

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Suffolk Harvest Festival

*Praise and Thanksgiving
for Suffolk's Harvest*



Sunday 10 October 2021
2.00 pm

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

It is good to welcome you to Suffolk's Cathedral for this year's County Harvest Celebration, as we give thanks for all who grow, produce and distribute the food and drink upon which we rely for daily health and strength and which comes into our homes, schools, prisons, hospitals and restaurants. Thank you to everyone contributing to this service, all those who have been involved in organising the various events before and afterwards, and all who have generously supported them.

Starting at 12 noon, the Cathedral is open to visitors with family activities, stalls and sheep in the Nave of the Cathedral as well as a tractor, beer tent and food in the Cathedral grounds.

A message from the Dean:

'We are pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to meet in person again this year to give thanks for Suffolk's Harvest. We recognise the difficulties faced by the farming community and encourage people to donate to support the local foodbank, which is a vital lifeline for so many.'

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¶ The Order of Service

Everyone remains seated as the Dean gives

The Welcome

Everyone stands for the first hymn, during which there will be a harvest procession with livestock and machinery.

The Processional Hymn

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.**

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.***

**He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.**

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.**

**Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.**

Words: Matthias Claudius, 1740-1815

Music: Johann Schulz, 1747-1800

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop gives an

Introduction to the Service

Everyone remains standing as the Bishop leads

The Responary

All The earth has yielded its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.

All O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

All Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
God, our God, has blessed us.

All You visit the earth and water it,
You crown the year with your goodness.

All The earth has yielded its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.

Everyone sits as the Cathedral Choir sings

Psalms 150

O PRAISE God in his holiness:
 praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts:
 praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:
 praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances:
 praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
 praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

*Psalm 150, BCP, Laudate Dominum
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852-1924*

Everyone sits for

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. But do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember God, for it is he who gives you power.

Deuteronomy 8.7-10, 17, NRSV

Reader For the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Everyone remains seated for

An Interview with a Suffolk Farmer

BBC Suffolk's Mark Murphy
in conversation with Chris Partridge

After the interview, everyone stands to sing the following hymn, during which harvest gifts are wheeled and carried to the altar by Young Farmers and members of Suffolk's farming community.

The Hymn

**Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer,
for all things living
thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.**

**Bless thou the labour
we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.**

**Father, providing
food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing
with us, our brother
may know thy care.**

**Then will thy blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth
no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth;
fruitful the land.**

Words: Albert Bayly, 1901-1984

Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody arr. Noel Tredinnick, b.1949

Everyone sits as Mr David Barker MBE, President of Suffolk Agricultural Association reads

The New Testament Reading

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3.12-15, NRSV

Reader For the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Everyone remains seated as the choir sings

The Anthem

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the gentle night to you,
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,
deep peace of Christ to you.

Words: Adapted from an old Gaelic rune

Music: Bob Chilcott, b. 1955

Everyone remains seated for

An Interview with a Suffolk farm shop owner

BBC Suffolk's Mark Murphy
in conversation

After the interview, everyone stands to sing the following hymn, during which the Harvest Loaf is brought to the altar by Young Farmers.

The Hymn

**Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

**Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!**

Words: George Elvey, 1816-1893

Music: Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Everyone sits for

An Interview with a Suffolk pig farmer

BBC Suffolk's Mark Murphy
in conversation with Peter Mortimer

Everyone then kneels or sits as young people lead

The Prayers

The prayers end with

As Jesus taught us, so we pray,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on 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.**

The Final Hymn

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing:
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

Words: H F Lyte, 1793-1847

Music: Praise, my soul, John Goss, 1800-80

Everyone remains standing for

The Blessing

Bishop God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use them to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the ✠ Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dean Taste the earth, care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and the organist plays

The Voluntary

Final from Symphony No. 1
Louis Vierne, 1870-1937

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