

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



# Farewell Service

*for the*

# Bishop of Dunwich

29 September 2024

3.30 pm



## The Dunwich Crozier

(front cover image)

The Dunwich Crozier, used as the Dunwich pastoral staff throughout the Diocese, will remain in the safekeeping of the Cathedral Treasury after it has been laid down by Bishop Mike during today's service.

*The Dunwich Crozier was designed and crafted by Derek Wakeling of Wrentham, silversmith, and the oak staff turned by his brother. The Saxon 'Dunwich Ship' is depicted in the arch of the crook, and the silver ferrule is a replica of the seal of Aethelwold, Bishop of Dunwich in the ninth century. The amber is a gift from the Furnell collection and was collected locally at Southwold. The Crozier was commissioned by Bishop Clive for the Millennium, and bears the Birmingham Assay Office Millennium hallmark.*

### Music Today

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# The Order of Service

## ¶ The Gathering

*Before the service, music is played.*

*The Dean gives a welcome before leading the following response.*

Dean        The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
                 through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**All            We dwell in him and he in us.**

Dean        Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name,  
**All            make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Dean        Sing to him, sing praises to him,  
**All            and speak of his marvellous works.**

Dean        Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
**All            who was and is and is to come.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4*

*Everyone stands to sing*

## The Processional Hymn

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea:  
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart;  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look, and see him there  
who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God, the Just, is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me;  
to look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there! the risen Lamb!  
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace!  
One with my Lord, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God,  
with Christ my Saviour and my God!**

*Words: Charitie Lees de Chenez, 1841-1923*

*Music: Before the throne of God, Vikki Cook*

*Everyone remains standing. The Bishop greets everyone, saying*

Bishop In the name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

Bishop Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All and also with you.**

*The Bishop introduces the service and then says*

Bishop      The Cathedral stands as a sign of God's love for us all, whoever we are and whatever our need. It is the seat of the Bishop and the centre of worship for this our diocese. It is a place where people are invited to draw closer to God, to grow in wisdom and understanding, and to be sent out to serve the communities of this county.

We give thanks for Mike, for his episcopal ministry in this diocese for the past eight years, for gifts and skills given and received. We pray for him, for Rachel, and for their family in the blessings and challenges of new ministry in the Diocese of Exeter, and we pray for this diocese and cathedral church in this time of change, that we may be strengthened in service and into our witness to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

*Everyone remains standing. Silence is kept.*

Bishop      Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All            Amen.**

## ¶ *The Liturgy of the Word*

*Everyone sits as the Venerable Sally Gaze, Archdeacon for Rural Mission, reads*

### **The First Reading**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4.4–9, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone stands to sing*

### **The Gradual Hymn**

**O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work, and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.**

*Words: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*

*Music: Hereford, Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876*

*Everyone sits as the Venerable Rhiannon King, Archdeacon of Ipswich, reads*

## **The Second Reading**

A reading from the gospel according to John.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

*John 15.9–17, NRSV*

For the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone remains seated for*

## **The Sermon**

The Right Reverend Dr Mike Harrison  
Bishop of Dunwich

*Everyone remains seated as the choir sings*

## **The Anthem**

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only begotten Son  
that whoso believeth in him  
should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son  
into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him  
might be saved.

*Words: John 3.16–17*

*Music: Sir John Stainer, 1840-1901*

*Everyone remains seated or kneels as the Venerable Rich Henderson, Archdeacon of Suffolk and the Venerable David Jenkins, Archdeacon of Sudbury, lead*

## **The Intercessions**

*Between each petition, the following refrain is sung.*

**All**        **Take, O take me as I am;  
              summon out what I shall be;  
              set your seal upon my heart  
              and live in me.**

*Music: John L Bell, b.1949*



## ¶ *The Closing of Ministry*

*Everyone remains seated as Bishop Mike stands before the Bishop and congregation. Bishop Mike says*

I thank the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, its people and friends, for the love, kindness and support shown to me over these last years. I am grateful for the ways my leadership and my ministry of word and sacrament have been accepted.

As I relinquish the office of Bishop of Dunwich, I ask for your prayers and your blessing.

*The Bishop addresses the congregation.*

Bishop Do you, the representatives from across the diocese, release Mike from his ministry here?

**All With the help of God, we do.**

Bishop Will you pray for Mike as this vocation continues in the Diocese of Exeter?

**All With the help of God, we will.**

*The Bishop addresses Bishop Mike.*

Bishop Will you pray for the continued flourishing of God's people in this diocese, and for the ministry of this place?

**Answer I will, with the help of God.**

Bishop Mike, you have been assured of our prayers and support as you are translated to the Diocese of Exeter. As we give thanks for your episcopal ministry in this diocese, we pray for you as you become the diocesan bishop in Exeter with all the possibilities, opportunities and challenges which that will entail. As you travel west, you do so surrounded by our love and strengthened by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

## **The Final Hymn**

**Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.**

**Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.**

**Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives.**

**My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.**

*Words: Richard Baxter, 1615-91*

*Music: Darwall's 148th, John Darwall, 1731-89, and others*

## ¶ *The Dismissal*

*Everyone remains standing as the Bishop of Dunwich gives*

### **The Blessing**

**All** Peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace,  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

*Everyone remains standing as the Bishop of Dunwich lays down the Dunwich Crozier on the nave altar and the choir sings*

### **The Lord bless you and keep you**

The Lord bless you and keep you:  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious unto you:  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. Amen.

*Words: Numbers 6.24  
Music: John Rutter, b. 1945*

*Everyone remains standing as the Bishop leads*

## **The Acclamation**

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

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

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

Bishop      There is one body, one Spirit, one hope in God's call;  
**All            one Lord, one faith, one baptism.**

Bishop      There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,  
**All            to whom Christ ascended on high.**

Bishop      And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:  
**All            some are apostles, some are his prophets;**

Bishop      evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,  
**All            so that we can minister together**

Bishop      to build up his body,  
**All            to be mature in the fullness of Christ.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The Bishop says*

**All            Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
                 In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Everyone remains standing as the procession departs and the Richard Cook,  
Assistant Director of Music, plays*

## **The Organ Voluntary**

Sortie in E flat  
*Alfred Lefébure-Wély, 1817-1869*

*Please do join us after the service for a Devon cream tea and fizz.*





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