

Notices this week

Preacher today - The Reverend Canon Charlotte

Cook: We are delighted to welcome the Reverend Canon Charlotte Cook, Member of the College of Canons, to preach at the morning Eucharist today (Sunday 17 March) as one of our guest preachers for Lent.

The Yard – Tesco Stronger Starts: Next time you're doing your weekly shop in Tesco, please think of The Yard who are part of the Tesco Stronger Starts in-store vote (this is the blue tokens you get when you shop). You will be able to 'vote' for The Yard until 31 March!

Holy Week and Easter: For a full list of our Holy Week and Easter services, please visit the [What's On page](#) of our website.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of the Easter lilies, please leave it at the Cathedral Office marked for the attention of Sue Cockram. If you wish to remember a loved one, a list will be placed in the Lady Chapel on Easter Day. Please let me know the name(s). Susan Cockram

Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness: You are warmly invited to join Bury St Edmunds and District Churches Together at the Cathedral at 10.30 am on Friday 29 March for a short service, followed by a silent procession behind the cross into town.

Wildflowers - an update from The Yard: This week we planted 11 types of wildflower plug in the meadow strip on the Garth in front of the Cloisters (12 if you include some dandelions from the Yard!). They were planted by our Tuesday after-school volunteers. We planted the plugs in family groups in the hope that they will spread and naturalise along the strip and create a haven for minibeasts. Flowers include red common sorrel (leaves taste of vinegar), red clover, meadow crane's-bill (there are swathes of this blue geranium in Nowton Park), cowslip, primrose, yellow lady's bedstraw, pink betony, lilac devil's-bit scabious, oxeye daisy, white yarrow and yellow rough hawkbit. They may not flower this year but hopefully we will have a beautiful early summer display in 2025.

FOCC 500 Club March winners: The winners of the Friends of the Cathedral Choirs 500 Club draw for March are Susan Warman (£25), Russell Tilbury (£15) and Martin Soons (£10).

Pastoral Support: Please let us know if someone in the Cathedral community is unwell and would like a visit or is in hospital. Home communion can be arranged: contact either Canon Matthew Vernon on (01284) 748720 or Pam Pitts on (01284) 763020, email pastoral.coordinator@stedscathedral.org, or leave a note in the Pastoral pigeonhole in the office.

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

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday 17 March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 speak with one of the wardens or stewards for more information or email giving@stedscathedral.org.

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 Reverend Dr Simon Hill

9.00 am All-Ages Eucharist

President: The Canon Precentor

10.30 am Choral Eucharist + Junior Church

President: The Canon Theologian

Preacher: The Reverend Canon Charlotte Cook,
Member of the College of Canons

Hymns: 628, 707 (*omit), 702

Setting: Missa Cineris *T. Parsons*

Motet: Ave verum corpus *Byrd*

Voluntary: Evocation à la Chapelle Sixtine *Liszt*

Readers:

Christopher Andrews *First reading*

Christine Andrews *Second reading*

Intercessor:

Michael Wilde

3.30 pm HM Courts of Justice Service

Hymns: *Special service booklet*

Responses: *Ayleward*

Psalm: 65

Setting: Evening Service in D *Brewer*

Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep you *Rutter*

Voluntary: Epic March *Ireland*

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral runs on the generosity of our community and your donation will help to ensure that our work can continue. You can donate via our Gift Aid envelopes, our tap boxes on entry or exit, or by scanning the QR code here and donating via our website. We are very grateful for your support!

SCAN ME



Readings today

The First Reading

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31.31–34, NRSV

The Second Reading

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5.5–10, NRSV

The Gospel Reading

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. 'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

John 12.20–33, NRSV