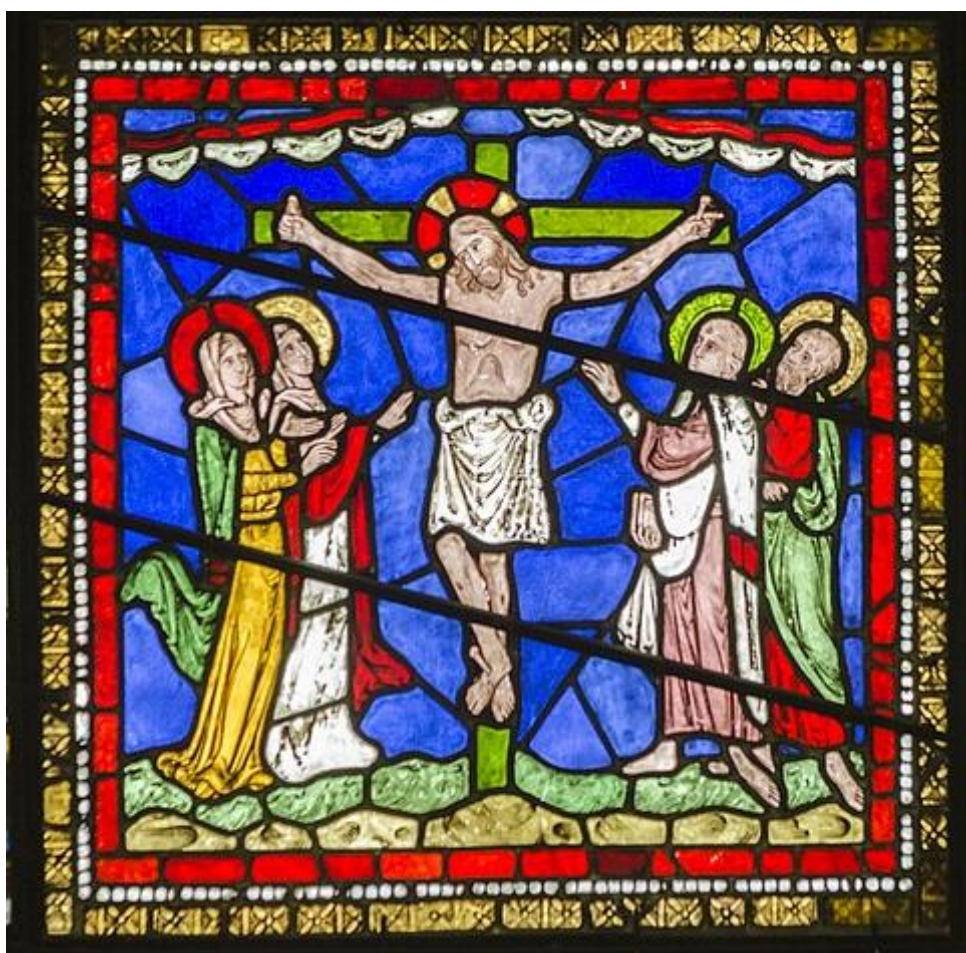


# Canterbury Cathedral

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## **Holy Week Retreat at Canterbury Cathedral: The People of the Passion**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

## Welcome to Canterbury Cathedral and Lodge for our Holy Week Retreat.

Please find the programme of events and services below. It is a full programme which will take you through the experience of the darkness of the cross to the joy of Easter morning. Please attend as much or as little of the events and services as you wish.

The theme of this retreat is: **The People of the Passion**. 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:

**Maundy Thursday – The tears of Peter**

**Good Friday – The witness of the Centurion**

**Holy Saturday – The compassion of Joseph**

**Easter Day – The first apostle, Mary**

You are invited over the next few days to enter more fully into the experiences of those who were involved in the events of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ and have become witnesses to the faith for all of us. Using words, music, action and silence along with the liturgy of the Cathedral, you will have the opportunity to reflect and ponder this central festival of the Church and what it means for you witness to faith in Jesus Christ today.

