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20 - 22 November
St Edmund Celebration

Spectacle of Light
A series of light projections will illuminate the town and Abbey Gardens for three nights, guiding us towards the end of the millennial year.

A Night at the Cathedral
Experience the Cathedral in a new way on Friday 20 November, with open choral rehearsals, live art, and a grand exhibition of charcoal drawings. Refreshments will be on offer throughout the evening.

Edmundtide
On Saturday 21 November, a special guest speaker (TBA) will deliver the Millennium Lecture to guests from neighbouring dioceses, while special services for Edmundtide will be held in the Cathedral the following day.
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16 - 20 May

Bury Festival 2020 Concerts

The 2020 celebrations start with a fervent wave of the baton. As part of the annual Bury Festival, St Edmundsbury Cathedral is proud to host concerts by Bury Bach Choir (16 May), award-winning choir The Sixteen (18 May), and the St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra (20 May) - the oldest orchestra of its kind in Russia. Book online today.

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18 - 22 & 30 May

Pilgrimage 2020 & Pilgrimage of Song

'Pilgrimage 2020' will follow two routes taken by the Abbey's Benedictine founders in 1020, from St Benet's Abbey in Norfolk, and Ely Cathedral, Cambridgeshire. Both journeys will end with a commemorative service in the Abbey ruins. On Saturday 30 May, an additional music-based pilgrimage, 'Pilgrimage of Song', will set off from Chevington, arriving at the Cathedral later that evening.

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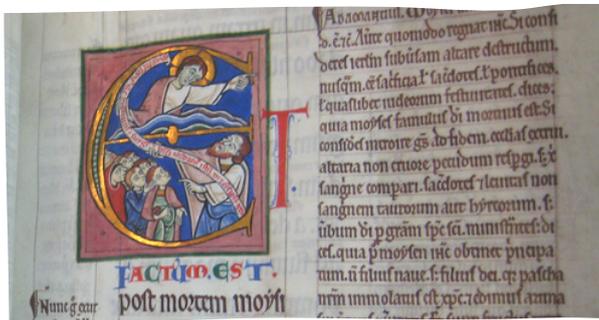


23 - 24 May

Abiding Wisdom

Saturday 23 May features a unique gathering of Benedictines, with talks by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, Prof Sarah Foot & Abbot Geoffrey Scott. On Sunday, ecumenical worship is led by Bishop Martin Seeley & Bishop Alan Hopes, with special visits from His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, & the Archbishop of York designate, Bishop Stephen Cottrell.

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23 May - 17 July

Secrets of the Abbey

For the first time in almost 500 years, seven ancient manuscripts from the Abbey Scriptorium will return to their place of origin.

Timed tickets will give you the rare chance to view these magnificent artefacts close-up. On Saturday 11 July, three expert speakers will give talks on the manuscripts, culminating in an evening concert given by Emmy-nominated Mediaeval Baebes.

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12 June

73rd Aldeburgh Festival: Opening Concert

The Aldeburgh Festival opens away from the Suffolk coast for the first time in over 50 years. Featuring the Britten Sinfonia, Ian Bostridge, Martin Owen, Clare Hammond, Nicholas Daniel, Andrew Watts, the Doric Quartet, & Ryan Wigglesworth, with works by Britten, Purcell, & Elgar, the concert flourishes with new commissions, & a posthumous world premiere from John Tavener.

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16 - 19 July

Flower Exhibition & Diocesan Celebration

The Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich invites you to a celebratory service and party at the Cathedral on Sunday 19 July.

This date will also be the last chance to view a commemorative flower exhibition, which runs from the preceding Thursday. Lining the North Aisle of the Cathedral, the arrangements will depict the ten centuries of the Abbey's millennium.

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16 - 17 October

Noye's Fludde

Under award-winning directorship, Benjamin Britten's best-known opera for children will be set in the vast surrounds of the Cathedral Nave. Originally based on a Chester Mystery Play, the St Edmundsbury production will be preceded by a newly-devised 'Suffolk Miracle Play', in honour of the Abbey's millennium, and will involve several schools in and around the diocese.

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24 October

Suffolk Philharmonic Orchestra

Leslie Olive conducts a new commission by Paul Carr for Abbey1000. Based on texts associated with St Benedict, its premiere will be performed by the English Arts Chorale and the Eye Bach Choir, alongside Dvořák's 'New World Symphony'.

suffolkphil.org



14 November

Bury Bach Choir: Beethoven 250th Anniversary

Bury Bach Choir has been a regular contributor to the Cathedral's music and arts life since its foundation in 1932. Join them this November to celebrate another significant milestone: Beethoven's 250th birth year!

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