

BECKET 2020
VISIT TO CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL Tuesday 7th July 2020



Many of you will have probably seen the article in the Diocesan news or heard Bishop Christopher last Sunday on Solent Radio talking about the 850th Anniversary of Thomas Becket’s martyrdom in Canterbury Cathedral and the plans for some pilgrimages to Canterbury to mark the event. Two pilgrimages are planned – the first on Tuesday 7th July, the 800th Anniversary of his body being moved from the crypt to a new shrine in the chancel of the Cathedral. A more general pilgrimage is planned on Saturday 3rd October, which the Bishop is likely to attend. One of the Portsmouth Choirs will be singing evensong on both dates. The Friends are planning to arrange a coach to visit Canterbury on the first date with the following itinerary:

- 9.00am** – Depart Cathedral by coach with possible stops in Cosham and Waterlooville
- 12.00pm** – Arrive Canterbury Cathedral
- 12.30pm** – Attend Eucharist in the Crypt
- 5.30pm** – Attend Evensong followed by procession to Thomas Becket’s shrine
- 7.00 pm** – Depart Canterbury arriving back at Old Portsmouth at about 9.30pm.

At present no details of what other arrangements will be available at the Cathedral although it is hoped to arrange a tour. The cost of the coach is expected to be £25 max although this will be kept to a minimum depending on numbers. At the moment bookings are not being taken but we need expressions of interest so that we can gauge whether there will be sufficient support to arrange a coach. Please register below.

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To be returned to the Cathedral Office by Monday 2nd March at the latest or email to friends@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

I wish to register an interest in the visit to Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday 7th July 2020. Please return this form to or contact the Cathedral Office on 023 9289 2963

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