

Enhance your visit*

- Free Mini-talks
- Free exhibitions (located in the Viewing Gallery, Crypt and Water Tower)
- Guided tours
- Audio described tours
- Media guides and Young Explorers media guides (incl. multiple languages and BSL)
- Guidebooks
- Family-friendly activities

*subject to availability

Join us for worship

All our services are free, and all are welcome.

For more information, please visit canterbury-cathedral.org/worship



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I,400 years of history...



597
Saint Augustine establishes Canterbury Cathedral, and becomes its first Archbishop.

Present day
Celebrated as part of a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Cathedral welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year, from around the world.



1540
Under King Henry VIII, the Reformation puts an end to the monastery at the Cathedral.

1642
Civil war brings significant damage to the Cathedral, and it is threatened with demolition.



1840
The North West Tower is the latest addition in over 650 years of building work, shaping the Cathedral we recognise today.



1170
Thomas Becket is murdered by four of King Henry II's knights. Canterbury Cathedral becomes an important place of pilgrimage.



1942
Firewatchers risked their lives to successfully save the Cathedral during major bombing raids over Canterbury in World War II.

Canterbury Cathedral



Welcome



David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury

We are first a place of daily Christian worship and a community serving Jesus Christ. Our ministry embraces children, refugees, homeless people and those wishing to explore faith as pilgrims and seekers. We are the seat (cathedra) of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who leads the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the focus for the Church of England and Diocese of Canterbury serving East Kent.

We are not a museum, but we do steward this holy place which, along with St Augustine's Abbey and St Martin's Church, is part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We conserve stained glass, stone, manuscripts and historical treasures. We invest in choral music and education. The Cathedral Lodge offers hospitality. Our gardens provide beauty and biodiversity. We are addressing climate change as part of our Christian vocation. Some of our heritage recalls painful stories of injustice and oppression – other aspects celebrate the victory of good over evil.

It is people who make places live. While you visit and use this guide, please talk with our staff and volunteers. The Bible reminds us that, in such encounters, we may even 'entertain angels unawares'.

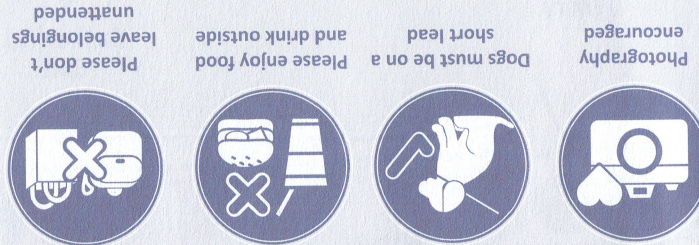
Welcome



During your visit

Please take extra care when walking around this historic building, as the historic stone floors may be unpredictable uneven in places, entry to some parts of the Cathedral is via stone steps or access ramps of varying gradients, and lighting levels may vary. Our team are here to provide a warm welcome and first-class experience to all our visitors and worshippers.

Our Cathedral volunteers wear sashes, whilst our staff can be identified by their Cathedral lanyards. Our Chaplains and Virgins - dressed in black cassocks - and Cathedral Constables are also available, should you need assistance.



For our full terms and conditions of entry, please visit canterbury-cathedral.org/entry-terms

Assistance

Some doors and access points to the Cathedral are very old and heavy. If you feel you might need assistance, please let one of our team members know. If there is not a staff member present, please call 01227 865279.

Quiet spaces

The Cathedral Crypt is both peaceful and calming, with step-free access available via the North side of the building. Ear defenders are available to borrow. During your visit, refreshments are available in the Cathedral Lodge Lounge. Explore our Cathedral Shop, and take home a lasting memory of your visit.

