

The Lord Mayor of Canterbury for 2009/10 is Councillor Dr Harry Cragg

Originally hailing from Cumbria, Cllr Cragg has lived in Canterbury since 1966 when he took up a post lecturing in chemistry at the University of Kent at Canterbury. He became Reader in inorganic chemistry and Dean of Natural Sciences before retiring in 1998.

Cllr Cragg was Chairman of the Governors of Kent Institute of Art and Design for 14 years and a former member of St Stephen's Parochial Church Council. He was elected to Canterbury City Council in May 1999 and is ward councillor for St Stephen's ward. Cllr Cragg previously served as a County Councillor where he chaired the Further Education Sub-committee.

He was Leader of the Council (2005-7) and for the last two years has been executive member for Culture and Sport.

During his time at Canterbury City Council, Cllr Cragg has chaired the Overview Committee and a number of Scrutiny Reviews such as flooding, street scene, pre-housing tenancy and museums and galleries.

Married with two sons and two grandsons, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury and of the Lord Mayor of Canterbury's Christmas Gift Fund.

On being elected to the position of Lord Mayor, Cllr Cragg said "To be Lord Mayor of Canterbury is a great honour and a privilege and at the same time one feels very humble. No amount of forethought can prepare one for the feeling of putting the robes on for the first time. I would like to thank both Cllr Rosemary Doyle and Cllr Peter Lee for their very kind words in support of my nomination. I hope I can live up to their expectations."

The Lady Mayoress for this year will be Cllr Cragg's wife, Sheila. She has chosen to support two charities which are Age Concern (with centres in Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable), and The Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal, focusing on a project in the Bell Harry Tower.