

## PUBLIC LECTURES

We believe expertise should be available to everyone. In our Diamond Jubilee year, we're celebrating the pursuit of knowledge and exploring our 60 years of learning, teaching and research excellence.

Our Public Lectures are a series of free talks from experts and prominent figures, designed to educate and provoke thought.

So far in our Diamond Jubilee series we have been joined by Dame Sara Thornton, the UK's Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, who challenged us to care

more about the millions of people held in modern slavery across the globe, and Dame Fiona Reynolds, former Director of the National Trust, who discussed the fight for nature's beauty and its power to inspire us to find solutions to the climate crisis.

As part of our Showcase of Alumni and Honorary graduates, we also hosted an Audience with Dame Lynne Owens, who shared her insights and experience as the former Director General of the National Crime Agency.

Next up, we have:

- Professor Dame Wendy Hall, one of the world's leading computer scientists and Chair of the Ada Lovelace Institute | Thursday 22 September 2022
- Jo Brand, comedian, writer and actor | Autumn 2022
- Professor Abdulrazak Gurnah, Nobel Laureate and Canterbury Christ Church alumnus | early 2023

Go to [canterbury.ac.uk/public-lectures](http://canterbury.ac.uk/public-lectures) to book tickets and find out more.

Music and Lyrics by STEPHEN SONDEHEIM | Book by JOHN WEIDMAN | ASSASSINS is based on an idea by Charles Gilbert, Jr. | Playwrights Horizons, Inc. - New York City Produced ASSASSINS Off-Broadway in 1990 | Orchestrations by Michael Starobin | This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI [www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)



## SUMMER MUSICAL: STEPHEN SONDEHEIM'S 'ASSASSINS'

This summer, our Anselm Theatre Company is bringing the notoriously innovative musical, Stephen Sondheim's 'Assassins', to Canterbury. Join us on campus for performances in our modern theatre studio throughout June.

"Everybody's got the right to be happy so come in and shoot a president!"

The late Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman's ground-breaking musical comedy brings together nine misfit men and

women who all set out to assassinate the American President (some more successfully than others). Using a dizzying series of musical and theatrical inventions that span the centuries from Lincoln to Reagan, 'Assassins' examines the conflicts that exist between entitlement, celebrity and the disappointments of the American Dream.

This is the first production presented by the newly formed Anselm Theatre Company in association with 'The House of Glass Angels'.

This production contains some profanity and gunshots, and is not recommended for those under age 11.

Anselm Studio 1, North Holmes Campus, Canterbury

Wednesday 15 June – 7.30pm | Thursday 16 June – 7.30pm | Friday 17 June – 7.30pm | Saturday 18 June – 2pm and 7.30pm

Tickets: £8, £5 concessions.

Book your tickets at [canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture](http://canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture)

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Each university has a Community Liaison contact who can advise on a number of community projects, opportunities or issues.

### Canterbury Christ Church University

e: [community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk) or t: 01227 922836

### University of Kent

e: [communityliaison@kent.ac.uk](mailto:communityliaison@kent.ac.uk) or t: 01227 816156

The universities take the concerns of our neighbours very seriously. If local residents experience anti-social behaviour and believe our students are involved, there are places you can go to complain and get help.

### Police

Call 101 to report non-emergency incidents and 999 for emergencies.

### Canterbury City Council's Refuse and Recycling Services

For all recycling enquiries and to report missed bin collections, e: [help@canen.co](mailto:help@canen.co) or t: 01227 947860 w: [canterbury.gov.uk/waste](http://canterbury.gov.uk/waste)

### Canterbury City Council's Environmental Health Team

To report a problem with noise, neighbours or nuisance, e: [envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk) or t: 01227 862202

### Parking Enforcement

To report a problem with parking, e: [parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk) or t: 01227 862429

If you encounter an obstruction or other endorsable offences, please telephone the police on 101.

## LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH AND BEYOND



We are deeply proud of our LGBTQIA+ community and want to keep building a culture of equality and inclusion.

In February this year, we celebrated LGBTQIA+ History Month with a whole host of thought-provoking and celebratory events, including a QR code-enabled exhibition showcasing games by LGBTQIA+ creators, rainbow crafts, a night of music, drag and romantic bingo, and a 'Queer Carnival' live artwork piece.

LGBTQIA+ History Month is a wonderful opportunity to shine a light on the contributions people in the LGBTQIA+ community make to our society, and to contemplate the work still needed to create a more progressive, inclusive future.

We are continuing this beyond the official LGBTQIA+ History Month, with further events planned throughout 2022.

Find out more at [canterbury.ac.uk/LGBTQIA-History-Month](http://canterbury.ac.uk/LGBTQIA-History-Month)

## Discover a world of creativity

Students from our creative courses will be showcasing their final degree show work in a celebratory exhibition in our Daphne Oram Building for Creative Arts, from Thursday 27 May – Sunday 12 June.

Creativity and CCCU: BA Exhibition will stretch across three floors and include projects from Photography and Graphic Design, interactive displays from Games

Design, showreels and screenings from students in Film and Digital Media, and new works by Creative and Professional Writing students.