Eat and Shop

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Support us

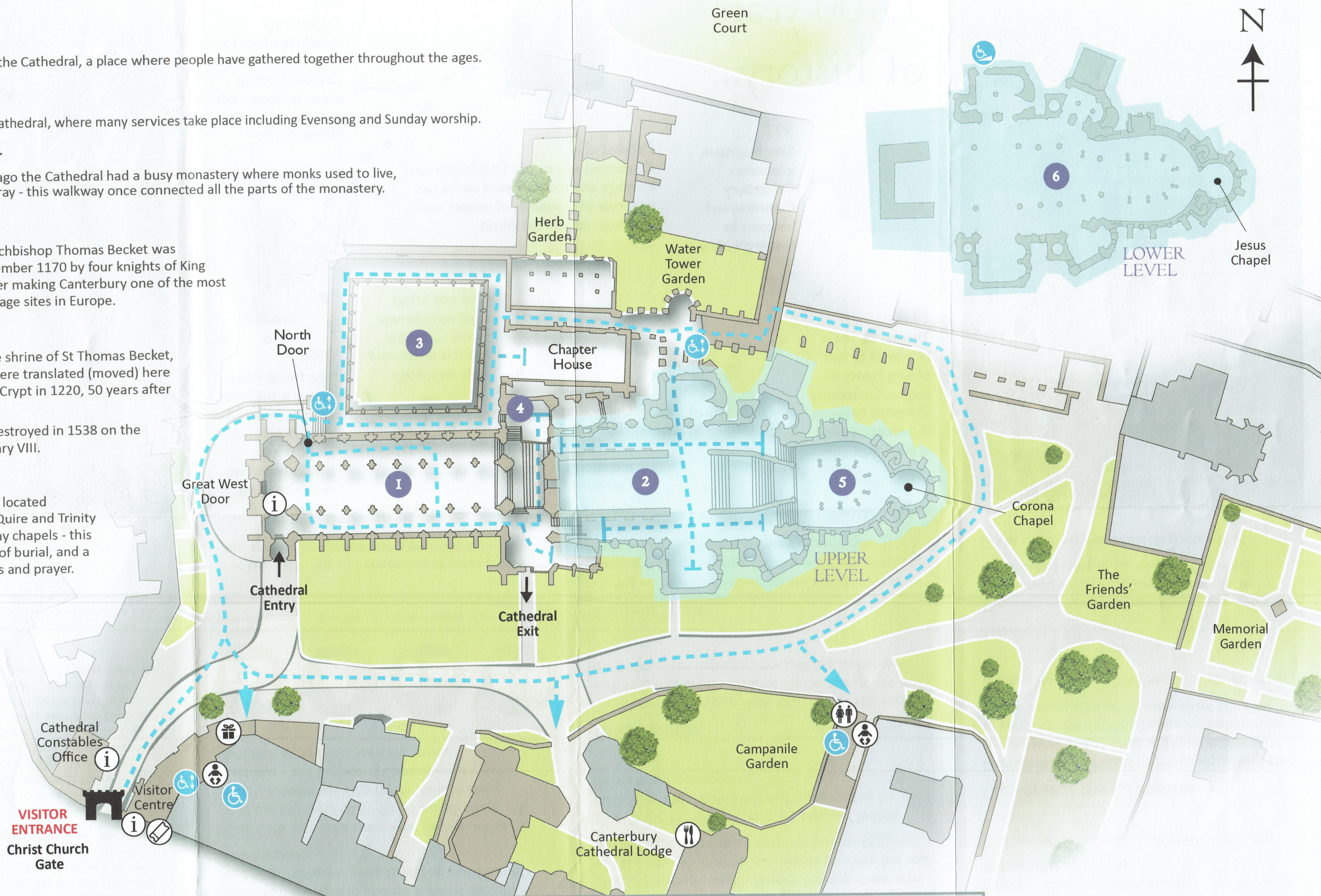
There are many ways in which you can support the Cathedral, from small to larger donations, or by becoming a Friend of Canterbury Cathedral. Go to canterbury-cathedral.org/support-us

Conserving the Cathedral

Our specialist Cathedral stonemasons, stained glass conservators and archives and library team work to conserve the Cathedral's historic architecture, library and collections for many years to come. Learn more on one of our specialist guided tours.

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

- 1 Nave**
The main body of the Cathedral, a place where people have gathered together throughout the ages.
- 2 Quire**
The heart of the Cathedral, where many services take place including Evensong and Sunday worship.
- 3 The Great Cloister**
Over 1,000 years ago the Cathedral had a busy monastery where monks used to live, learn, work and pray - this walkway once connected all the parts of the monastery.
- 4 Martyrdom**
The site where Archbishop Thomas Becket was murdered in December 1170 by four knights of King Henry II, thereafter making Canterbury one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe.
- 5 Trinity Chapel**
Built to house the shrine of St Thomas Becket, whose remains were translated (moved) here from the Eastern Crypt in 1220, 50 years after his murder.
The shrine was destroyed in 1538 on the order of King Henry VIII.
- 6 Crypt**
A stone chamber located underneath the Quire and Trinity Chapel, with many chapels - this is a sacred place of burial, and a space for services and prayer.



Key:



Help point



Cathedral Lodge Lounge



Toilets

--- Level access



Lift



Ramp



Tickets



Gift shop



Baby changing

--- End of level access



Accessible toilets