

## Join the Cathedral Choir

The next round of auditions for boy choristers will take place on Saturday 11 May 2024. These auditions are for boys currently in Years 2-6. Successful candidates will be invited to join the choir in June 2024 (years 3-6) or September 2024 (Year 2). If you are interested in the auditions, please fill in the online form by Sunday 5 May to book a place.

The next round of auditions for girl choristers will take place on Saturday 29 June 2024. These auditions are for girls looking to join the choir when they begin year 8 in September 2024. If you are interested in the auditions, please fill in the online form by Sunday 23 June to book a place.

The online forms, more information about being a chorister, and further details about the audition itself can be found on our website, where you can read our Chorister Information Booklet, and a detailed section on "The audition process" with a helpful video.

<https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org/music/choir/join-the-choir/>

## Canterbury Cathedral Organ Festival 2024

Canterbury Cathedral will be holding an Organ Festival this summer, with an Organ Festival Open Evening, and three recitals by renowned international concert organists. The Open Evening, on Friday 24 May from 6.30pm, will be run by our Assistant Director of Music, Jamie Rogers, and will include an introduction to the Cathedral's organ (refurbished by Harrison & Harrison in 2020), a demonstration, and a chance for keen organists to play a short piece of their choice, time allowing. The Open Evening is free of charge and un-ticketed and anyone wishing to play should write to [music@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:music@canterbury-cathedral.org) in advance.

### Organ Recitals

Friday 14 June – **Tom Bell** – Messiaen, Livre du Saint Sacrement

Friday 21 June – **Roger Sayer** - programme to include music from Hans Zimmer's Oscar-nominated score for the motion picture Interstellar.

Friday 5 July – **Martin Baker** - programme to include music by Stanford, to mark the 100th anniversary of his death.

Each Organ Recital will start at 7.30pm in the Cathedral Quire. Tickets for the Organ Recitals are available via the Canterbury Festival Box Office and cost £15 per recital or £30 for all three recitals, plus booking fees of £2 per recital. Tickets for under 18s are free of charge and can be obtained by emailing the Box Office at [boxoffice@canterburyfestival.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@canterburyfestival.co.uk)

<https://canterburyfestival.co.uk/whats-on/>

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](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 21st April 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Canon in Residence: The Reverend A P 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<br>(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<br>(Wednesdays and Feast Days) |
| 17.30 | Choral Evensong                               |

Today 5.30pm At Evensong today we will be installing three new Non-Executive Members of Chapter. Please come along to support Pim Baxter, Guy Pericone and Paul Sylva, as they formally become members of the Chapter and pray for them as they begin this important work. We also pay tribute to Janice Reid and Caroline Spencer who have retired as lay members of Chapter after many years of service.

## Ascension Day - Thursday 9th May

Ascension Day is a Principle Feast of the Church. In addition to our services of Holy Communion at 8am and 12.30pm and Festal Sung Eucharist at 5.30pm, Matins at 7.30am will be outside, gathering in the Oaks near the entrance to the Memorial Garden, as we join with members of the King's School community who will be singing from the Corona Tower.

## Dean working but travelling

I head to Washington on 22nd to make connection with the National Cathedral, then go to Virginia Theological Seminary to speak, meet students and staff and to preach. I then travel to New York for the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral United States Board Meeting, make a Presentation and attend a Reception for potential supporters. I will preach at St Thomas Fifth Avenue on Thursday 25th and Trinity Wall Street on Sunday 28th. I fly back over night and go straight into a two day residential for the Cathedral Senior Leadership team at the Royal Foundation of St Katherine, Limehouse. I then travel to the Midlands in order to be part of the panel appointing the new Dean of Worcester. I will be in the office on Friday 3rd and I then fly to Germany for the weekend for a Confirmation Service.

# Dates for your diary and news from the Cathedral and around the local area.

## Taizé Prayer Services Mondays (excluding Feast Days), 12.30pm

After the success of this new service on Mondays, Taizé Prayer, with musical assistance from the choral scholars, will continue for the coming term. When there is a 12.30 Eucharist on a Monday as a Feast Day, there will be no Taizé Prayer. Upcoming dates are: 29th April, 6th May, 13th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June, 1st July, 8th July, 15th July.

