ABC. But who decides who will become the ArchBishop of Canterbury Designate/Elect?

The Archdeacon of Canterbury, Will Adam, and Dean David will explain the processes that the Church of England and the Office of Crown Appointments have followed throughout 2025. At this exclusive talk, they will reveal the latest information and may, perhaps, be able to tell us more about the ABCDE, when the Enthronement might take place here in Canterbury, and what their own roles in the Service will be.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members

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EXCLUSIVE ONSITE PARTNERSHIP CLASS

RSN Day Class: Robin Design

Sat 29 November, 10:00-16:00 in the Community Studio

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Embroider a beautiful festive robin, with Royal School of Needlework tutor, Kathryn Sanders, inspired by the James I Charter issued to the City of Canterbury in 1608.

There will also be an opportunity to visit the Cathedral Archives to enjoy a brief curated viewing of the original Charter; an exquisite illuminated document of historic significance.



This exclusive partnership class is part of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral's unique association with the Royal School of Needlework, dating back to the 1930s.

£175 per student; includes all necessary materials and equipment

Find out more & book at royal-needlework.org.uk/courses

SEASONAL QUIET DAY

Advent with Julian of Norwich: 'Fear, Hope and Love'

Sat 29 November, 10:00-16:00

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An opportunity to find space for quiet and reflection, before the countdown to Christmas, aligning with our Advent and Christmas theme for this year - 'Hope'.

The day will include three talks, accompanied by quiet times in some of the loveliest and least-known Cathedral chapels.

£12 per person; with free Cathedral entry.

Booking essential, as spaces are limited.

Those in receipt of Universal Credit or with refugee status are welcome to attend this quiet day for free (upon verification of status) - enquire via email to book for free.

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**Included free with a valid Cathedral Admission Ticket, Cathedral Pass or Friends' Card. Kids go FREE every day! (T&Cs apply; does not apply to group bookings or school visits).*

FREE* Gregory and Peti's Star Trail

Sat 29 November - Sun 4 January,
during visiting hours

Explore the Cathedral to find all 8 stars, and return your completed trail to the Cathedral Shop to claim your prize!



Christmas Drop-in Activities

Sat 29 November, 11:00-15:00 - **FREE to all**
in the Viewing Gallery

Saturdays 6, 13 & 20 December 11:00-15:00 - **FREE***
in the Cathedral

FREE* Festive Storytelling

Sat 29 November & Saturdays 6, 13 & 20 December,
14:00-15:00 - various locations in the Cathedral

Join Deborah Hart, from TinyTalk Kent Downs, for festive family-friendly storytelling in the Cathedral.

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/christmas

And much, much more!

More events are still to be announced, keep an eye on our website and our Advent & Christmas What's On Guide.



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See also, Regular £5 Themed Tours (page 8)

A FRIENDLY EVENT

Angels and Demons in Art

Tues 2 December, 10:30-11:30 in the Clagett Auditorium

Brenda Tate-Loverly, a former Open University lecturer, will explore interpretations of Angels and Demons, depicted in art since the earliest times; looking at how different generations of artists have interpreted them, from 5th Century to modern day, in the context of belief and practice.

In the vivid imaginations of artists, we will explore how these spiritual beings have become actors in storytelling, stimulating emotional reactions, from fear to humour.

£10 Friends of Canterbury Cathedral; £15 non-members.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/events

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SPECIAL SEASONAL TOUR

'Christmas at the Cathedral' Tour

Thursdays 4, 11 & 18 December, 11:15-12:30

Mon 22 December, 11:15-12:30

Learn how Christmas was celebrated by the Benedictine monks here in the Middle Ages, with pittances and a compulsory bath; how the origins of a popular Christmas carol can be traced in a stained glass window in the Crypt; and even how the Puritans banned Christmas in 1647, resulting in Canterbury's infamous Plum Pudding Riots!

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

Book at our Visitor Centre on the day of your visit, or email visits@canterbury-cathedral.org to reserve your space.



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Cathedral Library Tour

Thurs 4 December, 14:00-14:45

Learn about our Library and view some of the amazing, historic collection close-up. *Not suitable for under 12s.*

£8 per person. Cathedral admission not included.

Find out more & book at canterbury-cathedral.org/tours

SPECIAL SEASONAL TOUR

Festive Stained Glass Windows Tour

Fridays 5, 12 & 19 December, 11:15-12:30

An introduction to the history and range of stained glass found at the Cathedral, from medieval to modern, with a focus on depictions of the Nativity Story.

£5 per person, plus Cathedral admission charge.

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MONTHLY Film Club

Sun 14 December, from 14:00

Past Lives (2023) | 12

Director & Writer: Celine Song **Run time:** 1hr 46min

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply-connected childhood friends, are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea.

Twenty years later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront notions of love and destiny.

The first rule of Film Club, is that there is no charge for Film Club...(but any donations are gratefully received!)

Find out more at canterbury-cathedral.org/film-club

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Advent and Christmas 'Hope'

All our seasonal services are free to attend with retiring collections to help cover our costs.

Our charity partner this Christmas is **Catching Lives**.

If you require additional arrangements to attend any of our services please email events@canterbury-cathedral.org

Nativity Scene in the Precincts

Our beautiful nativity scene will be on display throughout Advent and Christmas, as part of the Christmas Market.

Journeying to Christmas Reflections

*Fridays 28 November & 5, 12 & 19 December,
12:30-13:00 in the Nave*



Advent Carol Service[†]

Sun 30 November, 17:30-18:30



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

Air Ambulance Charity KSS Carol Concert

Mon 1 December, 19:30-20:45 in the Nave



Find out more at aakss.org.uk/events

St Nicholas Family Service[†]

Sun 7 December, 17:30-18:15 in the Nave



Join us and over 200 local school children, as we celebrate the story of St Nicholas. All welcome.

