

# St Edmundsbury Cathedral



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# Message from the Dean

St Edmundsbury Cathedral stands on a site that has been sacred for over one thousand years. Whilst we are working to assure the future of our wonderful cathedral for the next thousand years, our focus is very much on the here and now, on what we must do to sustain and nourish our communities. That is the purpose of our patrons: to support our mission and our ministry in Suffolk. Your partnership is vital; we cannot expect to succeed without you.

Our Masterplan, which frames our planning and action, reminds us of the values in which we are rooted and grounded: faith, welcome, compassion and confidence. These tell us that working both within and beyond our magnificent building is important. We must reach out to all in town and county - individuals, community groups, businesses, partner organisations.

I have said we stand in a long line of history. We have therefore named our patrons membership options after key figures associated not only with the wider Abbey site but with the spread of the Christian faith itself. In choosing where to position your support, I hope you enjoy learning a bit more about our richly textured past.

We keep our eyes fixed forwards and outwards.



Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury



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## Jocelin de Brakelonde Patron

to support our young choristers  
@ £150 a year

Whilst our young choristers help to maintain our ancient Benedictine choral tradition, the children also receive a rich musical education and a wider learning and social experience. We are committed to welcoming choristers from all backgrounds and to re-establishing a girls' front row. Your support will help us to provide musical workshops in the Cathedral as well as providing music sheets and robes for the youngsters.

### In return for your support, you will receive:

- An invitation for you and your guest to our Christmas Carol Service where you can join other patrons in a special seating area and meet the choristers whom you support
- Quarterly e-newsletter and events information, including a special section on the choristers
- Optional acknowledgement on our website and thank-you list in our Annual Review



*Jocelin de Brakelonde was an English monk and the author of a chronicle narrating the fortunes of the Abbey of St Edmund between 1173 and 1202.*

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## Abbot Anselm Patron

to support our mission and ministry

Individual @ £300 a year

Joint @ £480 a year

Corporate @ £600 a year

Your support will help us grow our congregations, reaching those who would not normally be part of any church. You will help us develop more learning programmes, strengthen our work with disadvantaged youngsters, deepen our relationships with the parishes, and build on our partnerships with other charities in Suffolk.

### In return for your support, you will receive:

- An invitation (two invitations if joint patrons, four invitations if corporate patron) to exclusive Patrons events throughout the year
- An invitation for you and your guest to our Christmas Carol Service where you can join other patrons in a special seating area
- Annual spring trip with privileged access to heritage sites (small charge to cover costs)
- Preview openings of our exhibitions
- Quarterly e-newsletter and events information



*Anselm was Abbot of Bury 1121-1148 and had built a new church dedicated to St James (later repurposed as St Edmundsbury Cathedral) and also had built the landmark Norman tower.*

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## Abbot Baldwin Patron

to support the musical life of the  
Cathedral @ £750 a year

People come to our cathedral from across the county and diocese for a sacred experience, seeking something which can take them to a different plane of worship. Our wonderful choral and organ music have a central role in worship, praising God and complementing the soaring architecture, historic sculpture and stained glass. Your support will help ensure the continuity of this ancient liturgical tradition for our communities and visitors to enjoy.

### In return for your support, you will receive:

- An invitation for you and a guest to an annual Music Patron Evening during a full rehearsal, which includes a behind the scenes tour and specialist talk
- All the benefits that Abbot Anselm and Jocelin de Brakelonde Patrons receive



*Abbot Baldwin became Abbot of Bury St Edmunds in 1065. In 1095 he had constructed a magnificent new shrine for the remains of St Edmund. Here, Henry VI is seen visiting the shrine which was destroyed in the dissolution of the monasteries.*

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## St Edmund Patron

for philanthropists who are able  
to give that little bit more

@ £1,000 a year for individuals or £1,500  
a year for couples

Through his martyrdom and importance to pilgrims for over one thousand years, St Edmund demonstrates how an individual can have an enormous impact on the development of the Christian faith. Philanthropists today also have it within themselves to make a huge and positive difference to society. Your support will help our cathedral in bringing people together, from all walks of life and with different needs; giving glory to God and communicating the beauty of the Gospel; and in helping to develop the kind of society that continues God's work on earth.

In return for your support, you will receive:

- A private tour of the ancient library, for up to 6 guests of your choosing
- All the benefits that all the other patrons receive



*St Edmund, or Edmund the Martyr, was an East Anglian king killed by the Danish heathen army in 869. Some sources say he died in battle; others that he was shot with arrows when he refused to renounce Christ. Until the fourteenth century, he was regarded as the patron saint of England alongside Edward the Confessor.*



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