



The High Sheriff of Suffolk

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Justice Service

3.30 pm on
Sunday 6 June 2021

St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Celebrating
the work of the judicial system
the power of community
our diverse community in Suffolk

Welcome to the service. As we are now permitted to come together – albeit in a limited manner – for worship, the service looks slightly different from previous years to allow us to comply with government guidelines. There will be music from the singers and players, but there will be no collective hymns as congregational singing in church is still not permitted due to the risk of infection. Thank you for your understanding.

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The High Sheriff of Suffolk

Justice Service Welcome

I am delighted to welcome you today.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been High Sheriff of Suffolk in a very unusual year.

We have all faced many challenges this year and I am pleased to have many of you, who have made such a huge difference to many across Suffolk, here today. Unfortunately we have very reduced numbers so we are live streaming the service too.

Today is about recognising some of the extraordinary work of our Judicial system and also to learn a little about Social Justice. We know we have difficult times ahead and we will hear about that too.

Thank you to the many who have helped create this service. We have a variety of music from a much reduced St Edmundsbury Cathedral Choir, Ben Lasky from the Forge Community Church and Christina Johnston. I am grateful to the Bishop, the Right Reverend Martin Seeley, the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Joe Hawes, to the Reverend Canon Philip Banks and to my chaplain, Steve Fenning senior leader at the Forge Community Church. Assisting in organising this event my thanks also goes to my Undersheriff Jonathan Mathers and Debra Knights from Greene & Greene. A final thank you to the fabulous team at the Blossom Charity for your help.

Sadly Joel Edwards cannot be here today as he is currently undergoing some harsh medical treatment. Thank you to Richard Reddie for being willing to step in at short notice. Richard is an expert in Social Justice and we look forward to his message today. I am sure we will all pray for Joel during this difficult time.

Bridget McIntyre

High Sheriff of Suffolk



Please stand

Welcome

Introit Edmund Consort

O, clap your hands
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Please sit or kneel

The Bidding Prayer Dean

Much of the life that we lead today is an inheritance from the past. Our language and culture, our homes and the laws which protect us and give us structure in our lives, our towns and villages, the places of learning which provide our education, and the institutions which care for our mental and physical health and encourage the leisure activities we enjoy, have been formed in large measure by our forebearers. We in our generation work to build on the best of our inheritance in the particular context and circumstances of our time.

In this service today, we seek to affirm the value of the freedom and the civil liberties that we enjoy; to give thanks to God for our system of law and order; and to commit ourselves afresh to the cause of justice for everyone in our local communities, and in the wider world. As we strive continuously for a fair and equitable society, which respects difference and upholds the common good, we acknowledge those with high responsibility in parliament and in the administration of the law, as well as those who campaign for victims of injustice. We also honour before God the work of judges and magistrates, the police, probation and prison services, as well as voluntary services, charities and community groups.

Let us also remember with thanksgiving the witness of the Christian Church and other faith communities, which enrich our lives together through their pursuit of truth, their commitment to the dignity of humanity in God's creation, and in their celebration of the freedom which arises from the service of God and of our neighbour.

As we begin our worship, let us offer the prayer which our Lord Jesus Christ taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven.
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done;
In earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
The power and the glory. For ever and ever,
Amen**

Please be seated

High Sheriff Walks

Following the killing of George Floyd and the #BlackLivesMatterCampaign, I decided to learn more about what life was like in Suffolk for our BAME community and for other ethnic groups. Having always considered myself to not be racist I decided that wasn't enough and I needed to speak out and be anti-racist. At that time, we were allowed to go for walks outside and the world was opening up a little bit more. I decided that I would walk in other people's shoes and listen and learn. I walked the Suffolk coast with people from different ethnic communities and a question I would ask is "what's it like living in Suffolk?" I learnt so much and that there is much that we can still do. I have decided to highlight some of this through these video stories.

Video Stories Wesley Doyle and Nidhi Arora



Everyone remains seated

God of Justice Ben Lasky

God of justice, Saviour to all,
came to rescue the weak and the poor,
chose to serve and not be served.

Jesus, you have called us;
freely we've received:
now freely we will give.

We must go live to feed the hungry,
stand beside the broken – we must go,
stepping forward; keep us from just singing –
move us into action – we must go.

To act justly every day,
loving mercy in every way,
walking humbly before you, God.

You have shown us what you require.
Freely we've received:
now freely we will give.

Fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out,
fill us up and send us out, Lord.

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Reflections from different faith groups

Sikhism - Community and Justice in Sikhism
Buddhism - Three truths
Hinduism - Our shared values
Judaism - Judaism and Justice

Gurmeet Singh Sually
Dayasara
Umesh Patel
Beverley Levy

Everyone remains seated

Interview with Martyn Levett & Steve Jupp

Jonathan Mathers

His Honour Judge Martyn Levett

Martyn Levett has lived in Suffolk for the 45 years. He first qualified in Chemical Engineering from Leeds University and then in Law.

