

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 *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs!*); Father Christmas and a Festive Christmas Market in *Whitefriars*; and the annual Saint Nicholas Parade in December...

Christmas is Canterbury!



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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.

With its burgeoning street scene and al fresco café culture, St Dunstons is a destination in its own right. With some of the city's oldest buildings and in the shadow of the iconic *Westgate Towers*, there is a terrific food & drink scene that has something for everyone: from *Café des Amis*, a longstanding city favourite, to one of the city's best fish restaurants, *Chapmans*, and from the popular *A la Turka* to the newly and splendidly refurbished *Falstaff Hotel* with fine dining now on offer, eating out has never been this good! Stop for a coffee at *The Refectory Kitchen*, a pint at the *Bishops Finger* or buy a superb bottle of wine from *Mouton Rouge* and enjoy Canterbury's latest success story.



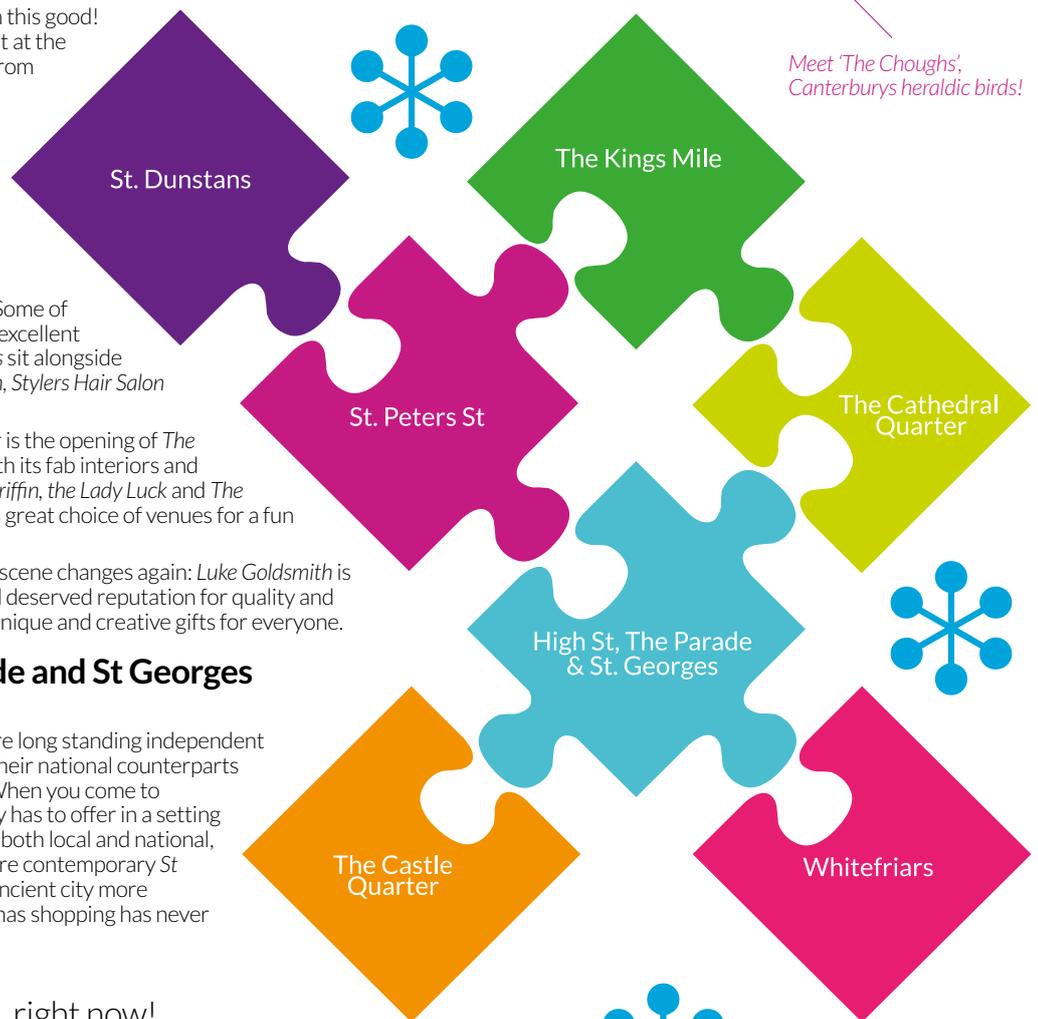
Meet 'The Choughs',
Canterbury's heraldic birds!

