29th November 2012

Dear Kent Ambassador

**Invitation to visit Canterbury Cathedral**

The Dean would be delighted if you were able to join us on Monday 14th January 2013 here at Canterbury Cathedral for a special ‘behind the scenes’ visit.

This will be an opportunity for you to see some fascinating conservation work in progress as well as the recently completed Corona Chapel, and also to hear in person about our exciting plans for the future.

Canterbury Cathedral is one of the nation’s greatest heritage buildings and worth conserving its own right, but Canterbury also symbolises and inspires much more, in this country and around the world.

It is with this in mind that we have just submitted a multi-million pound grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. If successful, *The Canterbury Journey* project will be transformational not only in helping to secure the future of the Cathedral for the long term, but also in delivering an inspirational visitor experience and educational legacy.

We believe this to be a once in a generation opportunity which we hope will attract significant new audiences drawn, not least, by the revelation of texts, collections and treasures of artistic, ecclesiastical and global historical importance.

It would be a pleasure to be able to show you how far we have come and what we plan to achieve in the next few years, in the hope that you will be able to help spread the word amongst your many friends and contacts, locally and further afield.

A proposed programme for the visit is enclosed. If you are able to join us please let Allison know by Monday 17th December 2012**.**

We look forward to meeting you.

With all good wishes

Andrew Edwards

Chief Executive

**Please RSVP to Allison**

**Kent Ambassadors**

**Visit to Canterbury Cathedral**

**Monday 14 January 2013**

**Programme:**

**1.30 pm:** Coffee and Welcome in the Chapter Room, Cathedral House. Depending on number of guests the tour will take place as follows:

**2.00 pm:** Group 1 Visit to the Stained Glass Studios led by Leonie Seliger, Director of Stained Glass

**2.00 pm:** Group 2 Visit to Stone Masons’ Workshop led by Heather Newton, Head of Stonemasonry & Conservation

**2.40 pm:** Groups to swap around.

**3.20 pm:** Tour of Cathedral conservation work in progress led by Brigadier John Meardon DL, Receiver-General and William Roe, Director of Projects.

**4.30 pm:** Tea and Cakes in the Chapter Room with the Dean of Canterbury.

**17.30 pm:** Evensong (Optional)