He was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple in 1978. He practiced as a barrister from local Chambers and Red Lion Chambers in London. From 2000 he sat in the Crown Court as a Recorder and was authorised to sit at the Central Criminal Court in 2010 until he was appointed a Circuit Judge on 9th March 2015. He was appointed Resident Judge of Ipswich Crown Court in 2017 and Honorary Recorder of Ipswich in 2019.



Steve Jupp

Steve Jupp is Suffolk Constabulary's Chief Constable. He joined Suffolk Constabulary in April 2015 in the role of Deputy Chief Constable, and was appointed Chief Constable from April 2019.

Steve joined the Metropolitan Police in 1987 where he spent the majority of his service tackling serious and organised crime and developing the Metropolitan Police's current intelligence operating model. Between 1993 and 1999 Steve was seconded onto what is now the National Crime Agency, again focussing on serious and organised crime, working internationally, and spent two years working in Spain. In 1999 Steve returned to the Metropolitan Police until 2009. During that period, amongst other things, he developed the Metropolitan Police's response to armed robbery and investigated the London Bombings. In 2009 he transferred to West Midlands Police where, as Head of Crime, he had responsibility for all levels of criminal investigations in the cities of Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton. In 2013 he went to Nottinghamshire Constabulary as an Assistant Chief Constable where he was responsible for crime investigation and reduction.

Steve has had national responsibility for working with the banking industry to prevent armed robberies and with the Ministry of Justice in the reform of the criminal justice programme, and was the Lead for the National Police Chiefs' Council Intelligence Portfolio. He is currently the Lead for the National Police Chiefs' Council Serious & Organised Crime Portfolio.



Please stand

Beauty for brokenness
Christina Johnston and the Edmund Consort

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair;
Lord, in your suffering world, this is our prayer:
bread for the children, justice, joy, peace;
sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsman, trade for their skills;
land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:
melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share;
peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor...

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
until your justice burns brightly again,
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

God of the poor...



Please be seated

The Address
Richard Reddie

Richard Reddie is a writer, researcher, cultural and religious commentator and broadcaster. He has written for a number of publications including The Guardian, The Times, BBC Online, the Church Times, the Voice newspaper, Christianity, Keep the Faith, Third Way, Reform, ROOTS, and the Weekly Gleaner.



He is also the author of Abolition! The struggle to abolish slavery in the British colonies (Lion Hudson, 2007), and the ground-breaking Black Muslims in Britain (Lion Hudson, 2009), which was the first scholarly research into this growing phenomenon. This book was subsequently turned into the documentary Young Muslim and Black by BBC Radio 4. In 2011, he wrote the well-received biography of Martin Luther King Jr: history maker (Lion Hudson, 2011). His latest book, Race for Justice, which he edited, will be published by Lion Hudson in January 2022.

Richard has taken part in a number of television and radio programmes and is currently the Director of Justice and Inclusion at the leading ecumenical body, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

Everyone remains seated

Prayers
Steve Fenning

Led by the High Sheriff's Chaplain, concluding with High Sheriff's prayer

Almighty God, grant your grace and guidance to all those involved in bringing law, order and justice in the county of Suffolk; bless those who work for the uniformed and voluntary organisations of the county; support and encourage them all, give to them the skill, judgment and compassion.

Bestow on all of us we pray a desire to serve our neighbour, a respect for all creation, and a sense of duty to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Blessing – Ipswich Churches

During the first lockdown, more than 40 churches from across Ipswich worked together to sing a blessing over the town.

The Lord bless you and keep you,
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace,
amen, amen, amen.

May his favour be upon you
and a thousand generations,
your family and your children
and their children, and their children.

May his presence go before you
and behind you, and beside you,
all around you, and within you –
he is with you, he is with you.

In the morning, in the evening,
in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing –
he is for you, he is for you.



Everyone stands

The National Anthem Christina Johnston and the Edmund Consort

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on her be pleased to pour,
long may she reign.
May she defend our laws
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice:
God save the Queen.

Everyone remains standing

The Blessing The Bishop

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render unto no man evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you for ever. Amen

Please be seated

Crown Imperial
William Walton, 1902-1983

Organ Voluntary



Christina Johnston

Despite her young age Christina has addressed audiences all over the U.K., Europe, Asia and South America. She gained scholarship at tender age of 17 to The Guildhall School of Music and Drama and she made her Operatic debut in 2013 at The State Opera, Prague.

She has sung for Heads of State and was chosen to be the voice and Ambassador of Purple Poppy Appeal, celebrating the animals of the war. The single, A Million Tears, has been backed by Her Majesty the Queen and 52 Commonwealth countries and will be released this year.

Christina has also sung solo for film scores including, “Interlude in Prague”, “Battleship Island” and “Wonder Woman 1984”

She released her debut CD “Blessing” with The City of Prague Philharmonic Orchestra, and her Christmas EP with Matthew Sheeran, was nominated for a 2018 Classic Brit Award.

Christina has been asked to be the soloist with the London Mozart Players in their Last Night of the Proms in September 2021.