

## 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 Christmas Services:

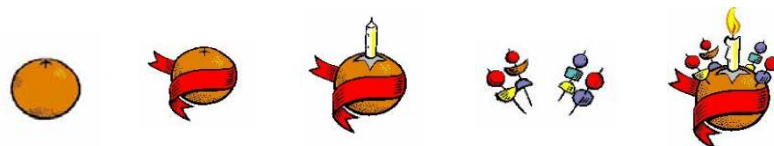
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	19.30 hrs	Christmas Carol Service (doors open at 18.00 hrs)
24 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00 hrs	Crib Service
24 <sup>th</sup> December	15.00 hrs	Christmas Carol Service (tickets only)*
25 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00 hrs	Main Christmas Eucharist (Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury)
	15.15 hrs	Choral Evensong
28 <sup>th</sup> December	15.00 hrs	Christingle Service**

\* The two Carol Services are identical, except that the Service on 24<sup>th</sup> December is a ticketed event. To apply for tickets, send a stamped, addressed envelope to Cathedral House, Carol Service, The Precincts, Canterbury CT1 2EH. Tickets will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and issued to private individuals only.

\*\*The Christingle has its origins in a Moravian children's Service held in a castle in Germany on Christmas Eve in 1747.

The congregation will receive a Christingle, consisting of:

**an orange** . . . representing *the world*  
**a red ribbon**, tied round the orange . . . representing *the blood of Jesus*  
**fruits and sweets on four sticks**. . . representing *God's good gifts - the fruits of the earth and the four seasons*  
**a lighted candle** pushed into the centre of the orange . . . representing *Christ, the light of the world*



For information on all Carol, Christmas and Christingle Services and other events, visit [www.canterbury-cathedral.org](http://www.canterbury-cathedral.org) or call the Visits Office +44 (0) 1227 762862.