

Notices this week

Communion access at the 10.30 am Choral Eucharist: We are working on improving access and for the last few months we have kept the north gate of the altar rail open at the 10.30 am service. That is because for some of us the altar rail is disabling. We are going to try a different arrangement for a while. If the communion rail is disabling, you can receive communion standing on the north side. Please indicate that to the wardens when you come forward for communion.

Flowers this week: The flowers in the Lady Chapel this week have been arranged by Brenda Stanley from Thorndon with Rishangles. Those outside the Lady Chapel and Organ Loft have been arranged by Suzy Ambler and Angela Messenger from Claydon and Barham.

St Edmund's Day – Monday 20 November: We celebrate the original Patron Saint of England and King of East Anglia with a quarter peal from the Norman Tower Bellingers before the 1.00 pm service, starting at 11.45 am. You'll also find some very special Edmund Buns in Pilgrims' Kitchen!

Mothers' Union meeting - Tuesday 21 November, 2.00 pm: The Cathedral Mothers' Union would like to invite you to their meeting on Tuesday 21 November at 2.00 pm where there will be a talk in the Edmund Room by Sabine Dornbusch about the Bury Drop In. Please come if you can. There will be a small fee of £3. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided.

Flower arrangers needed: If you would like to arrange flowers in the Cathedral please contact Sue Cockram for a chat on 01284 766688 or at sue@cockram.net.

Forum - Tuesday 21 November, Pilgrims' Kitchen, 6.30 pm: You are warmly invited to join us on Tuesday 21 November at 6.30 pm in Pilgrims' Kitchen for our next Cathedral Forum meeting. It is an open meeting for anyone to attend and will include a discussion about the future of Forum. The [minutes of the September meeting](#) are now available on the [Forum page](#) of the website, as well as the papers for the next meeting.

Cathedral Christmas Market - more baked items, and volunteer stallholders please! Many thanks to all those who have so generously donated towards the home produce and cake stall next week at the Christmas Market. We are covering two days so more actual cakes/bakes/scones will be very welcome. (We have enough Christmas cakes, thank you). We are also quite short of help this year, so if anyone has a free couple of hours at any time but especially on the Saturday afternoon please get in touch. Christine Andrews 01284 723785 / Valerie Wilde 01284 767415

Talk at Moyses Hall Museum - Friday 24 November, 7.00 pm: Dr Francis Young is to give a talk at Moyses Hall on 'The Franciscans in Medieval Bury St Edmunds' on Friday 24 November at 7.00 pm. Tickets can be obtained from the [Moyse's Hall website](#) or the Apex Box Office.

Handmade items from Cairo - Sunday 26 November: After the 10.30 am service on Sunday 26 November there will be a sale of handmade articles from the Craft Shop of All Saints' Anglican Cathedral, Cairo. Small decorated hand crosses, wall crosses, trays, purses, small and large bags and much more will be available to buy, all handmade, many by refugees supported by the cathedral. All proceeds to the Craft Shop. Look for us next to the Fairtrade table. Chris Andrews

The Work of the Bury St Edmunds Cathedral Archaeologist - Thursday 30 November, 7.00 pm:

Please do join us for the final Cathedrals at Night session when we welcome Alison Dickens BA MClfA, our Cathedral Archaeologist. Alison will talk about what being a cathedral archaeologist entails, looking at the legal setting, responsibilities and how the archaeology of the Cathedral Precinct sits within the broader context of the historic Abbey of St Edmund. Tickets are just £10.00 for the talk, refreshments and a tour. Book [here](#).

Christmas with the Cathedral Choir - Saturday 9 December, 6.00 pm: Get in the Christmas spirit with our annual celebratory concert, Christmas with the Cathedral Choir! Our boy and girl Choristers and adult singers will present a range of festive choral music, including a chance for the audience to sing some of your favourite seasonal carols. Tickets available [here](#).

The full version of the weekly bulletin is available by email. If you are not receiving the bulletin this way, please email Naomi (see below).

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

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral



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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 19 November 2023

The Feast of St Edmund

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.

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

The Cathedral Office, Angel Hill, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1LS
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SERVICES TODAY

8.00 am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Canon Precentor

9.00 am All-Age Eucharist

President: The Reverend Anita Rooney

10.30 am Solemn Eucharist + Junior Church

President and Preacher:

The Bishop

Hymns: A&M 301 (T.291), 588, 310

Setting: Mass for five voices *Byrd*

Motet: Honestum fecit *Handl*

Voluntary: Variation, Sonata No. 6 *Mendelssohn*

Readers:

Paul Elkin *First reading*

Gray Elkin *Second reading*

Intercessions:

Valerie Wilde

3.30 pm Solemn Evensong - Installation of Canons

Hymns: NEH 197, 678

Responses: *Ayleward*

Psalm: 121

Setting: Evening Service in C *Stanford*

Anthem: All wisdom cometh from the Lord *Moore*

Voluntary: Recessional *Cooke*

Collect

Sovereign God, whose servant Edmund kept faith to the end, both with you and with his people, and glorified you by his death: help us, following our Saviour Christ

in the path of humble service,
to bring in your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigning with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God, who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr Edmund:
by our communion with Christ
in his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints
the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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SCAN ME



Readings today

The Old Testament Reading

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Zephaniah 1.7, 12–end, NRSV

The New Testament Reading

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5.1–11, NRSV

The Gospel Reading

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 25.14–30, NRSV