

Congregational Forum Sunday 14 April, Claggett Auditorium during post Eucharist coffee

Please submit any questions or comments to the Dean's EA Andrea Tadiwala by email or letter (andrea.tadiwala@canterbury-cathedral.org) by Easter Sunday so that responses can be considered in advance of our gathering.

The Dean is especially interested in identifying people and issues which can go to help grow and develop our Christian community here. If people have worries, then it is lovely to not only know about them but also to hear how they could be addressed as we build a community in which we all take our responsibility as best we can for shaping the identity and life of this place. How can we make this place sing with love and joy and mercy as much for others as for ourselves?

Free Precincts Trial, continues to 10 March 2024

Visitors are enjoying free entry to large parts of Canterbury Cathedral's Precincts daily from 9am to 9pm during our Free Precincts Trial. Sightseers only need to pay to enter the Cathedral building and areas including the Cloisters, Herb Garden and Chapter House during standard sightseeing hours. It is always free to attend a service of worship or to come into the Cathedral to pray.

See full details at <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/free-precincts/>

Refreshments during the Precincts Trial

We know how loved the kiosk is during the summer months, so during the Free Precincts trial, we are offering the same service from the Lounge in the Lodge. Open between 10am-4pm each day until 10th March, we will be offering savoury and sweet treats, as well as hot and cold drinks in the Lounge bar at the Cathedral Lodge. If you are a Friend of the Cathedral, you receive a 10% discount too.

The Textile Collections of Canterbury Cathedral—Thursday 29 February at 10.30

Cressida Williams, Archives and Library Manager, and Ariane Langreder, Conservator, will present this talk.

Tickets for each talk cost £8 for Friends and £10 for non-members, and include tea and coffee on arrival. Call in to The Friends' Office, 11 The Precincts or phone us on 01227 865292, or book online here <https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/get-involved/become-a-friend/>

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 18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Canon in Residence: The Reverend Andrew Dodd

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

Weekend Services (Sat & Sun)

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| 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)

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| 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 |

Today 5.30pm This evening we continue with our short homilies at Evensong. Today we will hear from Martin Burrell is a retired parish priest who worships regularly with us and is the Bishop's Honorary Adviser to Gypsy, Traveller and Romany Communities and active as a priest in the Diocese of Europe.

Pray with the Labyrinth TODAY 12:30–16:00

Pray and be mindful as you take a meditative walk in our Eastern Crypt, using a medieval maze pattern derived from that at Chartres Cathedral.

This is a free event. Leaflets and a guide will be available.

Taizé Prayer Services Mondays 12.30pm starting 19th February

This act of worship inspired by the ecumenical Taizé Community is made up of the singing of simple repetitive chants, short readings of scripture and silence. We shall be trialling this through the season of Lent as part of our Pilgrimage of Prayer with the support of our Choral Scholars. All are welcome to come and experience this way of praying. The service will take place in the Eastern Crypt and last approximately half an hour.

Communion and Confession in Lent

As many of you will know, in addition to the daily 8 o'clock Eucharist, there is also a celebration of Holy Communion every Wednesday at 12.30 in Our Lady Undercroft.

Also, every Friday from 12 noon to 1pm, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is offered in the chapel of Holy Innocents in the Crypt.

A Pilgrimage of Prayer: our Lenten theme

Growing in Prayer

Thursdays during Lent, 18:30-19:30 in the Community Studio

A five-session course on teaching and practicing prayer led by our Cathedral clergy, and supported by weekly Sunday sermons.

