

Notices this week

No coffee this week: Please note that we will not have coffee this Sunday (27 November) after the 10.30 am service, but it will be 'business as usual' from Sunday 4 December onwards. We'll have another break from coffee just on Christmas Day, but it will return again on Sunday 1 January.

Fairtrade Stall - TODAY, Sunday 27 November: There will be a Fairtrade Stall after today's Eucharist (Sunday 27 November), with supplies of tea, coffee, chocolate, sweets, biscuits and muesli. Contactless payment available. Please do support this important part of the Cathedral's peace and justice work: profits from Traidcraft goods go direct to fund projects overseas.

FOCC 'Guess the weight of the Christmas cake' competition: The FOCC are running a 'Guess the weight of the Christmas cake' competition. The winner will be announced on Sunday 18 December and will be able to take home with them a beautiful, homemade Christmas cake! The cake will be displayed on each Sunday from 27 November to 18 December. Cost: £1 per entry. No limit to the number of times you can enter!

Notice of the preparation of a draft instrument to replace the Cathedral's Constitution and Statutes: On Friday 18 November, we began the process of consultation with the public and Cathedral community regarding replacing the Cathedral's Constitution and Statutes to align with the new Cathedral Measure 2021. This period of consultation will conclude on Saturday 17 December 2022. To prepare for the Measure, St Edmundsbury Cathedral has prepared a draft Constitution and draft Statutes. The Constitution will be the new governing document of the Cathedral, and the Statutes set out further detail on how the Cathedral is to operate. We now offer these drafts for public consultation. You can download the draft documents from a dedicated consultation page on our website. Paper copies may also be collected from the Cathedral office. To minimise paper and cost, we encourage you to view the documents online if you can. Please send any comments on the draft to Sarah-Jane Allison, Chief Operating Officer by email sarah-janeallison@stedscathedral.org or by post to Cathedral Office, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 1LS.

Forum - Wednesday 30 November, Pilgrims' Kitchen, 6.30 pm: You are warmly invited to join us on Wednesday 30 November at 6.30 pm in Pilgrims' Kitchen for our next Cathedral Forum meeting.

Advent Course at St Mary's, Bury St Edmunds: Images of the Invisible by Amy Robinson, led by the author who is the wife of the vicar at St Mary's Church, begins on Monday 28 November for four weeks 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm. The Cathedral home group will be taking part and encourages anyone else who is interested to join them at St Mary's.

Together on Tuesday - 6 December, 2.30 pm: This service is for anyone who might find a longer service difficult but still enjoys singing and praising God. This short communion service in the Edmund Chapel is informal and friendly and is also suitable for those with dementia and their carers. Refreshments and cake will be served after the service, to which you are warmly welcome. For further details, please get in touch with the Reverend Anita Rooney at anitarooney@stedscathedral.org.

Christmas with the Cathedral Choir - Saturday 10 December, 7.00 pm: You are invited to a special festive evening of much-loved carols, hymns and songs for Christmas on Saturday 10 December at 7.00 pm! Join us and the boy and girl Choristers, together with the adult singers of the Choir, who will be performing a range of wonderful music for the season. There will be plenty of opportunity for you to join in with your favourite Christmas tunes too. Tickets on sale [here](#). Prices range from £6.00 to £16.00 depending on seating. Under 5s are free.

Christmas Market - Thank you: A huge thank you to all the Cathedral Community for volunteering at the Christmas Market, and to the Cathedral Staff team who made the event possible. It has been a wonderful event and lots of happy customers have come through the doors!

Sidespeople at Christmas and beyond: The Cathedral Wardens are looking for help with sidespeople duties both on a regular basis and over the busy Christmas period specifically at Midnight Mass (Saturday 24th) and Christmas Day (Sunday 25th). If you are able to help, could you please speak to Barbara Pycraft or Terry Stark over the coming weeks. Thank you in advance.

Christmas turkeys: A reminder that Chris and I have a lovely flock of heritage breed turkeys growing for Christmas. If you are interested, you can have a look and order via our website: [Suffolk Heritage Turkeys](#). Do feel free to spread the word to friends and family too: we can deliver across the UK mainland, or you can collect from us in the Eye area (just select the relevant option at checkout). Huge thanks for your support! Naomi

This weekly bulletin is available by email. If you are not receiving the bulletin this way and would like to, please email Naomi Sturges (see below).

Weekly Bulletin: copy deadline is 12 noon every Thursday, send to Naomi Sturges at liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org

Welcome to

St Edmundsbury Cathedral



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 27 November 2022 Advent Sunday

Welcome, in the name of Jesus Christ, to the Cathedral. Whatever your background, it is good that you are here. If you are new to church, please make yourself known to the clergy or the wardens.

Babies and children: Families are very welcome. There are toys and books in the corner at the back of the Cathedral - just ask a steward. Toilets and baby changing facilities are in the Cathedral Centre - ask stewards for directions. Feel free to move in and out of church during the service.

Junior Church normally meets each week (in term time) during the first half of the service in the Cathedral Centre. All children and young people are warmly invited to join in - follow the procession with other children during the first hymn.

Holy Communion: If you do not normally receive Communion, please come forward with everyone else to receive a blessing. During Communion, please keep any valuables with you.

Gluten Free: If anyone requires a gluten free communion wafer, please speak to a warden - before the service if possible.

A hearing aid loop system operates in the Cathedral.

Photography and video: No photos or videos by members of the public are permitted during services and events, due to Safeguarding and Data Protection. The Cathedral may use photographs, video or livestream in which you may appear, and which could be used in the public domain including social media. If you or your family do not wish to be viewed on the livestream video feed for a service at which you are present, please let a warden know before the service.

SERVICES IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Details of this week's services can be found on the Cathedral's website but please check as they may be subject to change this week.

Cathedral Giving: One of the ways we express our response to God and love of the Cathedral is by committing ourselves to regular giving. This is vital to our flourishing. If you are not already in our scheme for giving, please contact Liz Steele at liz@lokersteele.co.uk who will help you decide how best to contribute, and explain about tax-efficient giving.

OPENING TIMES

Cathedral

Monday - Friday
10.00 am - 5.30 pm
Saturday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm
Sunday 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm

Cathedral Shop

Monday - Saturday
10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Sunday 11.30 am - 4.00 pm

Pilgrims' Kitchen

Monday - Saturday
9.00 am - 4.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

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SERVICES TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon David Crawley

9.00 am All-Age Eucharist

President: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

10.30 am Solemn Eucharist + Admission to Communion

President: The Canon Precentor

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Dr John Parr

Hymns: 35, 42, 39

Setting: Messe solennelle *Langlais*

Motet: O come, o come Emmanuel *T. Parsons*

Voluntary: Prelude, Symphony No. 1 *Vierne*

Reader:

Catherine Cox

5.00 pm Advent Procession

Special service booklet

Readings at 10.30 am today

The New Testament Reading

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.11–14, NRSV

The Gospel Reading

Jesus spoke to his disciples: ‘About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Matthew 24.36–44, NRSV

Collect for the Week

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us lifeless
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**