



HEREFORD
CATHEDRAL

ST THOMAS CANTILUPE

CELEBRATING 700 YEARS

EVENTS IN OCTOBER 2019 - OCTOBER 2020



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FROM THE DEAN



In 2020, we celebrate 700 years since Thomas Cantilupe was canonised and became St Thomas of Hereford – one of the last Englishmen to be canonised before the Reformation. We begin our celebrations in October 2019 and will continue the festivities for a whole year. Thomas Cantilupe was a figure of great significance in his day – in education, politics and as the 45th Bishop of Hereford.

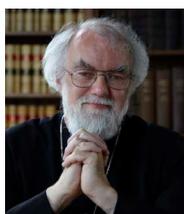
As we celebrate his life we not only look back to the lessons of history but also pray that the great themes of Thomas's life, prayer, healing, reconciliation, may find a place in communities today – in Hereford, in our country and in our world.

Michael Dawber

With thanks to Canon Sandy Elliott, Gordon Taylor, the 2020 Committee, Hereford Cathedral Congregation, The Friends of Hereford Cathedral and Hereford Cathedral Enterprises for their support in making this year of celebration possible.

THE FESTIVAL OPENS

Our festival lasts for one year, from the Feast of St Thomas on 2 October 2019 to the Feast of the Translation of St Thomas on 25 October 2020. Throughout the year, the shrine of St Thomas will be available for pilgrims to leave prayers and light candles. The shrine will remain a place of healing and reconciliation as it always has been.



SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2019

3.30 pm | Cathedral Nave

Service of Faith & Reconciliation

**The Right Revd Lord Williams of Oystermouth,
104th Archbishop of Canterbury**

At the heart of the Cantilupe story is a dispute between Canterbury and Hereford, with Cantilupe excommunicated over land rights in the diocese of Hereford. Cantilupe journeyed to Orvieto, where the Papal Court was then residing, to plead his case with Pope Martin IV. He received absolution and his body was returned to Hereford where many miracles were performed (over 450 – second only to ‘the other Thomas’ at Canterbury).

At this service, key participants will be the present Bishop of Hereford and Lord Williams of Oystermouth, with these two figures modelling the accord with which Canterbury and Hereford work today, in contrast to the 1282 dispute. Reconciliation is one of Archbishop Justin Welby’s key themes. Local schools will also be participating in this service.

This event is free but ticketed. Application forms for tickets will be available to collect from the cathedral office or download from the website from Monday 20 May 2019.

LECTURES 2019 - 2020

Our year will seek to expand our knowledge of our saint, his times and legacy, through a series of lectures which are open to all to join. Tickets, unless stated otherwise, cost £10 and are available to purchase from the Cathedral Shop – details can be found at the front of this booklet.



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TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2019

7.30 pm | Cathedral Nave | £10

Lord Patten of Barnes

The present Chancellor of Oxford University will reflect on the previous holders of his office.



THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2019

7 pm | St Thomas’s Shrine | £10

Dr Jan Graffius

Our lecturer, the curator of Stonyhurst College and an acknowledged authority on the relics of saints, will update us on current research.



THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020

7 pm | College Hall | £9 (Friends) or £11 (Guests)

The Very Revd Michael Tavinor

‘The Two Thomases’ – Hereford and Canterbury compared and contrasted.

Tickets for this event can be purchased from the Friends of Hereford Cathedral.



FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER 2020

4 pm | College Hall | £10

Ian Bass

Ian Bass delivers the 2020 Cantilupe Lecture, ‘Bishop Cantilupe is Dead! Long Live St Thomas of Hereford!’

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

2019 – 2020

Hereford Cathedral Library & Archives team have curated a special programme of exhibitions to be on display within the Mappa Mundi & Chained Library during the year.



FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH THE POWER OF PILGRIMAGE

Monday 7 October – Tuesday 31 December 2019

All of us are pilgrims on this Earth and the impulse to travel with the hope of transformation is universal. From medieval peregrinations to today's explorers of the St Thomas Way, this exhibition brings together pilgrim images and recollections, each journey being special to its traveller, be it to Jerusalem or to Hereford.



SAINTS IN THE MAKING POPULAR ACCLAIM AND PAPAL CANONISATION

Monday 27 January – Saturday 27 June 2020

What does it mean to be a saint, and how does a person become one? This exhibition looks at the saints special to Hereford, and some others, both as past subjects of veneration and present focuses for inspiration.



THE TWO THOMASES THE LIFE, TIMES AND RELICS OF ST THOMAS BECKET AND ST THOMAS CANTILUPE

Monday 6 July – Thursday 31 December 2020

In 2020 we celebrate both the 700th anniversary of the canonisation of Bishop Thomas Cantilupe of Hereford and the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Thomas Becket of Canterbury. Although they lived a century apart, their lives are linked in many ways, not least in the traces they have left here. The exhibition brings back to Hereford relics of St Thomas Cantilupe which once lay within his shrine in the cathedral.