22 February, 18:30-19:30

Talk 2: "Prayer as action and contemplation" with Canon Emma

29 February, 18:30-19:30

Talk 3: "Methods: daily prayer, journaling, beads and fasting" with Revd. Wendy

7 March, 18:30-19:30

Talk 4: "Prayer with scripture and poetry" with Canon Tim

14 March, 18:30-19:30

Talk 5: "Public and Private Prayer" with Archdeacon Will

Free to attend, but pre-booking required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/growing-in-prayer-talk-series-3019969>

The joy of a toilet

In Lent as well as fasting we are also encouraged to give attention to doing good and in this case 'Twinning Our Toilets'. We will twin up one of our public or staff toilets with another toilet somewhere in the world where sanitation is not a given. This scheme builds new toilets in the two-thirds world and educates people around health and sanitation. There are 95 toilets in workplace or public spaces within the Cathedral Precincts. Each twinned toilet will get a certificate with a photo of the twin so that every time we 'go' we keep aware of what we have. Each toilet costs £60 and I'll start it off by pledging to twin a toilet. Maybe you could have a little fundraiser or club together to raise the £60. Or if you are feeling flush or half flush to donate accordingly! Please place your donation (Cheques to Canterbury Cathedral) in an envelope in the service collection or leave with Cathedral House Reception clearly marked 'Twinning our Toilets'. Dean David

Destruction in the Cathedral: a study day to mark the arrival of the Thomas Johnson's 'Quire of Canterbury Cathedral'

Canterbury Cathedral, Monday 11th March 2024, 11.15 to 17.15. Doors open at 10.45.

To mark the acquisition by the Cathedral under the Acceptance in Lieu Scheme of the painting by Canterbury artist Thomas Johnson of the 'Quire of Canterbury Cathedral', dated 1657. This is the earliest known depiction of the quire and is rare for portraying iconoclastic acts actively underway. Papers will be given by specialists in the fields of medieval and early modern history and the history of art. General admission £30 to include refreshments and sandwich lunch. For further details and to book, please email archives@canterbury-cathedral.org

The Cloud of Unknowing Lenten Book Group - Online

As part of our theme for Lent this year, a pilgrimage of prayer, you are warmly invited to join Canon Emma online each Tuesday evening from 8 pm to 9pm BST to reflect and discuss the great spiritual classic The Cloud of Unknowing.

Written in the fourteenth century by an unknown Carthusian, The Cloud of Unknowing is a unique and enigmatic masterpiece of medieval English mysticism. Its description of intense contemplation, motivated by love and stripped of all thought, as the way to the Divine still resonates today with those who seek God beyond all knowing and within the silence of our hearts. We will be reading the Penguin Classic version translated by A.C. Spearing and each week we will be focusing on just a few chapters which will take us roughly half way through the text. There will be an opportunity to complete the book in the weeks following Easter if the group so wish.

Each week Canon Emma will begin with a brief introduction followed by discussion and then concluding with prayer.

Week One 20th February – The Cloud of Unknowing: Introduction and Chapters 1 to 4

Week Two 27th February – The Cloud of Forgetting: Chapters 5 to 12

Week Three 5th March – The Life of Virtue: Chapters 13 to 16

Week Four 12th March – Mary and Martha: Chapters 17 to 23

Week Five 19th March – The Stirring of Love: Chapters 24 to 27

Please register your interest in joining this group so that we can send you the Zoom link nearer the time. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-cloud-of-unknowing-lenten-book-group-tickets-807580704627>

The group is free but any donation you may wish to make to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be warmly welcomed.

We would like your help - Strategic Planning workshops

We are looking to use the wisdom of our staff, our congregation and our volunteers to help us develop the cathedral's new Strategic Plan. We are holding three Strategic Planning Workshops and we would like to invite you to join in one of them.

They will be held on

Monday 19th February, Wednesday 21st February Thursday 29th February

From 10.00am till 12:00 noon in the Community Studio (next to the Cathedral Shop).

All you need to bring with you are your own thoughts and a willingness to engage in group discussions. There will be a short video from Dean David explaining the process of creating a new Strategic Plan and a fun quiz halfway through; we hope to make it enjoyable and enlightening. We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Please visit this link <https://forms.office.com/e/CW98NJGWc6> to let us know if we can look forward to seeing you.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

If you cannot access this link, there is a signing up sheet in Cathedral House Reception.

If you would like to attend but are unable to make those dates, please do register your interest, as further workshops will be arranged if there is sufficient demand.