

St Edmundsbury
Cathedral



Solemn Evensong

for the Festival of Edmund, king and martyr



*with the installation of
Honorary, Ecumenical and Lay Canons,
the Diocesan Secretary
and Chapter members*

Sunday 19 November 2023
3.30 pm

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Welcome to this service, as we come to the end of a year marking the 1000th anniversary of the re-founding of the Abbey of St Edmund. A particular welcome to the families and friends of those to be made Honorary Canons and those being licensed to cathedral ministry today.

The College of Canons is a significant body in the life of the Cathedral and diocese. When requested by the Bishop, the College advises on any matter. It is also, under the Appointment of Bishops Act 1533, the body which elects a new diocesan bishop, though it no longer has any power to nominate candidates. In addition, the College meets to consider the cathedral's ministry as the Mother Church of the diocese. Honorary, Lay and Ecumenical Canons are appointed in recognition of the expertise or experience they bring and contribution they make to the life of the diocese and wider church. In today's service, those presented will be installed as new Honorary Canons.

In today's service the Diocesan Secretary, Gary Peverley and two new members of Cathedral Chapter will be installed in the stalls assigned to them.

The music at today's service is led by the boys and adults of the Cathedral Choir.

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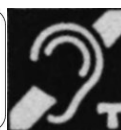
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The Bishop has appointed the following people to be installed as Honorary Canon today:

The Reverend Stuart Batten
into the stall of St Dunstan, Archbishop

The Reverend Charlotte Cook
into the stall of Humbert, Bishop of Elmham

The Reverend Father John Thackray
into the stall of Anselm, Abbot of St Edmund

The Reverend Simon White
into the stall of Siegbert, King of the East Angles

The Bishop has appointed the following people to be installed as Ecumenical Canon today:

The Reverend Jason Vinyard
into the stall of Sedilia I

The Bishop has appointed the following people to be installed as Lay Canon today:

Mr George Gittus
into the stall of Farming

Dr Francis Young
into the stall of Historiographers

The Diocesan Secretary will also be installed:

Mr Gary Peverley
into the stall of St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

New members of Cathedral Chapter will also be installed:

Mr Jaime Mellows

Ms Jane Haviland Webster



The Order of Service

The Dean gives

The Welcome

The Dean concludes with these words

Dean Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,
All **you call us to be your people, the body of Christ.**

Dean There are varieties of gifts,
All **but the same Spirit.**

Dean There are varieties of service,
All **but the same Lord.**

Dean There are different kinds of working,
All **but the same God is at work in us all.**

Everyone stands for

The Processional Hymn

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia.***

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia.***

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia.***

**O Edmund, king and martyr from of old,
who unto death, thou went with faith so bold,
to claim thy heavenly martyr's crown of gold. *Alleluia.***

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. *Alleluia.***

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Alleluia.***

Words: William Walsham How, 1823-97

(v4 Michael Robinson, b.1987)

Music: Sine nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

Everyone remains standing.

The Bishop welcomes everyone and introduces the service.

The following scripture sentence is said.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth come before him'

Psalm 96:9

The Canon Precentor and choir then sing

The Preces and Responses

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Precentor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Precentor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: Preces and Responses, Richard Ayleward, 1626-1669

Everyone sits as the choir sings

The Psalmody

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills:
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord:
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day:
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:
from this time forth for evermore.

Everyone stands

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.

Words: Psalm 121, Quam dilecta!

Music: Sir Henry Walford-Davies, 1869-1941

Everyone sits as the Bishop and Dean introduce the new Honorary Canons.

Everyone remains seated for

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52.7–10, NRSV

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Everyone remains seated as the Bishop and Dean introduce the new Ecumenical and Lay Canons.

Everyone stands as the choir sings

The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
 the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
 all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
 and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
 throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud
 in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed, for ever.
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.

Music: Evening Service in C, C. V. Stanford, 1852-1924

Everyone sits for

The New Testament Reading

A reading from the gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.13–16, NRSV

Here ends the New Testament reading.

