

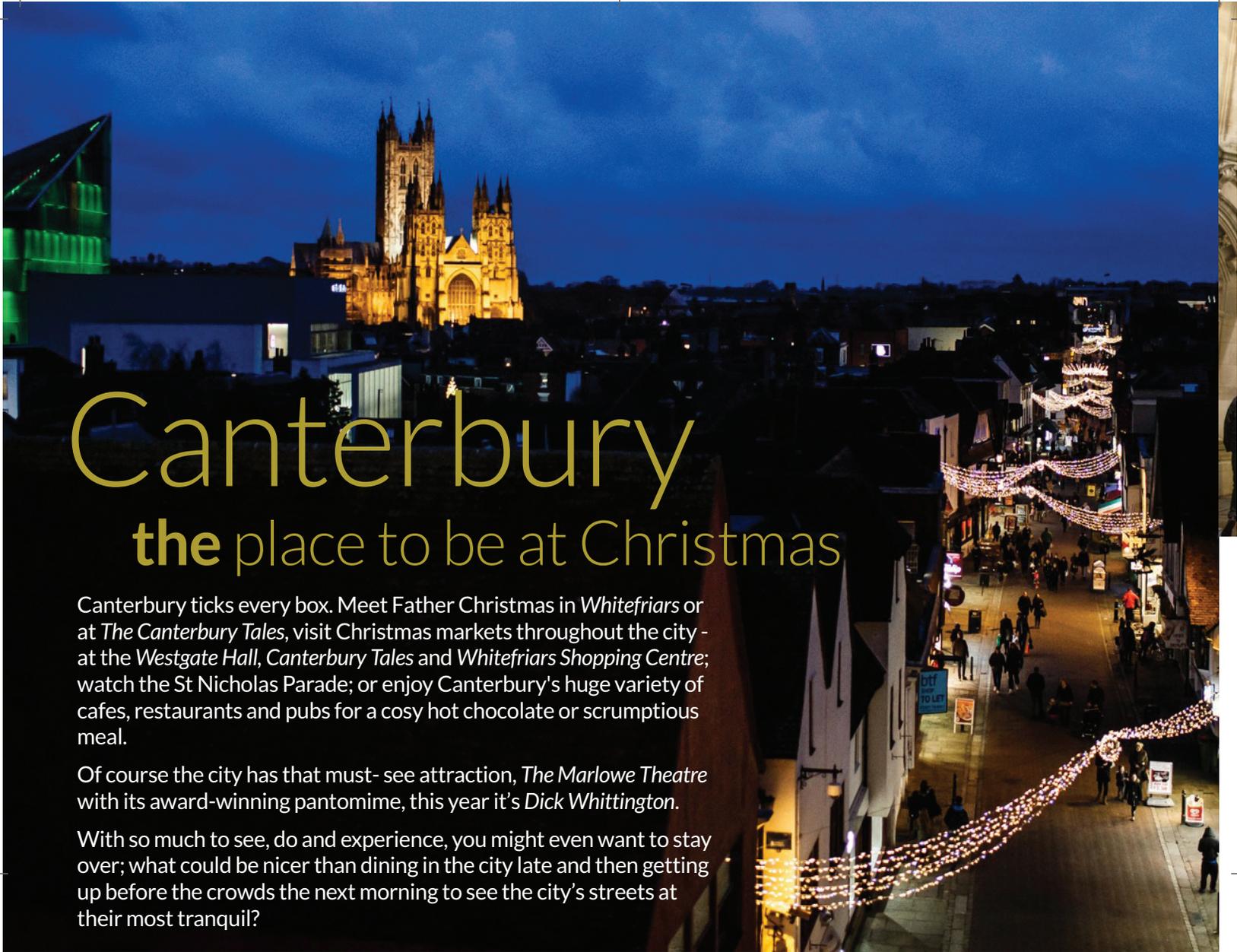
Canterbury you are invited...

Canterbury is at its best at Christmas. With narrow medieval streets clustering around the iconic Cathedral and with beautiful Christmas lights draped across streets and businesses, it has a festive feel all of its own. The city has everything you need for an amazing Christmas experience: whether it is world class brands or unique independents for those hard to find special gifts, or lovely coffee shops and independent restaurants for a restoring break from the frenzy: it's all here.

Canterbury **is** Christmas



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Canterbury

the place to be at Christmas

Canterbury ticks every box. Meet Father Christmas in *Whitefriars* or at *The Canterbury Tales*, visit Christmas markets throughout the city - at the *Westgate Hall*, *Canterbury Tales* and *Whitefriars Shopping Centre*; watch the *St Nicholas Parade*; or enjoy Canterbury's huge variety of cafes, restaurants and pubs for a cosy hot chocolate or scrumptious meal.

Of course the city has that must-see attraction, *The Marlowe Theatre* with its award-winning pantomime, this year it's *Dick Whittington*.

With so much to see, do and experience, you might even want to stay over; what could be nicer than dining in the city late and then getting up before the crowds the next morning to see the city's streets at their most tranquil?

Here is **your** guide to the city...

Enjoy a break at *The Refectory Kitchen*



St Dunstons Gateway to the city.

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 Refectory Kitchen*, eating out has never been this good! Stop for a cocktail at *The Falstaff Hotel*, a pint at the *Bishops Finger* or buy a superb bottle of wine from *Mouton Rouge* and enjoy Canterbury's latest success story.

Canterbury's iconic Christmas street, *Mercery Lane*



Late night shopping along the *High Street*



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*, *WH 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 medieval 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!

A warm welcome at *Kitch*





Spectacular Christmas lights along St Peters Street

The King's Mile Canterbury's creative quarter.

The King's 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, chocolatier Madame Oiseau, Crowther's Oboe Shop... and further down Leonora's Kitchen for coffee and cakes, 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 Lullah, 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, Wagamama, Café Turquoise and the Burgate Coffee House you won't be short of a great place to eat, drink and relax, either.



Great places to eat

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 The Skinny Kitchen, Prohibition Vapes and Villagio.

And at night, enjoy The Pound by the Westgate Towers with its fab interiors, the Black Griffin, the Lady Luck, The Cricketers and Nandos, and you have a great choice of venues for a fun night out.

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

Wonderful Tiny Tim's Tearoom



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, Vinylstore JR, Lady Penelope, great dining at Pinnocchio's 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!



Shop for the something 'special' at Queen Bee Home



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: Next, Seasalt, Tiger, White Stuff and Zara... 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.

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