We are delighted to invite you to a special reception of the exhibition. Come and enjoy an afternoon tea, take a guided tour of our award-winning creative arts building, and explore the exhibitions. Everyone is welcome!

The reception will take place on Thursday 9 June from 3pm – 5:30pm. Book your free tickets at [canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture](http://canterbury.ac.uk/arts-and-culture)

## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!

Summer marks the end of our main academic year, and so we say a fond farewell and wish the best of luck to those students who are leaving us soon. Many of our students will be moving on to work or further study in the local area, including hundreds of newly qualified education and healthcare professionals now embarking on their new careers in local schools and hospitals.

While at university, our students become an integral part of the community and local economy, and we encourage our students

to be excellent neighbours and to embrace everything our unique location has to offer.

The last years have not provided a normal university experience for our students, and we want to take this opportunity, as they move on to their bright futures, to congratulate them on all they have achieved despite disruption and hardship. We would also like to thank the wider community for working with us, welcoming our students, and supporting us in continuing to provide vital education and training.

# Community matters

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# Celebrating our Diamond Jubilee.

It's our Diamond Jubilee, and we're celebrating 60 years of helping people achieve their potential through education. Since starting in 1962 as a teacher training college with just 75 students, Canterbury Christ Church University has grown into a vital source of training for healthcare and teaching professionals, an innovator in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine) education, and a vibrant hub of creativity and talent in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Our research has impacted regionally, nationally and internationally as we search for answers to questions that collectively benefit millions of people.

We began our Diamond Jubilee year with our Light Up The Night launch event on 1 February, formally launched by the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Lady Colgrain. Our community of staff, students, alumni and partners came together decked in lights and created a spectacular light trail along the streets of Canterbury, that took in the Cathedral Precincts and concluded with an outdoor reception on our main campus, that was illuminated in a spectacular light display.

Amid our year-long celebrations, we're offering a new Diamond Jubilee Bursary to support prospective students and make

higher education more inclusive, as well as Jubilee Academic Scholarships to help to ensure that the most talented students can access local higher education and use their skills as graduates to continue to support and grow the region's key industries.

To learn more about our Diamond Jubilee bursary and scholarship opportunities, visit [canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/scholarships-and-bursaries](http://canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/scholarships-and-bursaries)

This year, we want to celebrate with everyone who makes Christ Church such a unique, diverse community. Current and future students, alumni, staff, local businesses, neighbours and friends – everyone is welcome, so please join us for a year to remember.

To learn more about our Diamond Jubilee and discover how you can get involved, visit [canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee](http://canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee)



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## Registrations now open | Vice Chancellor's Business Games



This year, we are hosting our first ever Vice Chancellor's Business Games at Polo Farm, Canterbury, on Thursday 16 June.

Sponsored by Enterprise Rent-A-Car and KIMS Hospital, the inaugural Vice Chancellor's Business Games is a fantastic opportunity for local businesses and partners to gather together outside of their usual

work environment and enjoy some friendly competition as they take part in a wide range of exciting sporting activities, such as Ultimate Frisbee, Sports Day races and an inflatable obstacle course.

Suitable for all ages and abilities, teams will compete for the Business Games Trophy, enjoy refreshments, and have the

chance to network and make connections in a fun and engaging atmosphere, whilst providing ample fundraising opportunities for chosen charities.

To register, head to [canterbury.ac.uk/business-games](http://canterbury.ac.uk/business-games)

## WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any questions or comments about the University, or if there is something you would like us to feature in a future issue of Community Matters, please email [community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk)

For an electronic version of the newsletter and further information, visit [canterbury.ac.uk/community](http://canterbury.ac.uk/community)



## Academy for Sustainable Futures

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Academy for Sustainable Futures.

The Academy is based on ten years of pioneering work in sustainability and will drive the University forward to contribute meaningfully to a collective sustainable future. It advocates for and influences our sustainable futures through research, embedding sustainability into our curriculum, and creating opportunities for change by engaging with the University and local communities.

The Academy will support the University in minimising our own operational carbon footprint and set a challenging target for carbon neutrality, whilst enhancing our natural environment and links to cultural heritage. It will also provide our students, staff and wider communities with opportunities to learn about and act on sustainability issues and help develop connections between people, communities and the environment to support individual, cultural and environmental wellbeing.

The official launch event took place in March, with a keynote speech from Dr Jane Davidson, former Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing in the Welsh Government and the author of the book #futuregen: lessons from a small country.

Learn more at [canterbury.ac.uk/about-us/social-and-environmental-responsibilities](https://canterbury.ac.uk/about-us/social-and-environmental-responsibilities)

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE



We are all shocked by the scenes we see in Ukraine when we turn on the TV or radio each day. Our thoughts and prayers must go out to those bereaved and wounded in Ukraine, and to those fleeing or who have had their lives changed forever.

We stand in solidarity with everyone in Ukraine, along with our staff and students who may have been directly affected by the situation, and are encouraging our community to support UK charities that have launched appeals for donations. Our University community also supplied a coach full of donated practical aid through the Ukrainian Embassy.