VISITING THE MAPPA MUNDI & CHAINED LIBRARY EXHIBITION



Step back in time and explore the cathedral's historic treasures in the Mappa Mundi & Chained Library Exhibition alongside the special displays of artefacts selected from our collections.



OPENING TIMES

Monday – Saturday 10 am – 5 pm

PRICES

Adult £6

Students £5

Large family £14

2A & up to 3C

Medium family £10

1A & up to 3C

Small family £8

1A & 1C



WORSHIP

At the heart of our cathedral is our daily worship. All are welcome to attend our Sunday and weekday services. For a full list of services, please visit our website herefordcathedral.org.



TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER 2019 | 5.30 pm
The Feast of St Thomas of Hereford. The monks of Belmont sing Vespers

THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019 | 5.30 pm
Festival Evensong, attended by the College of Canons

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2019 | 10 am
The Feast of Christ the King
The Very Revd Gerwyn Capon, Dean of Llandaff

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019 | 10 am
The Right Revd Anthony Priddis,
104th Bishop of Hereford

CANDLEMAS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020 | 7 pm
Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*,
sung by the cathedral choir

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY
10 am | Choral Matins, sung by the cathedral choir
5.30 pm | Candlemas Eucharist by candlelight, sung by gentlemen of the choir, followed by cheese and wine.

SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020 | 10 am
The Right Revd John Oliver,
103rd Bishop of Hereford

SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2020 | 10 am
The Ven. John Tiller, Chancellor, Hereford Cathedral (1984 – 2002), Archdeacon of Hereford (2002 – 2004)

SUNDAY 3 MAY 2020 | 10 am
The Revd Canon Val Hamer, Chancellor, Hereford Cathedral (2002 - 2007)

SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020 | 10.30 am
Feast of Consecration
Orchestral Eucharist with music including Beethoven's Mass in C

SATURDAY 13 JUNE 2020 | 3.30 pm
Festival of the Friends of Hereford Cathedral
Preacher: The Very Revd Nick Bury

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2020 | 10 am
Preacher at Eucharist: The Right Revd Michael Igrave, Bishop of Lichfield

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020 | 10 am
The 'obit' of Thomas Cantilupe.
Preacher at Eucharist: The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones, Chaplain and Fellow, Merton College, Oxford

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020 | 10 am
Preacher at Eucharist: The Right Revd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2020 | 10 am
The Feast of the Translation of St Thomas.
Our festival ends with the Cathedral Eucharist.



VISITS TO THE DIOCESE

During the festival year, we look forward to parishes visiting us, but we also wish to journey from Hereford to visit churches in the diocese.

HOLY TRINITY, MUCH WENLOCK

Linking Herefordshire and Shropshire

Sunday 23 February 2020 | 11 am

For nearly all of its history, the Diocese of Hereford has encompassed over half of the county of Shropshire. At this event, we celebrate St Thomas alongside Much Wenlock's own saint, Milburga.



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ABBEY DORE

Linking Cantilupe and St Davids

Sunday 13 September 2020 | 10.30 am

Cantilupe consecrated the church at Abbey Dore in 1282, but only in the teeth of opposition from Thomas Bek, Bishop of St Davids. At this service, the bishops of Hereford and St Davids reflect the unity and co-operation which our dioceses enjoy today.



LEOMINSTER PRIORY

Linking Cantilupe and St Edfrith

Sunday 25 October 2020 | 4.30 pm

Leominster Priory's foundation date is acknowledged eight years before that of Hereford, in AD 668. We end our festival year in this historic setting, celebrating Cantilupe alongside Leominster's own saint.



ECUMENICAL CELEBRATIONS

During the year, relics of St Thomas will be on display within the shrine. These have been kindly loaned by Stonyhurst College and Downside Abbey. Our festival is about breaking down barriers and we are delighted to share traditions with our brothers and sisters of other denominations.

SUNDAY 5 APRIL 2020 | 10 am

Palm Sunday

We gather on the forecourt of the Bishop's Palace for the Procession of Palms and Cathedral Eucharist.



SATURDAY 11 APRIL 2020 | 8 pm

Holy Saturday

We will join with the congregation of St Francis Xavier for the Paschal Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter.



FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2020 | 11 am

The Most Revd George Stack

We welcome the Roman Catholic community of Herefordshire to share in this celebration which will mark the date of the canonization of St Thomas of Hereford by Pope John XXII. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Revd George Stack, Archbishop of Cardiff.



