

Canterbury you are invited...

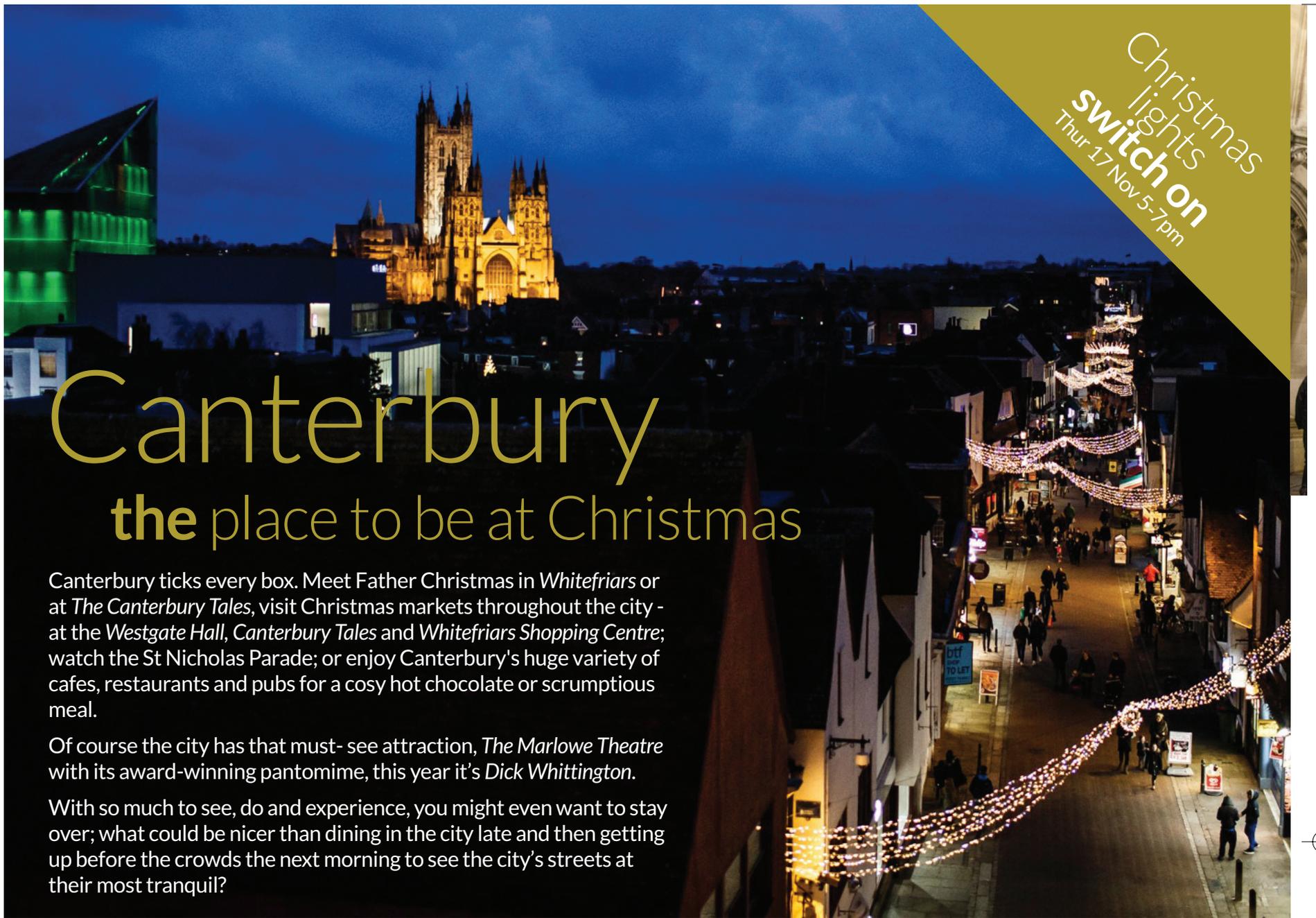
Canterbury is at its best at Christmas. With narrow medieval streets clustering around the iconic Cathedral and with beautiful Christmas lights draped across streets and businesses, it has a festive feel all of its own. The city has everything you need for an amazing Christmas experience: whether it 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

Christmas lights
switch on
Thur 17 Nov 5-7pm
St. Georges Street
Canterbury



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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.

Canterburys iconic Christmas street, Mercy 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



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*.

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!

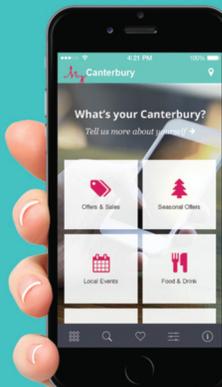
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Whitstable & Herne Bay

where it all comes together

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Christmas the Whitefriars way!