We're working with national academic organisations to stand ready to host Ukrainian academics whose lives may be in danger and are also looking into the possibility of helping Ukrainian students continue their studies in Canterbury, Medway and other parts of the UK.

We will be supporting any Ukrainian unaccompanied asylum-seeker children who go into in foster care in Kent and Medway through our programme of outreach support for children in care. Ukrainian refugees over the age of 18 will also be able to access free English classes at the University as part of our CELTA English Language teacher course.

We also hope to provide direct support – whether it be with CV-writing, employability support or language skills – to help refugees settle and find a fulfilling life in a new country.

These are only small steps, but they are important, practical ones that stand true to our values and purpose. Working together with the University of Kent and Canterbury City Council to ensure a unified approach, we will continue to review as the situation develops, and do whatever we can to help.

## QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

We aren't the only ones celebrating an important Jubilee this year! You may have heard that it's also the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, and we are joining Her Majesty's celebrations by 'planting a tree for the Jubilee'.

In a mass planting event on Thursday 23 March, our green-fingered community of students and staff came together to plant 400 saplings, creating a new hedgerow and a new environment for wildlife.

The hedgerow will encourage more birds, insects and small mammals onto our Canterbury campus, providing vital space for them to thrive and improving local biodiversity.

The planting is part of our Wilder Campus Jubilee project, a series of events designed to create wild spaces on campus and enhance our environment. Find out more at [canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee](https://canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee)



## Call to Campus

Ever wondered what our campus is like? As part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, we're inviting you to book a personalised, guided tour – whether you're an alumnus wanting a trip down memory lane or simply a curious neighbour, we'd love to show you around. And coffee and cake is on us!

Book your tour at [canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee/diamond-jubilee-events/call-to-campus](https://canterbury.ac.uk/diamond-jubilee/diamond-jubilee-events/call-to-campus)

## We are Proud

We've been a proud sponsor and supporter of Pride Canterbury since 2016, and we're delighted to sponsor Pride Canterbury once again in 2022. Pride Canterbury is a wonderful celebration of LGBTQIA+ identity which brings the whole community together to celebrate diversity, respect and love.

We have a thriving LGBTQIA+ staff network and LGBTQIA+ student society at Christ

Church, and this sponsorship is just part of the dynamic range of activities and support we offer to our LGBTQIA+ community and allies.

Pride Canterbury will return on Saturday 11 June 2022 with a parade through Canterbury city centre, followed by a star-studded line up of artists celebrating in the Dane John Gardens, including performances from Alexandra Burke, stars from RuPaul's Drag Race and a DJ set from Denise Van Outen.

Jonathan Fitter-Harding, from Pride Canterbury said: "Pride Canterbury are

thrilled to have Canterbury Christ Church University supporting us again this year. Christ Church is an important partner to us, and the impact that their support has is far-reaching. As an inclusive education establishment, by supporting Pride, it creates a positive environment for students, their families, and the teaching staff, and we look forward to welcoming them all to Canterbury on 11 June!"

Find out more and get your tickets at [pridecanterbury.com](https://pridecanterbury.com)

## HELPING LOCAL COMMUNITIES ACCESS HEALTHCARE



The Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS), a joint initiative between Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent, will now be able to advance research into helping local communities access vital healthcare, thanks to a £1million grant from Oak Foundation.

The funding will establish a new 'Oak Professor of Rural and Coastal Healthcare' which will support research in the important but neglected area of rural and coastal healthcare. This is the first philanthropically funded Chair, or Professorship, at KMMS

and is one of the most significant investments a contributor can make.

The social and geographic nature of Kent and Medway means that local communities face unique challenges, and the region's health and care system is under unprecedented stress in trying to meet current and future demand. KMMS's research aims to make a difference for the residents of Kent and Medway by addressing the specific healthcare issues in the region's aging, coastal and hard-to-reach communities that cause health and life outcome inequalities.

## A SAFER COMMUNITY

The safety of our students, staff and neighbours is our utmost priority, and we are actively working to create a safer community and an enjoyable environment for local people.

### Purple Flag

Canterbury is celebrating 10 successive years of Purple Flag accreditation, having once again received the prestigious award for the evening and night-time economy. There are 70 Purple Flag towns and cities in the UK, and Canterbury is the only accredited location in Kent.

In collaboration with Canterbury BID and other partners, we play an active role in contributing to the community's safety and enjoyment through our safety initiatives, including Street Marshalls and Safe Zone, as well as engaging our students and staff as active patrons of the evening and night-time economy in feedback and evaluation.



### Canterbury Safety Partnership

Along with partners including the University of Kent, Kent Police and Canterbury City Council, our Safety Hubs deliver key safety messages to students and members of the public, as well as being an opportunity to listen to their feedback. So far this year the Canterbury Safety Partnership has held three Safety Hubs, engaging with upwards of 6000 students.

Find out more at [canterbury.ac.uk/safety](https://canterbury.ac.uk/safety)