St Peters Street The independent heart of the city.

Quirky and different, cutting edge and retro, daytime and night-time: St Peters Street is an amazing mix of businesses from early to late. Some of the city's longest standing businesses like the excellent *Café St Pierre*, *Rebel* and *David Grimes Opticians* sit alongside some of its newest like *Gourmet Burger Kitchen*, *Stylers Hair Salon* and *Dodgems & Floss*.

And at night, of course the 'hot news' this year is the opening of *The Pound* in the *Westgate Towers* and *City Gaol*, with its fab interiors and amazing Towers viewpoint. Add in the *Black Griffin*, *the Lady Luck* and *The Cricketers*, *Istanbul* and *Nandos*, and you have a great choice of venues for a fun night out.

And the closer you get to the *Kings Bridge*, the scene changes again: *Luke Goldsmith* is a high quality jeweller, *Kitch* has a growing and deserved reputation for quality and gluten free and *Sowley* has a superb range of unique and creative gifts for everyone.



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*, *W H Smith* and *Marks & Spencer*. When you come to Canterbury this is where you see what the city has to offer in a setting that is unique in England: modern businesses, both local and national, within a mediaeval setting leading into the more contemporary *St Georges 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*, *Next*, *Zara*, *H&M*, *Tiger*... the list goes on. With events throughout December – including the arrival of *Father Christmas* and the traditional *Lord Mayor's Carol Concert* on Christmas Eve – *Whitefriars* has a great Christmas experience for the whole family. It is also the place for that perfect Christmas Dinner with the city's largest food halls at *Tesco* and *M&S*.



The Kings Mile

Canterbury's creative quarter.

The Kings Mile runs from the newly re-designed Northgate, down The Borough and Palace Street through to Guildhall Street. Bordering the Cathedral and Kings School, the range of businesses is unique in the city: Mr Miyagi's Sushi Kitchen and Tamago offering Japanese cuisine, the award winning Canterbury Baking School, chocolatier Madame Oiseau, Crowther's Oboe Shop... and further down Leonora's Kitchen for coffee and cakes, Milestones for beautiful baby and maternity wear and jewellers Ortwin Thyssen and Justin Richardson for those special gifts. It is fabulous and well worth exploring 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.

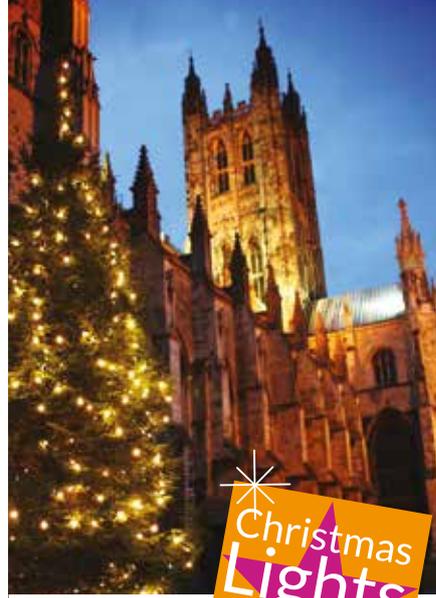
You want 'Christmassy'? We've got 'Christmassy!' From Sun Street up to the end of Burgate, including Longmarket, Butchery Lane and Mercery Lane, this is the soul of the city: clustered around the Cathedral, with so many great businesses, it is difficult to know where to start! Gifts from the Cathedral Shop or Thai House, clothes from the Clothes Horse, Noa Noa or Peppermint, homeware from Queen Bee Home: it is a cornucopia of choice! And with great pubs, restaurants and coffee shops like The Shakespeare, Café Mauresque, Wagamamas, Café Tourquoise and the Burgate Coffee House you won't be short of a great place to eat, drink and relax, either.



The Castle Quarter

Where the city takes care of business.

Starting in St Margarets Street, the Castle Quarter takes in Castle Street, Watling Street, Stour Street and surrounding area. Just off the High Street, St Margarets Street has some great destinations for shoppers at Christmas, including Tiny Tim's Tearoom for an afternoon treat, Waterstones and Simmonds jewellers, while The Canterbury Tales attraction is a year round favourite for adults and children alike. Then walk down Castle Street and the scene changes again: galleries like Stark and Lilford Framing, County Music, Café Saffron, great dining at Pinnochios and, in Beercart Lane, the award winning Ambrette. And for a restoring pint, Limes Bar, the Three Tuns, the Foundry Brew pub and the Old Brewery Tavern are all handily placed!