Christmas at Whitefriars promises to be bigger and better than ever this year, with an extended Christmas Market, all-new Santa's Grotto, festive entertainment and a fantastic prize giveaway competition featuring a very cheeky elf!

❄️ Countdown to Christmas

The countdown to Christmas in Canterbury begins on Thursday, 17 November with the switching on of the city's Christmas lights in St George's Street from 5pm–7pm, with lots of free entertainment to help you get in the Christmas spirit.

❄️ Christmas Market

This year's Whitefriars Christmas Market features around 40 colourful cabins selling seasonal produce, gifts, decorations and food and drink, in addition to our 60+ top brand stores. Look out for the new food court, where everyone can enjoy their choice of scrummy Christmas goodies together.

The Christmas Market opens on 26 November and runs until 24 December. Opening hours will be 10am to 6pm Monday to Saturday (later on 21/22/23 December) and 10am to 5pm Sundays.



❄️ Meet Santa!

Children will love our ever popular Santa's Grotto experience in Whitefriars Square this Christmas. Santa's Grotto will be open from 3–24 December, from 11am to 4pm Sunday to Friday and 10.30am to 5pm Saturdays (closed 5/6/12/13 December).

Make some magical elf dust and receive a commemorative certificate and quality Christmas gift from Santa with a cheeky elf theme! Admission is £4 per child.

Book a place online now to avoid disappointment at:

www.whitefriarschristmasmarket.com





❄️ Cheeky elf competition

Don't miss our fantastic online prize competition! Just tell us what our cheeky elf is up to in our special window in Rose Lane near Tesco Metro and you could be in with a chance of winning a great prize from a Whitefriars store!

There will be a fresh competition every three days from 1–23 December. All entries received will automatically be entered into the star prize draw on Christmas Eve to win a £1,000 Whitefriars shopping spree! Enter online at www.whitefriars.eu from 1 December.

❄️ Family fun

Top television presenter Stephen Mulhern is the star of *Dick Whittington*, this year's pantomime at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury.

Stephen is a regular on our screens in programmes such as *Go For It!*, *Catchphrase*, *Ant and Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway*, *Britain's Got Talent* and *Big Star's Little Star*. He is also co-presenter of Heart FM's Sunday morning show.

Stephen said he was "over the moon" to be returning to the city, adding: "I love Canterbury, I think it's beautiful – and the theatre just looks fantastic. In terms of panto, there's only a few places that come to mind when you say 'where would you like to do?', and Canterbury's one of them. It's just going to be a joy to be there."

Dick Whittington will also star Canterbury favourites Ben Roddy and Lloyd Hollett, along with Vladimir Georgievsky (*Britain's Got Talent*), and a host of West End stars: John Barr (*Les Miserables*), Lisa Davina Phillip (*Matilda*), and Ben Carruthers (*Wicked*).

Dick Whittington is at The Marlowe Theatre from Friday 25 November 2016 to Sunday 8 January 2017. For times (including details of the accessible performances), prices and to book tickets, call the Box Office on **01227 787787**, or go to marlowetheatre.com.

Pick up a copy of Whitefriars Magazine for a chance to **WIN** a VIP family panto package!

❄️ St Nicholas Festival

The 'real' Father Christmas – St Nicholas – will be paying his annual visit to the city on Saturday, 3 December. The parade starts at 12pm at Westgate Hall and will pass through the city before arriving at the Cathedral.

The city's St Nicholas Festival aims to increase awareness of the life, history and traditions of St Nicholas and to raise money for organisations and charities that benefit young people, both locally and further afield.

❄️ Canterbury Cathedral

Canterbury Cathedral's life-size crib is well worth a visit and the Christmas music sung by the Cathedral choir can only be described as 'heavenly'! Don't miss the popular Service of Carols for Christmas on 23/24 December or the Christingle Service at 3pm on 28 December.

❄️ Community carols

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!



events calendar ❄️

You're invited to experience Canterbury this Christmas - the place to be. Here is your ultimate guide to what's on in and around Canterbury during the festive season.

Canterbury Christmas Lights Switch on Celebration



Canterbury Cathedral Service for Carols for Christmas



Christmas Lights & Special Events

3 December | from 12:00

ST. NICHOLAS CITY PARADE

Starts at The Westgate Hall, followed by a short service in Canterbury Cathedral

01227 865300

stnicholasfestival.org.uk

26-27 November | 10:30-16:30

ARTISAN CHRISTMAS FAIR AT THE CANTERBURY TALES

St Margaret's St, Canterbury CT1 2TG

01227 479227

canterburytales.org.uk

3-4 December | 11:00-14:00

WESTGATE HALL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury CT1 2BT

01227 634886

westgatehall.org

17 December | 10:00-15:00

CHRISTMAS TRAIL AT WESTGATE GARDENS*

Meet at Toddler's Cove Car Park (no need to book)

01227 787787

westgateparks.co.uk/events/christmas-trail

17-18 December

MAGICAL MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS*

Named by the Huffington Post as one of the BEST places to see Santa 2015, 'Magical Medieval Christmas' is back...

