

# Canterbury the place to be

Of all the places to spend time in Kent this Christmas, **Canterbury** has it all:

**Great shopping** from global brands to unique independent traders.

**Great eating and drinking** with an amazing range of coffee houses, tea shops, pubs and places to eat from quick bites to fine dining.

**Great accommodation** for that short stay or long weekend; a wonderful place for a pre-Christmas treat!

**And great Christmas days and nights out:** with the Marlowe Theatre putting on its world famous pantomime (this year it's *Aladdin!*); the Artisan Christmas fair at the *Canterbury Tales* attraction; Father Christmas and a Festive Christmas Market in *Whitefriars*; and the annual Saint Nicholas Parade in December...

**Christmas is Canterbury!**



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Meet 'The Choughs', Canterbury's heraldic birds!



# Canterbury at Christmas... a city of many parts!

Whatever you want this Christmas, you will find it somewhere in this most ancient of English cities. Canterbury is comprised of an intricate network of 'quarters', each with its own character and range of amazing shops, pubs, coffee houses and restaurants. Explore them and become enthralled by what you find...

Here is **your** Guide to the 'quarters' of Canterbury...

## **St Dunstons:** Gateway to the city.

Positioned leading up to the Westgate Towers, St Dunstons is fast becoming a destination in its own right with some of the city's oldest buildings, a growing reputation for food and drink and a range of local and national businesses from the city centre's only independent butcher, *Hedgers*, to *Sainsbury*. Look for local quirky gifts at some of the independent shops, drop in to the *Bishops Finger* for a restoring pint or sample the fine dining in *Chapmans*, the *Refectory Kitchen* and *Café des Amis*. On your way in, why not drop in to Lenleys in Roper Place, the city's leading independent furniture store?

## **St Peters Street:** Canterbury's 'boho' heart!

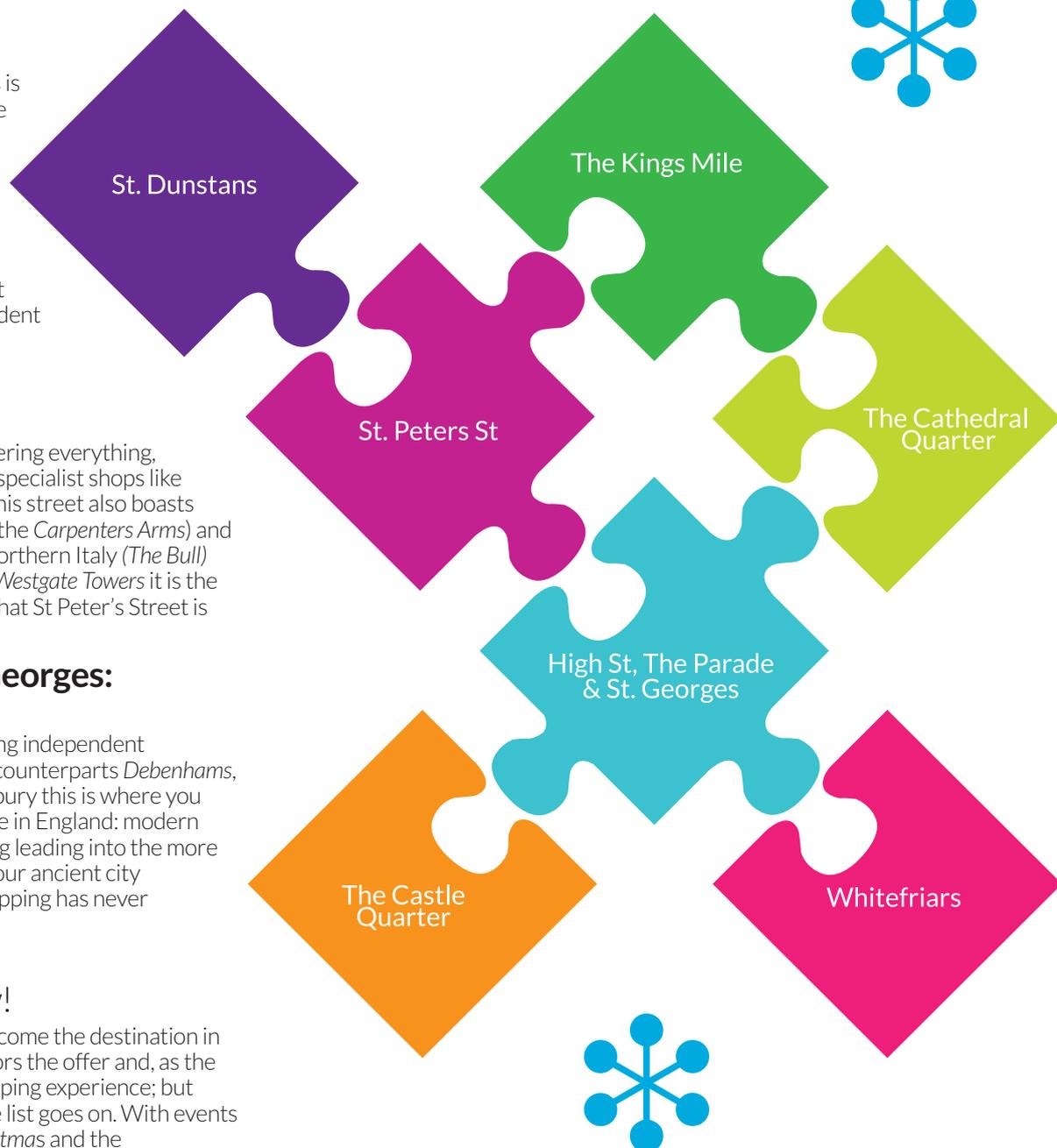
St Peter's Street has a range of independent businesses offering everything, from perfume at *Equivalenza* and crystals at *Pure Magick*, to specialist shops like *Whatever Comics*. One of the city's most exciting quarters, this street also boasts some great pubs (*The Cricketers*, *Lady Luck*, *Black Griffin* and the *Carpenters Arms*) and an international food offering from France (*Café St Pierre*), northern Italy (*The Bull*) and Turkey (*Istanbul*). Running from the *King's Bridge* to the *Westgate Towers* it is the place for anyone wanting something different...make sure that St Peter's Street is part of your *next Canterbury night out!*

