Canterbury Cathedral is an English Gothic cathedral located in Canterbury, near the southeast coast of England. Click for more facts and information. Aspects of Its Sacramental Geometry, Xlibris Corporation. Farmer, D. H. (1992). Canterbury Cathedral was one of the most important centres of pilgrimage in Medieval England. There has been a cathedral at Canterbury since 597 when St. Augustine baptised the Saxon king Ethelbert. The Archbishop of Canterbury was the most senior religious figure in the land and he was based at the cathedral. While the cathedral had huge significance at both a religious and political level in medieval times, its importance as a centre of pilgrimage greatly increased after the murder of Thomas Becket there in 1170. The Cathedral’s mission is ‘To show people Jesus’. Among those who went to the Temple to worship were people who came saying ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus’. John 12:20.