



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 16 August 2026

The Blessed Virgin Mary

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: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

Preacher: The Canon Precentor

10.30 am

Festal Eucharist (L)

Choir: Quinquagesima Choir

President: The Canon Precentor

Preacher: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

Hymns: A&M 315, 318, 395 (Tune 448i)

Setting: Collegium Regale

Anthem: A Hymn to the Virgin

Voluntary: Chaconne in D Minor BWV 1178

Herbert Howells

Benjamin Britten

J. S. Bach

3.30 pm

Festal Evensong with Blessing of the Marriage of Karen & Yen (L)

Special order of service

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 are pleased to welcome the Quinquagesima Choir to sing for our services.

Cathedral Vacancies:

We have some exciting roles that we are looking to fill here at St Edmundsbury Cathedral: a Senior Fundraising Manager, a Volunteer Manager, and a Tenor Vicar Choral. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in applying, please visit <https://stedscathedral.org/vacancies/> for more information.

Together We Are Listening, Today after 10.30 am Eucharist:

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. We at the Cathedral are invited to be part of this process by gathering together to together and have some discussion after the 10.30 am service today, Sunday 16 August. You can also take part in the public survey by visiting <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/>.

Advance Warning - Car Park Closure:

Due to the Beer Festival, the Cathedral Car Park will be closed from 2.00 pm on Sunday 23 August and will reopen on Wednesday 2 September at 8.00 am.

Pilgrimage with Poetry, on a Peninsula in North Wales, 28 June - 2 July 2027:

The Rev'd Mark Hunt is planning a pilgrimage to Aberdaron, home to the poet/priest RS Thomas, much of whose sublime poetry was inspired by the rugged and beautiful landscape of the Llyn Peninsula. Limited to eight people. Expressions of interest are invited to contact Mark at jmarknhunt@gmail.com or on 07964 941501.

Planned Giving:

Have you considered giving on a regular basis? If you are an attendee of services at the Cathedral or if you just want to help then this is the best method to support the Cathedral. Regular donations can be made using our simple online platform. This link is also included on the Planned Giving page of our website where you will find some more information. We realise that for some the idea of this is daunting so if you need help with this or would like to find out more, please email giving@stedscathedral.org.

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Sunday Bulletin: copy deadline is 12 noon every Wednesday.
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NEXT SUNDAY, 23 August, *Trinity 12*

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

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother
of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed
by his blood
may share with her
in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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

God most high,
whose handmaid bore
the Word made flesh:
we thank you that
in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit
and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary
the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth
the fruits of holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

READINGS TODAY:

THE FIRST READING:

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61.10–end

THE SECOND READING:

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4.4–7

THE GOSPEL READING:

Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever'

Luke 1.46–55