Christmas Lights Switch on Thu 19 Nov 5-7pm

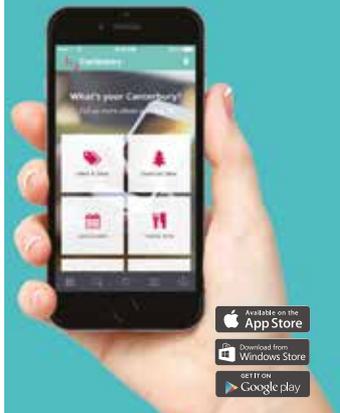


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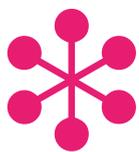
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I'm dreaming of a Whitefriars Christmas!

Christmas at Whitefriars promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, with our popular Christmas Market in Whitefriars Square, Santa's Grotto, meet and greets with the panto stars, a fantastic gift giveaway competition... and more!

Countdown to Christmas

The countdown to Christmas in Canterbury begins on 19 November with the switching on of the city's newly extended Christmas lights and lots of free entertainment to help you get in the Christmas spirit. On Saturday, 21 November Whitefriars will be hosting a meet and greet with the diminutive stars of this year's Marlowe Theatre panto, Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs.

Christmas Market

This year's Christmas Market features over 30 colourful cabins selling seasonal produce, gifts, decorations, and food and drink, in addition to our 60+ top brand stores!

The Christmas Market opens on 28 November with some festive entertainment and runs until 24 December. Opening hours will be 10am to 6pm Monday to Friday (later on 21/22/23 December), 9am to 6pm on Saturdays and 11am to 5pm Sundays. Look out for a special visit by Santa's reindeer and elves on Sunday, 29 November!



Meet Santa!

Children will love our new Santa's Grotto experience in Whitefriars Square this Christmas.

Santa's Grotto will be open every day from 5 December until 24 December, from 11am to 5pm. You will find the entrance to his Grotto behind our Christmas Market cabins.

Make some reindeer food and receive a commemorative certificate and unique Christmas gift from Santa. Why not take away a photo souvenir of your visit too?* Admission £4 per child.

To book a place (from mid-November), visit: www.whitefriarschristmasmarket.com





Gift Giveaway

Don't miss our amazing free prize draw which runs from 1–24 December. We've got some fantastic spot prizes on offer, as well as a chance for you to win a £1,000 shopping spree in Whitefriars!

Entry forms will be available at the end of November from Whitefriars Christmas Market stalls. Just answer the simple question, complete your details and post in our Christmas postbox in Whitefriars Square. You can also download an entry form online. We'll announce the winner on Christmas Eve, just in time for Christmas!

Mirror, mirror...

Rita Simons, best known as Roxie Mitchell from *EastEnders*, stars in this year's Marlowe Theatre pantomime.

Acting isn't Rita's only talent – before she became an actress, she toured the country as a singer with the girlband *Girls@Play*.

Joining her in *Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs* in Canterbury is Phil Gallagher, *Mister Maker* from *CBeebies*, back by popular demand for the third time (playing *Muddles*). Also returning are Ben Roddy (*Nurse Nellie*) and Lloyd Hollett (*Herman The Henchman*).

Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs, sponsored by Lipscomb Volvo, is at The Marlowe Theatre from Friday, 27 November to Sunday, 10 January 2016. For times, ticket prices and details of the accessible performances, call the Box Office on 01227 787787 or go to www.marlowetheatre.com.

Pick up a copy of *Whitefriars Magazine* for a chance to WIN a VIP family panto package! Plus follow our Panto Trail printed in the souvenir programme for a chance to win £50 in toys from Fenwick, with chocolate treats for all entrants!



St Nicholas Parade

The 'real' Father Christmas – St Nicholas – will be paying his annual visit to the city on Saturday, 5 December. His parade starts at 12pm and will pass through Whitefriars before arriving at the Cathedral. Hundreds of children and musicians take part in this fun and lively community event to raise money for worthy causes.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Canterbury Cathedral's life-size crib is well worth a visit and the music sung by the Cathedral choir can only be described as 'heavenly'! Don't miss the popular Services of Carols for Christmas or the Christingle Service on 28 December.

Finally, there's the Lord Mayor's Charity Carol Service in Rose Square on Christmas Eve. This event, which is usually presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury himself, attracts thousands and starts at around 6pm. It's a great way to welcome in Christmas!



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