Canterbury Tales, St Margaret's St, Canterbury CT1 2TG

01227 479227

canterburytales.org.uk

19 Nov & 17 Dec (seasonal market) / Christmas Market 3-4 Dec | 11-2pm

WESTGATE HALL FARMERS MARKET

Westgate Hall Road, Canterbury CT1 2BT

01227 634886 / westgatehall.org

29 November | 19:00

RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB

01227 769075

thegulbenkian.co.uk

1 December | 11:00-12:15

MOTHERS' UNION CAROL SERVICE

Canterbury Cathedral, Quire, Canterbury CT2 7NB

01227 76286

canterbury-cathedral.org

6 December | 10:30

BACH TO BABY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL*

Canterbury Cathedral, Eastern Crypt, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 762862 bachtobaby.com

canterbury-cathedral

6 December | 19:30

THE PRINCESS OF WALES ROYAL REGIMENT CAROL SERVICE AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

A fundraising carol service run by the 3rd Battalion PWRR on behalf of the Army Benevolent Fund.

Canterbury Cathedral, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 762862

canterbury-cathedral.org

9 December | 19:30

CANTERBURY CHRIST CHURCH UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT*

Augustine Hall, Rhodas Town, Canterbury CT1 2YA

01227 782994

canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture

10 December | 19:00-20:30 (doors open at 18:30)

CANTERBURY CHORAL SOCIETY FAMILY CAROL CONCERT*

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 787787

canterburyticketshop.com

14 December | 17:15

UNIVERSITY OF KENT BIG BAND - CHRISTMAS SWING-A-LONG*

Colyer-Fergusson Hall, University of Kent Campus, Giles Lane, Canterbury CT2 7NB

01227 769075

thegulbenkian.co.uk

19 December | 19:30-21:00 (doors open at 19:00)

DEMELZA HOUSE CAROL SERVICE 'CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS'*

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01795 845 204

20 December | 19:30

ALBION CHRISTMAS BAND IN ASSOCIATION WITH FOLK IN THE BARN*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB

01227 769075

thegulbenkian.co.uk

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL SERVICE OF CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS (non-ticketed, first come, first seated)

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 762862

canterbury-cathedral.org

23 December | 19:30-21:30, doors open at 18:00

24 December | 15:00-17:30, doors open at 13:30

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 762862

canterbury-cathedral.org

24 December | 11:00-11:45

CRIB SERVICE

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 762862

canterbury-cathedral.org

24 December | 18:15

LORD MAYOR OF CANTERBURY'S OPEN AIR COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING

Rose Lane, Canterbury CT1 2JP

christmasgiftfund.co.uk



Canterbury
the place to be at
Christmas

17 November 18:00

CANTERBURY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON CELEBRATION

St. George's Street, Canterbury

01227 787 055 / canterburybid.co.uk

17 December | 10:00-15:00

CHRISTMAS TRAIL AT WESTGATE GARDENS (£1, no need to book)

Westgate Grove, Canterbury

CT1 2DB

westgateparks.co.uk/events

Christmas Markets & Santa's Grotto

CHRISTMAS AT WHITEFRIARS

26 November-24 December

CHRISTMAS MARKET

3-24 December | 10:00-17:00

MEET SANTA AT WHITEFRIARS*

Whitefriars Shopping Centre, Canterbury

01227 826760

whitefriars.eu

Festive Music & Carol Services

27 November | 15:15

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH

01227 762862

canterbury-cathedral.org



Dick Whittington



The Nutcracker



The Snowman

25 December | 11:00-12:30

CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH
01227 762862
canterbury-cathedral.org

28 December | 15:00-16:00

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Canterbury Cathedral, Nave, Canterbury
01227 762862
canterbury-cathedral.org

Theatre, Dance, Cinema & Family Events

19 November

ANDRÉ RIEU: CHRISTMAS WITH ANDRÉ*

An exclusive for cinema audiences, featuring a 90 minute recorded Christmas concert packed with all the favourites including Hallelujah, Jingle Bells, White Christmas & many more performed by André and his famous Johann Strauss Orchestra.