This is a silent retreat and therefore we encourage you to enter this place of stillness and reflection. If you wish to talk with another, please be sensitive to whether they are happy to have a conversation with you. Mealtimes and refreshments before the Bible studies are opportunities to share and reflect together.

Lunch on Holy Saturday will be served in the Refectory Restaurant – this will be soup, and a selection of sandwiches. Easter Lunch is also available on Easter Sunday, with tables available between 1:00-3:30pm. This is a three-course À la Carte meal which costs £42.50 per person. If you would like to book a table, please contact the Lodge directly by calling **01227 865350** or emailing

[events@canterburycathedralodge.org](mailto:events@canterburycathedralodge.org) and specify the time you would like to book and any dietary requirements.

If you are staying at the Cathedral Lodge, please note that check in is from 3pm, and check out is at 11am. If you plan to arrive in Canterbury before your room is ready, luggage can be stored in a secure storage room – please leave your belongings with reception.

Continental and cooked breakfast is included with all overnight accommodation and served in the Refectory Restaurant. We ask that you prebook your breakfast time with reception when checking in - the Refectory is open between 7:30-10:00am Monday-Friday, and until 10:30am on Saturday and Sunday.

## Programme

### **1<sup>st</sup> April    Wednesday of Holy Week**

- 4pm        Welcome and Introduction to the Retreat from Canon Emma - *in the Refectory Restaurant with tea, coffee and cake*
- 5:30pm    Holy Week: Reflections on Faith
- 9pm        Compline - *in the Common Room*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> April    Maundy Thursday: The Tears of Peter**

- 7:30am    Matins - *in Our Lady Martyrdom*
- 8am        Eucharist - *at the High Altar*
- 9:30am    Bible Study - *in All Saints' Chapel*
- 11:00am   Chrism Eucharist - *in the Nave*
- 1:30-3pm   Quiet Time
- 3pm        Time for Reflection - *in the Common Room with tea and coffee*
- 4pm        Evening Prayer - *in the Eastern Crypt*

7:30pm The Eucharist of the Last Supper with Foot washing - *in the Quire*

Followed by The Watch in the Crypt until 10.30 pm

### **3<sup>rd</sup> April    Good Friday: The Witness of the Centurion**

9:15am Matins - *in the Jesus Chapel*

10am Bible Study and Reflection - *in the Common Room*  
*With tea, coffee and hot cross buns*

12 noon Meditations on the Final Hours led by our guest preacher -  
*in the Nave*

1:45pm The Liturgy of the Cross

4pm Said Evening Prayer - *in the Eastern Crypt*

9pm Compline - *in the Common Room*

### **4<sup>th</sup> April    Holy Saturday: The Compassion of Joseph**

9:15am Matins - *in the Jesus Chapel*

10am Bible Study - *in the Common Room with tea and coffee*

12 noon Midday prayer - *in the Common Room*

1:30-3pm Quiet Time

3pm Time for Reflection - *in the garden of No 15*

4pm Said Evening Prayer - *in the Eastern Crypt*

7:30pm Easter Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter beginning in the  
Chapter House

### **5<sup>th</sup> April    Easter Day: The First Apostle, Mary**

8:10am Sung Eucharist - (please be sat by 7:45am latest)

- 9:15am Morning Prayer – *in the Western Crypt*
- 10am Bible Study - *in the Common Room with tea and coffee*
- 11:00am The Easter Eucharist
- 1:00-3:30pm Easter Lunch in the Lodge Refectory Restaurant  
(optional – please specify the time you'd like to book for)
- 2-4pm Quiet Time
- 4pm Blessing from Dean David and Farewell
- 5:30 pm Solemn Choral Evensong - *in the Quire*

**Please note that all timings and services may be subject to change.  
An up-to-date itinerary will be sent to all guests prior to the retreat  
beginning.**