Festival of Carols with Living Nativity[†]

Sun 14 December, 17:30-18:30 in the Nave



With a range of seasonal music and readings, this service includes a living nativity scene made up of adults and children from our Cathedral community.



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Friends' Carol Service[†]



Mon 15 December, 19:00-20:00 in the Nave

Our FRIENDLY traditional service. All welcome.

This event is organised by and in support of The Friends of Canterbury Cathedral (Registered Charity No 1210093).

Demelza House Carol Service

'Celebration of Christmas'



Tues 16 December, 19:30-21:00 in the Nave

Book online at demelza.org.uk/events

Canterbury Choral Society Family Carols

Wed 17 December, 19:00 - 20:30 in the Nave



Book online at canterburychoral.co.uk

Candlelit Reflection with Organ Meditation[†]



Sun 21 December, 17:30-18:30

Evening Prayer with Congregational Carols

Mon 22 December, 17:30-18:00 in the Crypt



Cathedral Carol Services[†]



Tues 23 & Wed 24 December, 17:30-19:00

Popular services; queues likely. Doors open at 16:30.

Both Carol Services are un-ticketed.

Family Crib Service

Wed 24 December, 10:00-10:45



Midnight Mass Wed 24 December, 23:00-00:15



Christmas Day Thurs 25 December



08:00 Holy Communion

09:15 Said Morning Prayer

11:00 Christmas Eucharist[†]

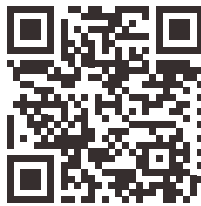
15:00 Evensong with Carols[†]

Memorial Service for the Martyrdom of St Thomas[†]



Tues 29 December, 17:30-18:30

**More details to be announced on our website
and in our Advent & Christmas What's On Guide.**



Special Events at The Lodge

To book for an event
call 01227 865350 or email
events@canterburycathedrallodge.org

All events at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge have limited availability and must be pre-booked.

Full pre-payment will be taken at the time of booking and is non-refundable, unless we are able to re-sell places booked.

A Stitch in Time: A Day Exploring the Textiles of Canterbury Cathedral

Mon 15 September, 10:15-17:00

Canterbury Cathedral holds a fascinating collection of textiles. These include some fabric fragments and items of church dress dating from medieval times.

This day will provide a unique opportunity to find out from our experts more about the history of these items and how they are used and cared for. Tea, coffee and pastries will be available upon arrival; with a two-course lunch in between; and tea, coffee and cake to finish the day - all included.

£75 per person

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'A History of Canterbury Cathedral in 20 Objects' Talk & Afternoon Tea

Fri 29 September, 14:30-16:30 in the AV Room

Join us for a fascinating talk by Cressida Williams, Archives and Library Manager, about the potted history of the Cathedral, told through some of the fascinating items from its collections. Followed by a full afternoon tea, in the Refectory Restaurant. **£27 per person**

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The Festive Season

Pre-payment or a deposit will be taken at the time of booking Festive Lunches, Shared Festive Party Nights or New Year's Eve; this is non-refundable. See full Christmas T&Cs on our website.

Festive Lunches

Throughout December (enquire for availability)

Begin your festive celebrations at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge and join one of our festive three-course lunches.

£32.50 per person

FOR GROUPS

Shared Festive Party Nights

Various dates in December (enquire for availability)

This includes a three-course festive meal and disco.

Sundays-Thursdays: £42 per person

Fridays & Saturdays: £49 per person

Minimum group size: 8 people

New Year's Eve Gala

Wed 31 December, 18:30 - 01:00

Enjoy a glass of Prosecco and canapés on arrival, followed by a five-course gala dinner and petit fours; DJ and dancing, with music by popular 7-piece Band 'Co Co'; and a glass of Prosecco and a Scottish Piper at midnight to ring in the New Year together!

£129 per person

+ 1-night & 2-night stay packages available

This event is for over 18s only.



The FRIENDS of Canterbury Cathedral

Let's be FRIENDS

The Friends are the Cathedral's fan club!

We are a community who work together to help support this magnificent place.

Friends also benefit from free entry to the Cathedral and its Precincts, access to exclusive trips and events, e-newsletters, a 10% discount in the Cathedral Shop and Cathedral Lodge (some exclusions apply), an annual Friends' Day, Friends' Carol Service, and a special welcome event in the summer.

Get 15 months for
the price of 12 if you
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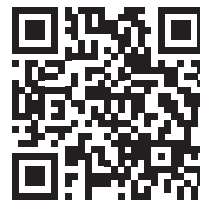
Give the Gift of Friendship

Membership starts at just £35 and includes a welcome pack with a Friends' card and badge.

The Friends can even dispatch the gift on your behalf!

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Cathedral Shop



**Treat yourself
and the Cathedral!**

All profits go towards the upkeep of Canterbury Cathedral



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CATHEDRAL LODGE
Canterbury

**Why not stay overnight
and wake up to views of
the Cathedral from your
bedroom window?**

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge is our unique hotel and conference venue, situated within the Cathedral Precincts, with stunning views of the Cathedral, and comfortable accommodation.

It is also a superb venue for meetings, conferences and events, as well as parties and wedding receptions.



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Canterbury Christmas Market

14 November - 24 December 2025

**The 600-year-old Christmas Market
returns to the Cathedral Precincts, part
of Canterbury's stunning city-wide festive
market - now the largest in the county!**

With free entry to the Cathedral grounds, and a huge variety of gifts, crafts, food and activities to discover, it's the perfect way to get into the Christmas mood.

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