FURTHER AFIELD

As part of our celebration year, we will be taking two trips inspired by the life and times of St Thomas Cantilupe.



SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020
3.30 pm | Choral Evensong

Cathedral choir visit to Hambleden

Thomas Cantilupe was born in Hambleden, Bucks, in 1218. The parish visited Hereford in April 1218 – the 800th anniversary of his birth. The Friends of Hereford Cathedral visited Hambleden in August 2018 and we renewed our baptismal vows at the very font where Cantilupe was baptized in 1218. Now, we plan to take our cathedral choir to the village and church for the 700 year celebration.



TUESDAY 25 - SATURDAY 29 AUGUST 2020

Visit to Canterbury Cathedral

There are great links between Becket and Cantilupe – Cantilupe modelled himself on Becket and they are often seen together in iconography. This visit, arranged by the Friends of Hereford Cathedral, will explore these links. Limited availability.

The Friends welcome all those who wish to join in the fellowship and membership. For more information please contact office@herefordcathedral.org or visit herefordcathedral.org

PILGRIMAGE WALKS 2020

These four pilgrimage walks, linking places associated with Cantilupe, images of him, his life and particular miracles, will be led by the Dean and others.



SATURDAY 25 APRIL
St Thomas & Stained Glass
Madley to Hereford



TUESDAY 19 MAY
In the Steps of St Ethelbert
Bodenham to Marden to Hereford



SATURDAY 18 JULY
The Black Mountains Pilgrimage
Abbey Dore to Craswall



SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER
The Two Thomases Walk
Credenhill to Hereford



Please note that these walks are subject to fair weather conditions and start times will be agreed nearer the time of the walk. Please check herefordcathedral.org or notices within the cathedral for more details.

NEW MUSIC

We have commissioned two pieces from the renowned composer Sir James MacMillan. These use ancient texts and will be performed for the first time at the Cathedral Eucharist on 4 October 2020 at 10 am.



*A light blazes forth from England.
O Thomas, angel made man,
of noble lineage,
apostolic bishop,
teacher of truth,
give us the shield of Christ's grace.*

*Hail Thomas
good shepherd of Christ's flock,
protector and doctor of the Church;
to the sick, give help, we pray,
and to the faithful
bring the light of grace.*

CANTILUPE CAPERS

A DAY OF MEDIEVAL FUN, JOLLITY AND CELEBRATION
SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020, 10 AM - 4 PM



Families are invited to join us for a free day of medieval fun to celebrate St Thomas Cantilupe!

Explore Hereford Cathedral and take part in a range of activities suitable for all ages as you discover more about Hereford's saint. Listen to medieval music, meet historical characters and take part in craft activities. Full details will be on the cathedral website from January 2020.

SCHOOLS EXHIBITION

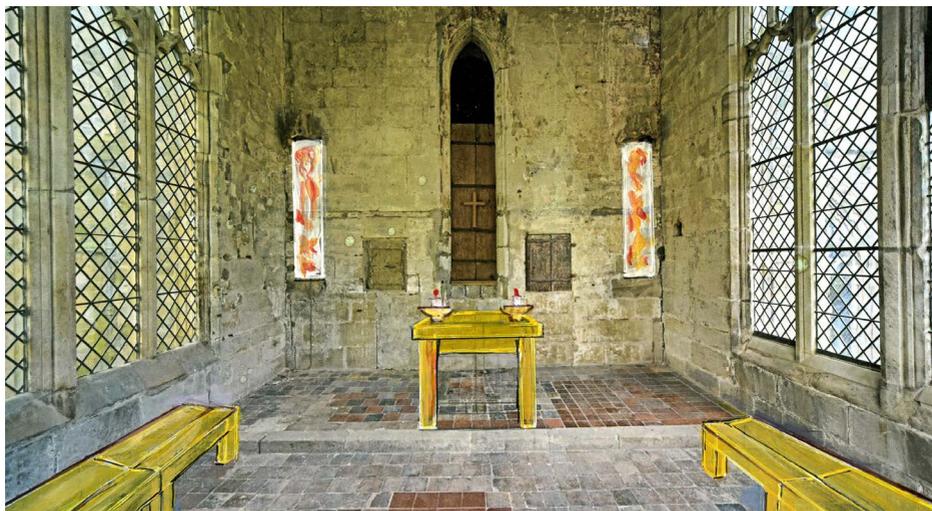
During October 2019, an exhibition of art and poetry which has been submitted by local school children will be on display in the cathedral nave. The artwork has been created in response to the idea of reconciliation and understanding Christianity and will form a wonderful focal point to the start of our celebrations.

CANTILUPE & COMMUNITY

We are currently working on a selection of exciting projects with local arts organisations and community groups relating to the celebrations of St Thomas. You can keep up to date with these projects via our website and notices within the cathedral.

