



## SUNDAY BULLETIN

**Sunday 18 October 2026**

*Trinity 20*

### 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 Precentor

Preacher: Fiona Knapp, Children's and Families' Minister

10.30 am

#### **Choral Eucharist (L)**

Choir: Cathedral Choir

President: The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean

Preacher: The Canon Precentor

Hymns: A&M 86, 676, 828

Setting: Little Organ Mass

Anthem: O sacrum convivium

Voluntary: Toccata in F BWV540

*Joseph Haydn*

*Olivier Messiaen*

*J. S. Bach*

3.30 pm

#### **Choral Evensong (L)**

Choir: Vicars Choral

Hymns: NEH 325 (Tune 231), 324

Responses: Bertalot

Psalm: 33

Canticles: Short Service in F minor

Anthem: Sicut cervus

Voluntary: Praeludium in D BuxWV139

*Richard Cook*

*G. P. da Palestrina*

*Dietrich Buxtehude*

### 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:

### **The Dean, Today, Sunday 18 October:**

Today, the Dean will preach at the 10.15 am service at St Peter's Church, Ipswich.

### **Book Signing, Doreen Young, Today, Sunday 18 October:**

Join Doreen Young in the Cathedral Shop today, Sunday 18 October, between 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm for a signing of her latest book, 'The Day of Small Things'. This is Doreen's third volume of short stories, exploring that busy and inner world we can all recognise in ourselves. The paperback costs £9.50, and cash is preferred. If friends already have a copy from Amazon, they can bring it along for Doreen to sign.

### **Cathedral Mothers' Union Meeting, Tuesday 20 October:**

The Cathedral Mothers' Union would like to invite you to their meeting on 20 October at 1.45 pm where there will be a talk in the Edmund Room by Dr Steve Jones (designer/creator of the Crown of Thorns) entitled 'Alternative Flowers'. There will be a small fee of £3. Please come if you can. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided.

### **Friends Quirky Talk, Monday 26 October:**

On Monday 26 October, Friends of St Edmundsbury Cathedral are holding a Quirky Talk at Lavenham Village Hall entitled 'Spring Bulbs Spectacular' with Matthew Long from Riverside Bulbs giving a talk. There will also be bulbs to purchase for your gardens! Tickets £20 including a delicious homemade tea. Please contact Sue Cockram for further information. 01284-766688 [sue@friendsevents.co.uk](mailto:sue@friendsevents.co.uk).

### **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 1 November. The choir will sing Rutter's setting, this year being the 40th anniversary of its publication. 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.

### **Edmund Lecture, Wednesday 4 November at 7.00 pm:**

Lord Chris Smith, the Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, will deliver this year's Edmund Lecture. He will explore the question 'What is a University for?' with time following for a Q&A. Tickets are just £5 and are now on sale via the Cathedral website: [stedscathedral.org/whats-on](https://stedscathedral.org/whats-on).

### **Towels for Kagera:**

Thank you for all the towels that have been so generously donated for the special needs unit in a school in Kagera. They will travel in a container leaving towards the end of October so we will be unable to accept any more after Sunday 18 October. They will be very gratefully received. Surplus towels will go to the Diocesan Hospital in Kagera where they will be very welcome.

### **Ancient Library Exhibition in the Cathedral Treasury:**

The latest Ancient Library Exhibition in the Cathedral Treasury is now open. This exhibition brings together some of our ancient library books along with the Bury Psalter to explore their use of imagery and symbolism. Do come along and view. The Treasury is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am - 4.00 pm and Sunday from 12.30 pm - 3.00 pm.

### Thank You:

Natalie and Richard, and James and Jess would like to thank all those in the congregation who generously contributed towards the collections for their weddings last month. Both weddings were wonderful celebrations, and both couples are very grateful for all the kindness and support from the Cathedral community.

### FOCC 500 Club Draw Winners:

The winners of the Friends of the Cathedral Choirs 500 Club draw for September are M Wilde (£25), G Knowles (£15), and V Moore (£10); and for October are S&J Waters (£25), B Springs (£15), and A Dunn (£10).

### Nine Lessons and Carols, 22 and 23 December:

Join us this festive season for our Nine Lessons and Carols service. This service is very popular and as a result, we are holding two services on Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 December. Tickets are free but limited. Please only book for those able to attend, seating on the night will be unreserved.

<https://stedscathedral.org/events/nine-lessons-and-carols-4/>

### 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: <https://stedscathedral.org/support-us/planned-giving/>. 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](mailto:giving@stedscathedral.org).

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### NEXT SUNDAY, 25 October, *Last Sunday after Trinity*

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| 8.00 am  | <b>Holy Communion</b>                          |
| 9.00 am  | <b>All-Ages Eucharist</b>                      |
| 10.30 am | <b>Choral Eucharist</b>                        |
| 3.30 pm  | <b>Choral Evensong <u>for Bury Drop-In</u></b> |

# READINGS TODAY:

## THE FIRST READING:

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

*Isaiah 45.1–7*

## THE SECOND READING:

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*1 Thessalonians 1.1–10*

## THE GOSPEL READING:

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Matthew 22.15–22*

### COLLECT

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
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 our Father,  
whose Son, the light unfailing,  
has come from heaven  
to deliver the world  
from the darkness of ignorance:  
let these holy mysteries  
open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may know the way of life,  
and walk in it without stumbling;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.