

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

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.

A FRIENDLY TALK

Life in a Changing City – Canterbury 1825-1910

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

Popular speaker Doreen Rosman will continue her series of talks about the history of Canterbury. A boy born in 1825, who survived into the 20th Century, would have lived through a time of major technological change: the coming of railways, gas and electric lighting, telephones and cinemas, bicycles, cars, and even an aeroplane.

This talk explores how these developments would have impacted on his life, and how the city changed before his eyes. Doreen Rosman taught history at the University of Kent. Her 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.

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

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 by Wednesday please



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY
Welcome to our services for the week beginning Sunday 1st February 2026

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Dr Emma Pennington

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

Candlemas celebrations

Tomorrow (Monday 2nd) is the Feast of Candlemas, when Jesus was forty days old and was presented in the Temple as the first-born son of his parents. This day marks the end of the Christmas season, when we turn our minds and hearts towards the coming of Lent. Children's Church will be making Christingles during the Eucharist this morning, and will have them blessed at the end of the service. At 5.30 this evening, there will be Solemn Evensong for the Feast of Candlemas, and tomorrow at 5.30 there will be a Sung Eucharist with Procession to the Font. Do join us as we celebrate this feast.

Out and about in the Diocese and beyond

The Dean is preaching and presiding this at the Benefice Service at All Saints' Cheriton this morning, and attending the Installation of new Prebendaries at St Paul's Cathedral, London in the afternoon.

Funeral of Mrs Ruth Simpson

The funeral of Mrs Ruth Simpson, the widow of Dean John Simpson, will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at 11am.

Racial Justice Sunday - 8th February

Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday, and we welcome as our preacher the Reverend Guy Hewitt, who is the Director of the Church of England Racial Justice Unit.

In a time of international, national, and local tension, it is vital that we are able to discern what God wants for all his children, and how we, as a church, can work towards achieving that. Please come along to hear Guy speak and to pray for the unity of all people, from whatever race, creed or background.

Faith, Culture, and the Arts Seminar – 11th February, 11am-1pm

The University of Kent and Canterbury Cathedral present a new regular seminar on Faith, Culture, and the Arts, to explore key themes of theology, culture, spirituality, the arts, and social justice in an accessible and inclusive setting. It is organised by the Michael Ramsey Chair in Theology, Professor of Faith, Culture and the Arts, Jonathan Arnold. The first seminar will take place in the Community Studio, Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, The Precincts, CT1 2EH, on Wednesday 11th February at 11am. Our first speaker will be Rev Jon Marlow, who will be speaking on Provocation and Invitation: Engaging Theologically with 'Hear Us' at Canterbury Cathedral. Jon is Head of Vocations for the Diocese of Canterbury. His MA was preparatory work for a qualitative study of how visitors to English cathedral experience and interpret contemporary art installations. All welcome. Lunch and refreshments provided. For more information email jarnold@diocant.org

PASTORAL CARE TRAINING COURSE 2026

The Dean's Pastoral Care Team is now operational and would welcome more members. Another Pastoral Care Training Course is therefore being offered and will be open to any regular worshipping member of the cathedral who would like to explore if this area of the church's ministry might be for them.

Consisting of six training sessions run over six consecutive weeks the course will again be led by the Pastoral Care Team Leader, Revd Carol Smith, together with the Revd Sara Bimson.

These training sessions will be held in Canterbury on a Wednesday from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, beginning on Wednesday 20th May. (please note revised date)

Commitment to attending all six sessions is required, although attendance will not automatically oblige participants to go forward. At the end of the course each participant will be offered a one-to-one evaluation with one of the course leaders to learn what the course revealed so that, together, the right path ahead for the participant's ministry may be discussed and agreed. Pastoral Care Team members are volunteers and each person who goes forward must be prepared to undergo the appropriate CoFE Safeguarding Training and DBS application process.

For enquiries and/or enrolment on this course,

kindly email: carol.smith@canterbury-cathedral.org as soon as possible.

Note: Deadline for submissions, Friday 10th April.

A FRIENDLY RECITAL, Winter's Journey

Tuesday 24 February 2026 14:00-15:00 in the Eastern Crypt

We are delighted to welcome the return of the Rev'd Dr Jonathan Arnold, Executive Director of the Social Justice Network and Lay Clerk, and Jamie Rogers, Assistant Director of Music, who will perform Schubert's song cycle, Winter's Journey.

The lyrics tell the rather sad story of a man unhappy in love who leaves his lover to wander in the ice and snow and reflect upon his human condition.

The songs, which will be in the original German, will be interspersed with readings of their English translations by our Canon Missioner, the Rev'd Dr Emma Pennington.

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

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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.

Open Table - 3.30 next Sunday at St Peter's Anglican Church

The Open Table network is a growing partnership of Christian worship communities that welcome and affirm people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA) and anyone who wants to belong to an accepting, loving community. This community meets on the second Sunday of each month in St Peter's Anglican Church in the city centre parish. Refreshments are served from 3pm, and the service begins at 3.30. The preacher will be The Reverend Lyn Overington-Hickford. You can find more information at www.opentable.lgbt

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. £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/>

Service following the Living in Love and Faith decisions

Mon 9 Feb 7.30pm St Martin in the Fields, London – Reaching for the Hem

A eucharist during General Synod offering a space to bring the hurt, anger and disappointment surrounding the LLF process and the place of LGBTQIA+ in the church.

President: The Bishop of Newcastle

Preacher: The Dean of Canterbury

All Welcome. No booking needed.