FABRIC PROJECTS

Hereford Cathedral has developed over the centuries and each age adds its own mark. We plan in this celebration year to furnish two chapels, associated with Cantilupe, with new altars, seating and images.



THE BOOTH PORCH CHAPEL

Hidden above the north entrance is a wonderful space, associated with the pilgrimage experience, pre 1530. It is thought that pilgrims visited this beautiful space en route to the Shrine of St Thomas.

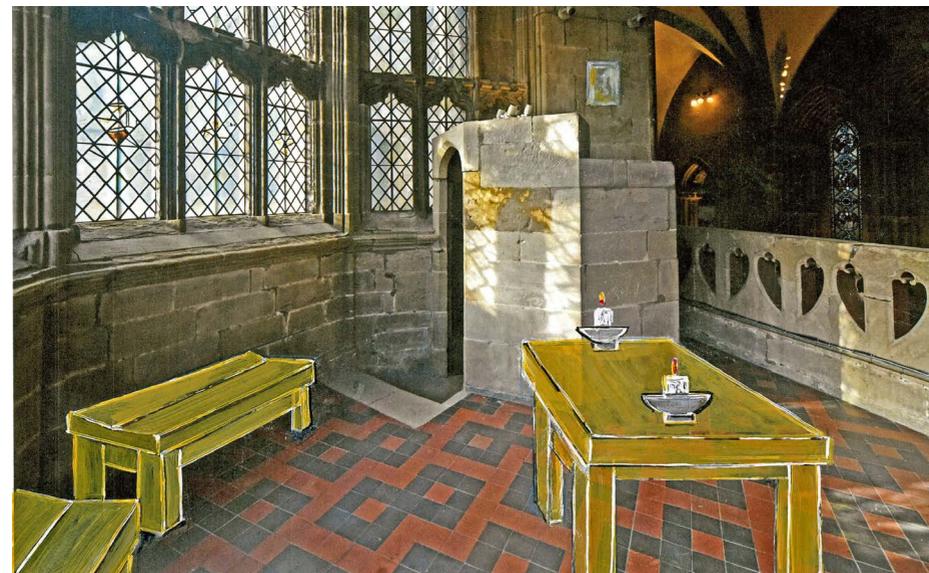
NEW SIGNAGE & INTERPRETATION

A whole new suite of notices and signage throughout the cathedral will be introduced during the festival year. This has been kindly supported by the Friends of Hereford Cathedral and other donors.



FESTIVAL BANNERS

Banners displaying the Cantilupe Festival logo will be on display within the Cathedral Close to link the cathedral with our city and community.



THE UPPER AUDLEY CHAPEL

A space which may possibly have provided a 'watching chamber' over the relics of the Lady Chapel shrine.

PROCESSIONAL BANNERS

Our new banners will be carried in procession during the festival and will bring a new sense of joy and colour to worship. These have been made by Hereford Cathedral Broderers and supported by generous donors.



We are currently looking for individuals to sponsor these projects to create a lasting legacy from our celebration year. For more information on how you can assist please contact the Dean on dean@herefordcathedral.org or call 01432 374 252.

COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS

Throughout the festival period, the Cathedral Shop will be stocking a range of gifts and keepsakes inspired by St Thomas Cantilupe including; mugs, coasters, magnets and candles.



PILGRIM'S BADGE | £5

designed by Canon Sandy Elliott

A pilgrim badge in pewter to be worn by members of the congregation throughout the celebration year.



CHRISTMAS CARD | £4.75 for a pack of 5

designed by Alison Merry

We have commissioned Gloucestershire artist Alison Merry to illustrate the 2019 cathedral Christmas card with a Cantilupe theme. Available from June.

Artwork pictured is from a previous design

PUBLICATIONS

Two brand new publications have also been commissioned as part of 2020

Cantilupe's Life & Times by the Dean of Hereford & Ian Bass

An illustrated book on the saint's life, to be published in summer 2020.

The Bishop's Wolf by Richard Willmott

A children's book, to be published during the year.

Hereford Cathedral Shop is open Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm.
Orders can also be placed online via herefordcathedral.org/shop

PILGRIM PRAYER

Lord God,
who inspired pilgrims of old
to visit the shrines of the saints
in Hereford's house of prayer:
be with us as we journey, day by day,
towards our heavenly home;
and grant us glimpses of your glory on the way
in the world around us
in the lives of one another
and in grace you have given us
in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen



PRAYER OF ST THOMAS

Hail Thomas, good shepherd,
patron of the flock of Christ
and teacher of the Church:
lend your help to the sick, I beg you,
and confer on devout minds
the light of grace.
Amen



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