## News from Churches Together in Canterbury (CTC)

### Contemporary Theology Group

**Wednesday 24 April:** The Messiah in Judaism and Christianity. NOTE CHANGE OF DATE. Dan and Lavinia Cohn-Sherbok, Professor Emeritus of Judaism, University of Wales, and former Principal, West Heath Girls' School, joint authors of works on Judaism and Christianity. 7.30pm at St Peter's Methodist Church, Canterbury.

## The Cloud of Unknowing Book Group : Tuesdays during the Easter season, 20:00 - 21:00 BST, via Zoom

Canon Emma is delighted to welcome you to complete this book in the six weeks after Easter each Tuesday evening from 8 pm to 9pm BST . Reserve your space and you will be sent a Zoom link for the event. The group is free, but any donation you may wish to make to the mission and ministry of the Cathedral will be warmly welcomed. Each week Canon Emma will begin with a brief introduction followed by discussion and then concluding with prayer. Week Four – 23rd April : The Faculties of the Soul: Chapters 62-68  
Week Five – 30th April : Nothing and Nowhere: Chapters 69 to 75  
In May we will be beginning a new book, The Revelations of Divine Love by Julian of Norwich.

## Employment Opportunity - Chorister Chaperones

Many people work behind the scenes to ensure that the cathedral provides the high standard of worship that our regular congregation and visitors expect: these include the Chorister Chaperones. An exciting opportunity has arisen for Chorister Chaperones to support the Chorister team by providing a presence with the Choristers whenever they are under the responsibility of the Cathedral. The role is to supervise the children in an appropriately pastoral manner, taking a proactive approach towards accepted standards of behaviour and ensuring that good practice in safeguarding matters is always observed. Please email [precentor@canterbury-cathedral.org](mailto:precentor@canterbury-cathedral.org) for more details and a job description.

## Renaissance Lecture 2024 - Thursday 9 May 2024 17:00 Templeman Lecture Theatre , University of Kent.

Centre for Medieval and Early Modern Studies

### Charles II: Conformity, Toleration & Supremacy

Charles II is often considered a 'merry monarch', but he was also serious about the politics of religion. This lecture explores his supremacy, his mixed success and the problems he faced in handling religious pluralism.

Given by Professor Kenneth Fincham, Emeritus Professor of Early Modern History University of Kent Reception to follow the Lecture.

Teams link - <https://bit.ly/memsren24>

This is a public Lecture - All are welcome

## "What is Anti-Semitism?" Tuesday May 7th 2024: Professor Rabbi Dan Cohn-Sherbok

St Stephen's Church Hales Drive, Canterbury 7.30pm start.

Dan Cohn-Sherbok writes: 'Jew-hatred has endured for over 20 centuries. This talk will explore the reasons that this has occurred. And most importantly it will argue that the rise in antisemitism following Hamas' onslaught against Israel on Oct 7 has evoked a new and possibly the most dangerous form of antisemitism in its long history.'

Dan Cohn-Sherbok's recent book is called: 'Antisemitism: A World History of Prejudice'. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby has written of this book that: "Dan Cohn-Sherbok has provided us with a magisterial overview of antisemitism ... Whatever your religion or your politics Cohn-Sherbok's Antisemitism is necessary reading.

## Saturday 18 May 2024, 9.15-17.30, CONFERENCE, Cathedral Lodge

The Church and Social Justice at a time of Economic Crisis and Environmental Catastrophe (University of Kent, Centre for Anglican History & Theology). Opening lecture by Lady Brenda Hale, 'Rebuilding Civil Society in Britain' and ten other speakers. Programme and booking form on CAHT Social Justice Conference | University of Kent or: <https://research.kent.ac.uk/anglican-history-theology/events>

## Canterbury Saints in April and May

In addition to the 'Red Letter' Saints' Days that appear in the Church of England calendar, at the Cathedral, we also give prominence to those Canterbury Saints who appear as 'Lesser Feast Days' across the church. The keeping of these special days includes an additional service of Holy Communion at 12.30 in the chapel of Our Lady Undercroft. In the next few weeks, we will remember: **St Anselm (22nd April)**, transferred from 21st) the great scholar and theologian of the High Middle Ages; **St Dunstan (20th May)**, transferred from 19th) the Saxon Monk-Archbishop, Patron Saint of metal-workers and bell-ringers, who was buried by the High Altar; and **St Augustine (27th May)**, transferred from 26th) who was sent by Pope Gregory to Kent to re-convert the people, and who founded our Cathedral and St Augustine's Abbey.

Do join us as we remember and celebrate those saints of past ages who have shaped the life of our church and nation.