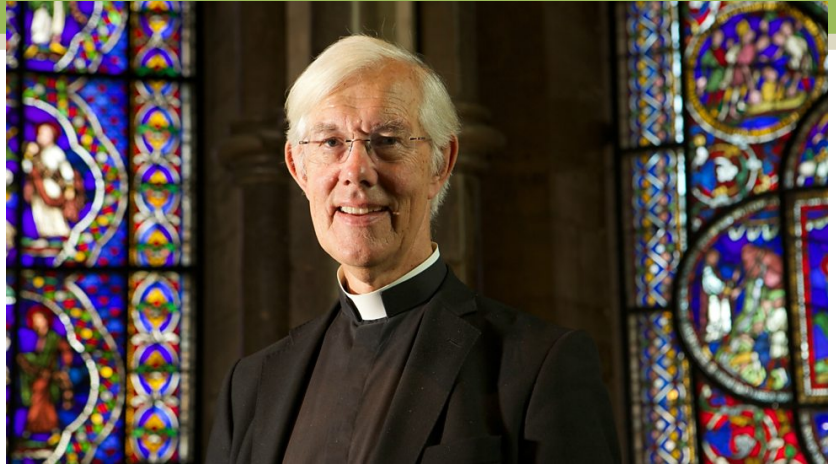




ROBERT WILLIS

Robert Willis is an Anglican priest, theologian, chaplain and music composer. In 2001 he was installed as the 39th Dean of Canterbury. Canterbury Cathedral is the Mother Church of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The cathedral is both a holy place and part of a World Heritage Site.



Willis is an accomplished pianist and opera enthusiast. He has written many hymns and contributed to recent editions of *Hymns Ancient & Modern* and *New English Praise*. Among his hymns are “The Kingdom is Upon You” and “Let us Light a Candle.”

Before becoming Dean of Canterbury Willis was Dean of Hereford for nine years. He is a trustee of Canterbury Cathedral Trust and a Development Committee member. He has been chairman of the Deans’ Conference of the Church of England since 1999 and a member of the General Synod since 1985. He was made a Freeman of the City of Canterbury in 2008. He is Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Kent. He was awarded the Cross of St. Augustine for services to the Anglican Communion in 2012 and is a Knight of the Order of St. John.

Robert Willis was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Yale University in 2009 and Doctor of Civil Law degree by the University of Kent in 2011. He was educated at Warwick University, Worcester College, Oxford and Cuddesdon College, Oxford.