



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 24 May 2026

Pentecost

SERVICES TODAY:

— Outside our usual pattern of worship

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant &
Preacher: The Cathedral Chaplain

9.00 am

All-Ages Eucharist

President &
Preacher: The Canon Precentor

10.30 am

Festal Eucharist (L)

President &
Preacher: The Right Reverend Graeme Knowles
Hymns: A&M 242, 236, 238, 264

3.30 pm

Pentecost Songs of Praise (L)

Special service booklet

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:

The Dean on Sunday 24 May:

On Sunday morning the Dean will preach at the 10.00 am Eucharist for Pentecost at St Mary's Church, Raydon.

Fairtrade Stall, Sunday 24 May:

There will be a Fairtrade Stall after the 10.30 am Eucharist this Sunday, 24 May, with supplies of teas and coffees, dried fruit, muesli, ginger biscuits and assorted flavours of chocolate. 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 go directly to fund projects overseas.

Pentecost Songs of Praise, This Sunday, 24 May at 3.30 pm:

This Sunday's 3.30 pm evening service will take the form of Pentecost Songs of Praise, rather than BCP Choral Evensong. Do come along to sing some of your favourite Pentecost hymns and to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit together.

Visiting Choirs during Half-Term:

While the Cathedral Choir away for half-term, we will have two visiting choirs at the Cathedral. On Monday 25 May, Reed Choir will be singing for Choral Evensong at the earlier time of 3.30 pm, due to the Bank Holiday. On Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28, the choir of All Saint's Episcopal Church, Phoenix, Arizona will be singing for Choral Evensong at 5.30 pm. There will also be a short organ recital leading into Choral Evensong on Thursday, which you can hear if you arrive slightly earlier than usual for the service.

The Choir of Kevelaer Basilica:

We're excited to be welcoming the Knabenchor of Kevelaer Basilica, who will be singing with our choirs in the first week of June. You can hear the combined choirs singing at the Solemn Eucharist for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday 4 June at 5.30 pm, the Choral Eucharist on Sunday 7 June at 10.30 am, and at a free, informal concert on Sunday 7 June, 5.00 pm - 6.00 pm.

Cathedral Mothers' Union Garden Party, Saturday 6 June:

The Cathedral Mothers' Union are pleased to welcome you to their annual Garden Party to be held in Jane Leung's garden, 21 Downing Close, IP32 7HU on Saturday 6 June, 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm. There will be a grand draw, plants, tombola, jigsaw puzzles, books, cakes and more! £5 entrance (includes cream tea). All welcome. If you wish to donate anything for a stall please leave your donation at the Cathedral Office.

Suffolk Day, Sunday 21 June:

Bury St Edmunds is hosting Suffolk Day this year, which happens to fall on a Sunday. There will be lots of exciting events going on across the town throughout the day, culminating with the Suffolk Celebration performance taking place in the Cathedral in the evening (please go to www.suffolkday.co.uk for more details). To allow for set-up and rehearsals in the Cathedral that day, there will be **no 10.30 am service**. Instead, the 9.00 am Eucharist will take place in the Nave and will be our principal act of worship that day, as well as BCP Holy Communion at 8.00 am and said Evening Prayer at 3.30 pm.

Tools with a Mission:

Do you want to declutter but not throw things away? On the first two Sundays in June we will have a collection of unwanted treasures. They will be delivered to TWAM (Tools with a Mission), a Christian charity in Ipswich, to be safety checked and repaired if necessary. They will then be distributed to the three Dioceses in Tanzania, whose Bishops we hosted for the Enthronement Service in January, and to Burundi. The items will be much appreciated there. You should receive a leaflet today with more information about which goods are needed and which are not appropriate.

Invitation to Richard and Natalie's Wedding, Saturday 19 September:

Richard and Natalie would like to invite all members of the congregation to their wedding here at the Cathedral on Saturday 19 September 2026, at 1.00 pm, followed by fizz on the garth. If you would like to come, please RSVP at the Knot.com/nataliewernerandrichardcook just to help give us an idea of numbers. All are welcome and we would love to have you there to celebrate our day!

Day Chaplaincy:

On most Monday to Saturday mornings and afternoons there is a rostered volunteer Day Chaplain, drawn from diocesan clergy, licensed lay ministers or suitably qualified/experienced other lay people. They are available to anybody in or around the Cathedral who might seek a time of shared prayer and wise counsel, and are best-identified by an orange lanyard.

'Gospel Imprint':

A series of free, tri-fold, coloured-paper, leaflets on Christian Faith, Christian Prayer and Christian Living; 25 titles in total referenced on a separate list, are displayed on the bookcase by the Little South Door. Please help yourself at any time, but best to avoid post-service coffee which is served in this area on Sunday mornings from 11.45 am!

The full version of the Sunday bulletin is available by email.

If you are not receiving the bulletin this way and would like to, please email us at reception@stedscathedral.org. You can also use the QR code here to [sign up via our website](#).

Sunday Bulletin: copy deadline is 12 noon every Wednesday.

Send items to liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org

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NEXT SUNDAY, 31 May, *Trinity Sunday*

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

9.00 am **All-Ages Eucharist**

10.30 am **Festal Eucharist**

3.30 pm **Festal Evensong**

COLLECT

God, who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:
grant us by the same Spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS TODAY:

THE FIRST READING:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Acts 2.1–21

THE SECOND READING:

I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13

THE GOSPEL READING:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

John 20.19–23