



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 3 May 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICES TODAY:

— Outside our usual pattern of worship

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

Celebrant &
Preacher: The Dean

9.00 am **All-Ages Eucharist**

President: The Reverend Canon David Herrick
Preacher: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

10.30 am **Choral Eucharist (L)**

Choir: Cathedral Choir
President: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean
Preacher: The Dean
Hymns: A&M 365, 212, 199
Setting: Communion Service in G
Anthem: We wait for thy loving kindness
Voluntary: Praeludium in C BuxWV 137

*Franz Schubert
William McKie
Dietrich Buxtehude*

3.30 pm **Diocesan Confirmation Service (L)**

Choir: Cathedral Choir
Hymns: A&M 208, 592, 787i, 341
Setting: Missa Cineris
Anthem: If ye love me
Voluntary: Toccata

*Timothy Parsons
Philip Wilby
Georgi Mushel*

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.

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NOTICES THIS WEEK:

Kagera Stall, this Sunday, 3 May:

There will be a Kagera stall after the 9.00 am and 10.30 am services this Sunday selling goods made in our link Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania. There will also be books for which donations are welcome. The profit made will go back to Kagera for the building of non-plastic water storage tanks for vulnerable families. Last month we raised £120 which will help to change the life of a family in need. Our stall is set up by the Little South Door adjacent to the refreshment area.

Confirmation Service, this Sunday, 3 May at 3.30 pm:

This year's Diocesan Confirmation Service takes place at the Cathedral this Sunday afternoon at 3.30 pm. Bishop Joanne will be confirming 43 candidates from across the Diocese, including ten from our Cathedral Community: Stefanie, Tina, Jimmy, Sarah, Oliver, Rupert, Alistair, Max, Lily and Pia. Please pray for them and come to support them at the service, if you can.

First Tuesday Lunch, Tuesday 5 May:

First Tuesday lunch will be held in Pilgrims' Kitchen from 12 noon on Tuesday 5 May. People buy their own lunch at the counter which is served at reserved tables. An opportunity to chat with others from the Cathedral community. Tea/coffee is provided.

Hymn Singalong, Tuesday 5 May at 2.00 pm:

A hymn singalong in the Lady Chapel on Tuesday 5 May at 2.00 pm. An opportunity for everyone to sing favourite hymns, especially those living with dementia and similar conditions, and carers.

Chorister Open Evening, Tuesday 5 May:

Do you have a child in Year 3 to 6 who loves to sing? Join our Chorister Open Evening at St Edmundsbury Cathedral on Tuesday 5 May (starting 3.45 pm) to find out more about singing at the Cathedral. Join in with fun singing games, try on a cassock, hear the mighty organ, and sing with the Choristers for a special service to round off the evening. For more details and to book your free place, visit our website: <https://stedscathedral.org/events/chorister-open-evening/>

Women's Mini Retreat - Easter:

Women, through poetry, art and story, as well as scripture. We will focus on the roles of women in the Easter story and their unique witnessing of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. Tuesday 12 May at St Mary's Church, 10.30 am to 12 noon, when we will walk to the Cathedral to attend the 12.30 pm Healing and Anointing Eucharist followed by optional lunch at Pilgrims Kitchen. Please contact amyscottrobinson@gmail.com or Jill Burrows neelix.1829@yahoo.com.

Ascension Day Service, Thursday 14 May, 6.30 pm at St Mary's Church:

As is our custom, our service on Ascension Day is a joint service with St Mary's Church and, this year, it is being held at St Mary's. Ascension is an important celebration within the life of the church so please do come along if you can.

Friends of the Cathedral Choirs Ceilidh, Friday May 15 at 7.00 pm:

Join the Friends of the Cathedral Choirs for another ceilidh on Friday 15 May, from 7.00 pm – 11.00 pm. Featuring live music from Catch the Pigeon, there will be a charity raffle, licensed bar and you can bring your own snacks! Tickets are £10.00. To book, contact focc.steds@gmail.com.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Results:

Following the meeting last Tuesday, we are delighted to announce that Barbara Pycraft and Terry Stark were re-elected as Church Wardens, and Abbi Thorpe, Sue Cockram, Margaret Wheeldon, Valerie Moore, and Simon Waters were elected to serve on the Cathedral Forum. We are grateful for all they will contribute towards the life of the Cathedral in the coming year.

Foodbanks Reminder:

Donations of non-perishable food are requested next Sunday 10 May for the food banks. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please give this to Lorna Brook who will buy what is needed.

Clergy Sabbatical:

The Canon Pastor & Sub Dean will be on sabbatical from 4 May to 1 August. A clergy sabbatical is a significant break from day-to-day ministry for rest and refreshment, taken every 10 years or so. Matthew will be away some of the time and at home some of the time. If you see him around, please respect this time and be aware that he won't be available to talk about the detail of Cathedral life. Arrangements are in place to cover all of his responsibilities. For pastoral enquiries, please contact the Cathedral clergy or Pastoral Support Team Coordinator in the normal way.

Kevelaer Candle Pilgrimage:

This year's pilgrimage to the shrine of our lady in Kevelaer takes place Monday 14 September to Saturday 19 September. We currently have a group of seven pilgrims and have space for five more. Staying in the Priesterhouse, the group explore the historic town of Kevelaer, visit other nearby towns of historical interest and join our friends at the Basilica for various services and reflections. The week ends with attending the Pilgrims Mass where our Paschal and Votive candles, for next year, are blessed before their journey back to the Cathedral. If anyone is interested in joining this year's group or would like further information please either speak to Lorna Brook, Geoffrey House or Stewart Alderman or email to geoffrey.house1@btinternet.com or stewartalderman@stedscathedral.org.

Summer Evening of Music and Readings, Thursday 23 July:

The Friends of St Edmundsbury Cathedral are organising a very special evening, "Summer Evening of Music and Readings" with St Martin's Voices, hosted by Zeb Soanes. This concert will be held on Thursday 23 July 2026 at The Britten Studio, Snape Maltings. Tickets £40, to include a drinks reception, are available from the booking office at Snape. A coach is being organised from Bury to Snape. For further information please contact Sue Cockram sue@friendsevents.co.uk.

Pastoral Support:

If you or someone you know in the Cathedral community would like support, please do let us know. Visits to home or hospital can be arranged, with Communion if wanted. Contact Pam Pitts on (01284) 763020, email pastoral.coordinator@stedscathedral.org or leave a note in the Pastoral pigeonhole in the Cathedral Office.

NEXT SUNDAY, 10 May, *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.00 am	All-Ages Eucharist
10.30 am	Choral Eucharist
<u>1.00 pm</u>	<u>Holy Baptism</u>
3.30 pm	Choral Evensong
<u>5.00 pm</u>	<u>Summer Organ Festival: Organ Prom</u>

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

READINGS TODAY:

THE FIRST READING:

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

THE SECOND READING:

Acts 7.55-end

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.2–10

THE GOSPEL READING:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

John 14.1–14

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