The Bishop and Dean introduce the new Diocesan Secretary and members of Cathedral Chapter.

Everyone stands as the choir sings

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

Music: Evening Service in C, C. V. Stanford, 1852-1924

Everyone remains standing and joins in saying

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead,
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life Everlasting. Amen.**

Precentor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Precentor Let us pray.

Everyone kneels as the Canon Precentor and choir sing

The Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer and Suffrages

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor O Lord, save the King.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect

Eternal God, whose servant Saint Edmund kept faith to the end, both with thee and with his people, and glorified thee by his death: grant us such steadfastness of faith that, with the noble army of martyrs, we may come to enjoy the fullness of the resurrection life; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect, for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music: Preces and Responses, Richard Ayleward, 1626-1669

The Anthem

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with him for ever.
Who can number the sand of the sea,
and the drops of rain, and the days of eternity?
Who can find out the height of heaven,
and the breadth of the earth, and the deep, and wisdom?
Wisdom hath been created before all things,
and the understanding of prudence from everlasting.
The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom;
and her ways are everlasting commandments.
To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed?
or who hath known her wise counsels?
There is one wise and greatly to be feared,
the Lord sitting upon his throne.
He created her, and saw her, and numbered her,
and poured her out upon all his works.
She is with all flesh according to his gift,
and he hath given her to them that love him.
The fear of the Lord is honour, and glory,
and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing.
The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart,
and giveth joy, and gladness, and a long life.
Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments,
for therein is my desire.
O stablish thy word in thy servant, that I may fear thee.
Behold, my delight is in thy commandments;
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

*Words: Ecclesiasticus 1.1–6, 8–12
and Psalm 119.33–35, 38, 40
Music: Philip Moore, b. 1943*

Everyone remains seated for

The Investing

Those to be installed stand.

The Dean presents the Diocesan Secretary and the new Chapter members, saying:

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you Gary Peverley, Diocesan Secretary, and Jaime Mellows and Jane Haviland Webster, new members of Chapter, to be installed into their appointed stalls in the Quire of this Cathedral Church.

The Dean then presents the Canons-designate to the Bishop, saying

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you the Reverend Stuart Batten, the Reverend Charlotte Cook, the Reverend Father John Thackray, and the Reverend Simon White to be admitted into the fellowship of the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church as Honorary Canons, and I ask you to appoint them to this office; and I present to you George Gittus and Francis Young to be admitted into the fellowship of the College of Canons in this Cathedral Church as Lay Canons, and I ask you to appoint them to this office; and I present to you the Reverend Jason Vinyard to be admitted into the fellowship of the Cathedral Church as an Ecumenical Canon, and I ask you to appoint him to this office.

Bishop Mister Dean, I thank you for your presentation.
I invite the Diocesan Registrar to confirm that those to be made Canons of our Cathedral Church have made the required declarations and oaths.

Registrar They have.

The Bishop then says

Brothers and sisters, we intend to appoint the Reverend Stuart Batten, the Reverend Charlotte Cook, the Reverend Father John Thackray, and the Reverend Simon White as Honorary Canons, George Gittus and Francis Young as Lay Canons, and the Reverend Jason Vinyard as Ecumenical Canon into the College of Canons of this Cathedral Church, having accounted them to be worthy of this honour. I ask you to pray that they, together with Gary Peverley, Jaime Mellows and Jane Haviland Webster, may exercise their offices duly to the honour of God and the edifying of the people in this Diocese, County and Cathedral Church.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of Glory, before whom all the hosts of heaven bow and adore, bless we beseech thee, these thy servants whom we admit this day into the fellowship of this holy house. Let thy Fatherly hand be over them; let the Holy Spirit be with them; and so unite them in the fellowship of faith and love, that truth and fidelity, gentleness and peace may abound and increase in them, to the glory of thy name and the benefit of thy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Those to be installed remain standing. The Bishop prays for them all, saying

God the Father, ✠ God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. The Lord give you grace, wisdom, faithfulness, courage and love in all your work for him, now and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Mister Dean, we direct you to install those newly appointed in this our Cathedral Church into the stalls assigned to them.

