



## SUNDAY BULLETIN

**Sunday 26 October 2025**

*Last Sunday after Trinity*

### SERVICES TODAY:

— Outside our  
usual pattern of  
worship

**8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)**

Celebrant & The Canon Precentor  
Preacher:

**9.00 am All-Ages Eucharist**

President & The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean  
Preacher:

**10.30 am Choral Eucharist (L)**

Choir: Wingrave Singers  
President: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean  
Preacher: The Canon Precentor  
Hymns: A&M 128i, 708, 300  
Setting: Communion Service (Collegium Regale) *Herbert Howells*  
Anthem: Beati quorum via *C. V. Stanford*  
Voluntary: Trumpet Tune *David N. Johnson*

**3.30 pm Choral Evensong for Bury Drop In (L)**

Choir: Wingrave Singers  
Hymns: A&M 556, 814  
Responses: Tomkins  
Psalm: 119.1-16  
Setting: Truro Service *Gabriel Jackson*  
Anthem: All wisdom cometh from the Lord *Philip Moore*  
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in A minor BWV 536 *J.S. Bach*

### SERVICES IN THE WEEK AHEAD:

Details of this week's services can be found on the Cathedral's website or on service booklets throughout the Cathedral, but please check as they may be subject to change: [stedscathedral.org](https://stedscathedral.org).

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## NOTICES THIS WEEK:

### **Fairtrade Stall, Today, Sunday 26 October:**

There will be a Fairtrade Stall after the 10.30 am Eucharist on Sunday 26 October with supplies of teas and coffees, dried fruit, a new supply of ginger biscuits, assorted flavours of chocolate and mint thins, muesli and delicious nuts. Only contactless payment available. Please do support this important part of the Cathedral's peace and justice work: as well as ensuring fair wages and conditions for producers, profits from these goods fund projects in the producers' communities.

### **City of Colchester Band: In Concert, Today, Sunday 26 October at 5.00 pm:**

Join the City of Colchester Band in concert here at the Cathedral when they will perform original, traditional and classic music for an hour of entertainment! Free to attend with a retiring collection.

### **Deputy Warden recruitment:**

Over the next few months, as some of our dedicated team of Deputy Wardens will reach the maximum six years' service, Terry and Barbara are seeking to draw up a shortlist and train suitable members to add to the team. If you are someone who can provide welcome and reassurance to all who enter our Cathedral, enjoy working as part of a team and feel you could commit to, at times, a quite demanding set of duties, Terry and Barbara would be delighted to hear from you by email to [cathedralwardens@stedscathedral.org](mailto:cathedralwardens@stedscathedral.org).

### **Remembering the Departed, All Souls' Requiem Mass:**

Our Sung Requiem Mass for All Souls' Day, where we give thanks for, and remember, departed loved ones, friends and family, is at 3.30 pm on Sunday 2 November. The small card crosses, upon which you can write the names of departed loved ones you wish to remember at the service, are now available at the back of the Cathedral. Please bring them to the service to place on the cross.

### **Hymn Singalong, Tuesday 4 November at 2.00 pm:**

Come along to St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Tuesday 4 November at 2.00 pm and join together to sing favourite hymns. This is a service for those living with dementia or similar conditions, and their carers. Refreshments will be served afterwards, to which you are very welcome.

### **Funeral of Geoff Birkby, Friday 7 November:**

The funeral of Geoff Birkby will take place on Friday 7 November at 2.00 pm at West Suffolk Crematorium. Geoff was a long-term member of the Cathedral. He and his wife Betty were great supporters of the Cathedral Choir in the 1970s and 1980s when their son and daughter were choristers. Geoff was also a Cathedral Guide and a Deputy Warden. He died in Marham House care home aged 95.

### **Advent Organ Recitals:**

During Advent, the music department will be hosting three pre-Sunday Evensong organ recitals of seasonal repertoire. The recitals will start at 3.10 pm, and will lead straight into Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm, and will give attendees the opportunity to hear some of the wonderful organ repertoire composed specifically for the Advent season. The recital dates are: Sunday 7 December – Claudia Grinnell, Sunday 14 December – Richard Cook, Sunday 21 December – Dan Soper.

### **Cathedral Safeguarding Officer Vacancy:**

We're looking for a Safeguarding Officer to lead and oversee all aspects of safeguarding within St Edmundsbury Cathedral. The postholder will act as the Cathedral's primary safeguarding lead, providing expert advice, operational oversight, and ensuring compliance with national Church of England safeguarding standards and statutory requirements. We are seeking a candidate with substantial experience in safeguarding practice, ideally gained within a church, education, health, social care, or charitable context. For a full description, and to apply, please visit <https://stedscathedral.org/vacancies/>.

### **Christmas with the Cathedral Choir, Saturday 13 December:**

Tickets are now on sale for Christmas with the Cathedral Choir! Join the Cathedral Choir and the RAF Honington Voluntary Band for a festive evening of beautiful and uplifting Christmas music, with a chance to sing along in favourite audience carols. Book your tickets at:

<https://stedscathedral.org/events/christmas-with-the-cathedral-choir/>.

### **2026 Organ and Choral Scholar Vacancies:**

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is looking to appoint an Organ Scholar and Choral Scholar for the academic year 2026-2027. Both scholarships offer the opportunity to work with the music department at an exciting time in the Cathedral's ministry and musical development, as well with a highly-regarded secondary school in Bury St Edmunds. Applications are welcome from graduate or pre-university gap-year students. For a full description, and to apply, please visit

<https://stedscathedral.org/vacancies/>.

### **NEXT SUNDAY, 2 November, *All Saints' and All Souls'***

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| 8.00 am  | <b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>                    |
| 9.00 am  | <b>All-Ages Eucharist</b>                      |
| 10.30 am | <b><u>Festal Eucharist for All Saints'</u></b> |
| 3.30 pm  | <b><u>Requiem Eucharist for All Souls'</u></b> |

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### **COLLECT**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience,  
and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of all grace,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.

# READINGS TODAY:

## THE FIRST READING:

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,  
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,  
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;  
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;  
for the Lord is the judge,  
and with him there is no partiality.  
He will not show partiality to the poor;  
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.  
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,  
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

*Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17*

## THE SECOND READING:

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

*2 Timothy 4.6–8, 16–18*

## THE GOSPEL READING:

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

*Luke 18.9–14*