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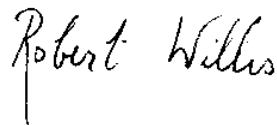
It seems strange to be reaching out to you all from Canterbury at this time when so many of us have been in lock-down for many months of this year and travel between the United States and the United Kingdom is almost impossible.

Nevertheless, here in Canterbury we are able to worship once again with prudent restrictions, and for the last month or so the Cathedral choir has been singing Evensong daily and the Eucharists on Sunday mornings. These choral services are available on-line so we can come together 'virtually.' Our website <<https://www.canterbury-cathedral.org>> has these and other imaginative ways in which you can experience the creative life of our different departments.

There is also much to learn about the history of this place during the 1400 years of its life. This year we were to have celebrated the 800th anniversary of the consecration of the shrine of Thomas Becket and the gathering of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion here for the Lambeth Conference. Yet both have had to be postponed, with the Lambeth Conference now set for July 2022.

Our prayers for all of you are as real as ever, as is our gratitude for your encouragement and interest in this holy place of pilgrimage. Also real is the need for resources to keep this Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion ready to receive pilgrims and visitors, conferences and courses, and of course, above all else, Friends of Canterbury Cathedral the world over.

We ask that you continue to be generous and, when it is possible in the future, to come and receive a welcome here both in the Cathedral and, if you are staying, at our Cathedral Lodge. We all so much look forward to that day when these current restrictions are no longer necessary.



The Very Revd Dr Robert Willis
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