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

20 November | 14:00

A CHRISTMAS COLLECTION-FUNDRAISER FOR PILGRIMS HOSPICES*

Annual fundraiser featuring local schools, colleges and dance academies to perform and help raise much needed funds for the hospices.

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

23-27 November

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

25 November to 8 January

DICK WHITTINGTON*

The Marlowe Theatre, The Friars, Canterbury CT1 2AS
01227 787787
marlowetheatre.com

26 November | 19:30

CANTERBURY ORCHESTRA: WINTER CONCERT*

Colyer-Fergusson Hall, University of Kent Campus, Giles Lane, Canterbury
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

27 November | 19:30

CARA DILLON - IN ASSOCIATION WITH FOLK IN THE BARN*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

6-18 December

HANSEL AND GRETEL*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

6 December (live screening) & 11 December (recorded screening)

THE ROYAL BALLET- THE NUTCRACKER (LIVE)*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

13 December (14:00) & 14 December (11:00)

THE SNOW QUEEN*

The Marlowe Studio, The Friars, Canterbury CT1 2AS
01227 787787
marlowetheatre.com

15 December | 19:00

TREVOR PINNOCK 70TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT*

Colyer-Fergusson Hall, University of Kent Campus, Giles Lane, Canterbury
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

15 December | 19:00

FAULTY TOWERS: THE DINING EXPERIENCE*

The Gulbenkian Theatre, University of Kent Campus, Canterbury CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

23-24 December | 11:00 & 15:00

THE NUTCRACKER (FAMILY-FRIENDLY, 45 MINS)*

The Marlowe Studio, The Friars, Canterbury
01227 787787
marlowetheatre.com

18-22 January

THE SNOWMAN*

The Marlowe Theatre, The Friars, Canterbury CT1 2AS
01227 787787
marlowetheatre.com

Theatres & Cinemas

CURZON CINEMA

Westgate Hall Rd, Canterbury CT1 2BT
0330 500 1331
curzoncinemas.com/canterbury

GULBENKIAN CINEMA AND THEATRE

Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NB
01227 769075
thegulbenkian.co.uk

ODEON CINEMA

43-45 St George's Subway, Canterbury CT1 1UP
0871 224 4007
odeon.co.uk

THE MARLOWE THEATRE

The Friars, Canterbury CT1 2AS
01227 787787
marlowetheatre.com

*Ticketed Event | Plan your Christmas in Canterbury at MyTownMyCity.co.uk or download the APP



how to get to Canterbury

TRAIN

Canterbury West and Canterbury East station, less than an hour from London, 20 minutes from Ashford International (for Eurostar)

BUS

The Canterbury district is well served by Stagecoach East Kent buses from Canterbury Bus Station

CAR

Excellent road links from London and its airports - M20 (M25/M26) and M2. The A2 and A260 connect Canterbury with the port of Dover and the Eurotunnel terminal in Cheriton near Folkestone. Herne Bay and Whitstable are both a short drive from Canterbury, via the A28/A291 and A290.

PARK AND RIDE

The greenest, cheapest and fastest way to get to the heart of the city, helping more than one million shoppers, commuters and visitors a year beat city centre congestion. All day Park and Ride is £3.00 and there are 1,800 spaces available across the three sites at New Dover Road, Sturry Road and Wincheap. Buses run approximately every eight minutes, Monday to Saturday, from 7am to 7.30pm.

CITY PARKING

The majority of the car parks in Canterbury are pay and display; ticket machines are located in each car park. A range of coins are accepted but the machines do not give change. See the map for locations.

FERRY

A day trip or stay is a great way to sample the continental atmosphere. Take the car ferry from Dover or take your vehicle through the Channel Tunnel from Folkestone.

AIR

London Airports are all approximately under two hours drive from Canterbury City Centre.

Canterbury Visitor Information Centre, The Beany House of Art & Knowledge, 18 The High Street, Canterbury CT1 2RA
Tel: 01227 862162
Email: Canterburyinformation@canterbury.gov.uk

Christmas the Whitefriars way!

Christmas shopping can be a little stressful. So, why not do it the Whitefriars way?

With over 60 great shops and restaurants and our extended Christmas Market, you're sure to find something for everyone. Kids will love our all-new Santa's Grotto and look out, too, for our fantastic prize competition!

Christmas Market

Open from 26 November to 24 December
Monday–Saturday 10am–6pm; Sunday 10am–5pm
(closes early Christmas Eve)
Late nights 21, 22 & 23 December from 10am–8pm

Santa's Grotto

Open from 3 to 24 December
Sunday–Friday 11am–4pm; Saturday 10.30am–5pm
Book online to avoid disappointment.

Check website for full programme of Christmas activities and opening times.



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www.whitefriars.eu

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