## **High Street, The Parade and St Georges:** The city's crossroads.

This is where the old city meets the new, where long standing independent businesses like *Nasons* sit cheek by jowl with their national counterparts *Debenhams*, *Marks & Spencer* and *WH Smith*. When you come to Canterbury this is where you really see what the city has to offer in a setting that is unique in England: modern businesses, both local and national, within a medieval setting leading into the more contemporary *St George's Street*. Nowhere is the 'bustle' of our ancient city more evident, and the range of shops means Christmas shopping has never been easier or more interesting!

## **Whitefriars:** global brands right here, right now!

The city's newest shopping opportunity, Whitefriars has become the destination in east Kent for the brands everyone aspires to. *Fenwick* anchors the offer and, as the city's premier department store, offers its own unique shopping experience; but there is so much more: *Primark*, *Boots*, *Next*, *Zara*, *H&M*... the list goes on. With events throughout Christmas - including the arrival of *Father Christmas* and the longstanding *City Carol Concert* on Christmas Eve - *Whitefriars* offers a great Christmas shopping day out for the whole family. It is also the place for your perfect Christmas Dinner with the city centre's largest Food Halls at *Tesco* and *M&S*.





## **The Kings Mile:** the independent heart of the city.

The *King's Mile* runs from Northgate, the Borough, Palace Street to Guildhall Street. Bordering the Cathedral, the range of businesses is amazing: the city's only Japanese restaurant, *Tamago*; our finest independent chocolatier, *Madame Oiseau*; the city's only exotic pet shop, *Canterbury Exotics*; a bike specialist, *Bike Tart*; a children's activity centre, *Espressions*; a lighting specialist, *The Light House*; plus jewellers like *Ortwin Thyssen* and *Justin Richardson*... It is fabulous and well worth taking the time to explore beyond *Posillipo* at Mint Yard Gate. Take your time, pop in for a chat and get to know so many 'hidden gems'.

## **The Cathedral Quarter:** the ancient city.

You want 'Christmassy'? We've got 'Christmassy'! From Sun Street up to the end of Burgate, including Mercery Lane and Butchery Lane, this is the soul of the city: clustered around the *Cathedral*, with so many great businesses it is difficult to know where to start! Gifts (*Cathedral Shop*, *Thai House*), clothes (*Cobbles & Peppermint*), fragrances (*Crabtree & Evelyn*), home furnishings (*Queen Bee Home*); it is a cornucopia of choice! And, with even more independent coffee houses for that reviving caffeine fix at *Burgate Coffee House*, *Susan's Café* or *Café Turquoise* and amazing restaurants and pubs in Butchery Lane: *The Shakespeare*, *Café Mauresque*, *Club Burrito*...

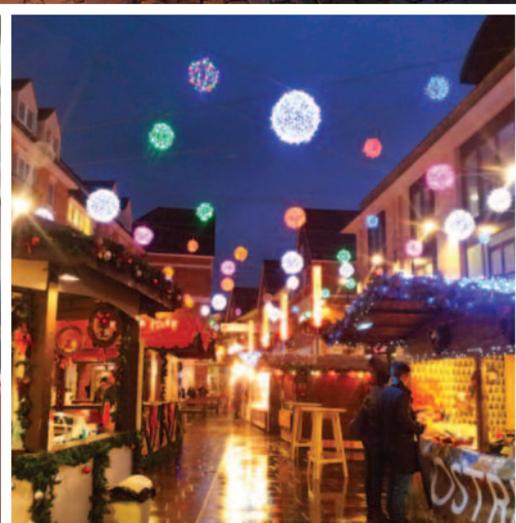
## **The Castle Quarter:** where the city takes care of business.

