



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 26 July 2026

James the Apostle

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 Dean

10.30 am Festal Eucharist (L)

Choir: Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers
President: The Right Reverend Tim Stevens
Preacher: The Canon Theologian
Hymns: Tune A&M 318, 312, 300
Setting: Communion Service in C and F
Anthem: Ave verum
Voluntary: March sur un thème de Händel

*C. V. Stanford
William Byrd
Alexandre Guilmant*

3.30 pm Festal Evensong (L)

Choir: Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers
Hymns: NEH 207 (Tune 238), 208
Responses: Ayleward
Psalm: 94
Canticles: *Herbert Sumsion* in G
Anthem: Thou wilt keep him
Voluntary: God the Spirit (The Canticle of the Rose)

*S. S. Wesley
Alan Ridout*

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:

Visiting Choir this week:

This weekend we have been pleased to welcome the Ely Cathedral Octagon Singers to sing for our services. Today they will sing for the 10.30 am Choral Eucharist and 3.30 pm Choral Evensong. All are welcome.

Labryinth Afternoon, Sunday 26 July:

The second Labyrinth Afternoon will take place in the Abbey Gardens on Sunday 26 July from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm. Labyrinths are structures used as a spiritual exercise. The area contains a path that meanders its way to the centre. All you have to do is walk the path to the centre, turn around, and walk back again. Take your own time. You will find it behind the ruins of the abbey crypt, near the playground area. It is made of wild flowers, which thrive in dry soil. Canon Mark will be available during this time. Free to attend.

Cathedral Vacancy - Chief Operating Officer:

The Chief Operating Officer is the Cathedral's principal member of staff and has responsibility for the overall operational performance and administration of the organisation, its assets and its people. Appointed by the Chapter and accountable to them through the Dean, the COO works with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to develop and implement strategy and policy, ensure effective governance and compliance, manage the business functions of the Cathedral and monitor its overall progress and development. For a full role description and application, please visit <https://stedscathedral.org/vacancies/>. Closing date: Monday 3 August at 9.00 am.

Together We Are Listening:

Together We Are Listening is an invitation from Bishop Joanne to everyone across the Diocese to pray, reflect, and listen to God and one another, as we begin to refresh our Diocesan vision and strategy. This will be rooted in the current Growing in God vision, whilst recognising that some things may have changed and new opportunities may have emerged. We at the Cathedral are invited to be part of this process. Together We Are Listening cards are available to take today, as a reminder to pray and to listen to what God is saying. There will be an opportunity for us to pray together and have some discussion after the 10.30 am service on **Sunday 16 August**.

The kinds of questions that people are being asked to reflect on and respond to include:

- What words or phrases come to mind when you think about the Church of England in Suffolk?
- What is most important to you about the Church of England's presence in Suffolk?
- Are there any issues relating to the Church of England's presence in Suffolk that concern you?
- Is there anything you'd like to see the Church of England in Suffolk doing that it doesn't currently do?

Bring your thoughts when we gather together on 16 August but you can also help shape the conversation, by taking part in the public survey by visiting <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/>. Your voice really matters, and this is a valuable opportunity to help shape how we reflect, learn, and improve together.

The full version of the Sunday bulletin is available by email.
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please email us at reception@stedscathedral.org.
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Sunday Bulletin: copy deadline is 12 noon every Wednesday.

NEXT SUNDAY, 2 August, *Trinity 9*

8.00 am **Holy Communion**
9.00 am **All-Ages Eucharist**
10.30 am **Choral Eucharist**
3.30 pm **Choral Evensong**

COLLECT

Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling
of your Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions
of the world,
to be ready at all times
to answer your call without delay;
through Jesus Christ your Son our 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

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS TODAY:

THE FIRST READING:

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul. About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword.

Acts 11.27-12.2

THE SECOND READING:

Friends, we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4.7-15

THE GOSPEL READING:

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favour of him. And he said to her, 'What do you want?' She said to him, 'Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.' But Jesus answered, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?' They said to him, 'We are able.' He said to them, 'You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.' When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Matthew 20.20-28