Everyone stands to sing

The Processional Hymn

During the hymn the Bishop moves to his seat. The choir, together with the College of Canons, move to their appointed stalls in the Quire.



**In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the Son of God was glorified –
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no human plan,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

*Music: Stuart Townend, b.1963
and Keith Getty, b.1974*

The Installation of Canons

The newly appointed Canons, together with the new Diocesan Secretary and Cathedral Chapter members, remain standing at the nave altar.

Everyone else sits.

The Dean addresses those to be installed, saying

We give you greeting in the name of the Lord. Before I install you into the Stalls assigned to you by the Statutes of this Cathedral Church, I require that you will take the customary Oath upon the Book of the Holy Gospels.

Those to be installed take a book of the gospels with their right hand and make

The Oath to Observe the Statutes

I swear by Almighty God that I will faithfully observe the Statutes, Ordinances and Laudable Customs of the Cathedral Church of St James and St Edmund, Bury St Edmunds, so far as they oblige or concern me by reason or in respect of my being appointed to the Office of a Canon of this Cathedral Church. So help me God, through Jesus Christ.

The Dean leads each to their appointed stall as the choir sings

Ubi caritas

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen	<i>Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and delight in Him. Let us fear and love the living God, And let us honour Him with a sincere heart. Amen.</i>
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*Words: Liber usualis, Antiphon for Maundy Thursday, 10th century
Music: Maurice Duruflé, 1902-1986*

The Dean addresses those newly installed in turn, saying

I, Joseph Hawes, Dean of this Cathedral Church, install you duly and lawfully into the stall assigned to you in this Cathedral Church, with all the rights and appurtenances thereto belonging. The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. Amen.

The new Canons are greeted warmly.

The Final Hymn

**Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.**

Alleluia.

**O magnify the Lord, and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.**

Alleluia.

**They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.**

Alleluia.

**O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.**

Alleluia.

**Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.**

Alleluia.

**Let love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.**

Alleluia.

**So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.**

Alleluia.

Words: George Bell, 1883-1958

Music: Vulpius (Gelobt sei Gott),

melody from Vulpius's Gesanbuch 1609,

harmony by Henry Ley, 1887-1962

Everyone remains standing.

The Bishop and Dean stand at the High Altar.

The Dean leads

The Sending Out Prayer

All Blessed are you, Lord our God,
you call us to be your people.

All Jesus is the light of the world,
a light no darkness can quench.

All As we seek to Grow in God,
let us fill our world with glory!

The Bishop prays

The Blessing

Bishop Peace be with you.
All And also with you.

May God who is freedom, light and life
set us free to proclaim his kingdom,
and, with Saint Edmund and all the saints,
bring light into the dark places in our world,
giving us his joy in living and in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Everyone remains standing as the Cathedral Foundation and ministers depart and
Matthew McVey, Organ Scholar, plays*

The Voluntary

Recessional
Philip Cooke, b. 1980

*It is a great help to the Cathedral stewards if you can place
kneelers on your seat before you leave.*

The Declaration of Assent



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

All Church of England Clergy, at their ordination and whenever starting in a new office, are required to make oaths of obedience to the Crown and to the Diocesan Bishop. The Honorary Canons being Installed today took these oaths and made the following Declaration of Assent:

The Church of England is part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

I do so affirm and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by canon.

The Jubilee Processional Cross

The Processional Cross being used today was the gift of the Readers of the diocese to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the see of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. It was processed through every parish in the county before being placed in the Cathedral for use at diocesan and other major celebrations.

The cross was designed by Jack Penton and executed by Hector Moore of Brandeston. It is hollow and made of copper strips, plated in silver and surmounted by the Star of Bethlehem. The crown and arrows are a tribute to St Edmund. The coat of arms are that of the diocese. The staff is made of ebony, inlaid with silver fillets.