Starting in St Margaret's Street, the *Castle Quarter* takes in Castle Street, Watling Street, Stour Street and surrounding area. Just off the High Street, St Margaret's Street has some great destinations for shoppers at Christmas, including *Tiny Tim's Tearoom* for that special afternoon treat, *CJs* for an all-day snack and *Waterstones*. Go beyond and among the estate agents, accountants and legal firms there is a range of super businesses tucked away: two galleries in Castle Street – *Stark Gallery* and *Lilford Framing* – *County Music*, *Pinnocchio's* restaurant, *The Foundry Brew Pub* in Whitehorse Lane, *Canterbury Wholefoods* in Jewry Lane and so many more.



# Christmas Lights

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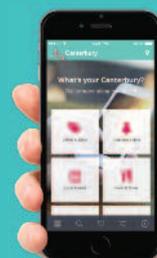


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## Christmas at Canterbury Cathedral

There is no better time to visit Canterbury than December as the Cathedral prepares itself for one of the most important events in the Christian calendar. The life size crib, designed and made by Cathedral staff and 'sewing ladies', is worth a visit and the music sung by the Cathedral choir at Services can only be described as 'heavenly'.

### Main Cathedral Christmas events:

- 5th December, 7.30pm Cathedral Girls 'Choir debut, a Christmas Choral Celebration 'Dancing Day'\*
- 6th December, 12noon to 2pm St Nicholas Festival, city and Cathedral
- 13th December, 7pm Canterbury Choral Society, Family Carols\*
- 23rd December, 7.30pm Christmas Carol Service (doors open at 6pm)
- 24th December, 11am Crib Service
- 24th December, 3pm Christmas Carol Service \*
- 25th December, 11am Main Christmas Eucharist (Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury)
- 28th December, 3pm Children's Society, Christingle Service

\* Ticketed events. Full details of these and other events can be found on the Cathedral website [www.canterbury-cathedral.org](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org)



## A Medieval Christmas at the Canterbury Tales

Celebrate Christmas with a medieval twist at The Canterbury Tales. The whole family can enjoy a festive visit to this popular attraction, which brings to life five of Geoffrey Chaucer's best-loved stories in a stunningly-accurate reconstruction of 14th century England. Step back in time and experience the sights, smells and sounds of the era; there are even lively Costumed Characters to entertain you!

For the first time, The Canterbury Tales is throwing open its doors for a Christmas Artisan Gift Fair on 29 and 30 November. This unique shopping experience allows you to enter the attraction for free and purchase gifts from stalls set among the vibrant tableaux depicting five of Chaucer's world-famous Tales.

The gift shop boasts a range of medieval-themed items, including vouchers for a visit to the attraction. You can even pick up the new Monopoly: Canterbury Edition, featuring The Canterbury Tales on its own square!

[www.canterburytales.org.uk](http://www.canterburytales.org.uk)



## The Beany House of Art & Knowledge

### Christmas Craft Fair - Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November

The perfect opportunity to find that unique present with a wide range of quality arts and heritage craft gifts available for that special person at Christmas. Wander through the marketplace spread across the galleries, sample a mince pie and other festive treats in the Beany Kitchen and drop into the Learning Lab for some family friendly Christmas craft activities.

### Winter exhibition - Saturday 22nd November to Sunday 18th January 2015

Gallery: The Front Room

'Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home' Edith Sitwell

Warm yourself by the cultural fireside that is the Front Room's selling Winter exhibition, celebrating all aspects of the season.



## A Spectacular Pantomime Adventure

This Christmas, take a magic carpet ride to the Far East with the hilarious, fun-packed family pantomime, *Aladdin* at *The Marlowe Theatre*, which opens on Friday 28 November.

The show features an all-star cast, including Scott Maslen (*EastEnders*) as Abanazar, *Cbeebies*' *Mister Maker* Phil Gallagher as *Wishee Washee*, everyone's favourite; *Widow Twankey* played by Ben Roddy and comedian Lloyd Hollett as *PC Pongo*.

*Aladdin* promises to be spectacular, top-quality family entertainment: as well as the talented cast, you can expect lavish West End-style production values and a genuinely funny script.

*Aladdin* runs at *The Marlowe Theatre* until Sunday 11 January.

For times and ticket details, call the Box Office on 01227 787787 (bkg fee), or go to [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com) (bkg fee).

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