St Edmundsbury Cathedral

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday 25 October 2026

Last Sunday after Trinity

SERVICES TODAY:

__ Outside our usual pattern of worship

8.00 am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Canon Charles Jenkin

9.00 am **All-Ages Eucharist**

President:	The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean
Preacher:	Fiona Knapp, Children's and Families' Minister

10.30 am **Choral Eucharist** (L)

Choir:	Damian Singers	
President:	The Cathedral Chaplain	
Preacher:	The Canon Pastor and Sub Dean	
Hymns:	A&M 238i, 604, 698i	
Setting:	Mass in A minor	*Imogen Holst*
Anthem:	Dominus dabit benignitatem	*James MacMillan*
Voluntary:	Dignity and Impudence March	*Percy Whitlock arr. Riley*

3.30 pm **Choral Evensong for Bury Drop In** (L)

Choir:	Damian Singers
	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 Weekend:
This weekend we are pleased to welcome the Damian Singers to sing for our services. Today, they will sing for the 10.30 am Choral Eucharist and 3.30 pm Choral Evensong for Bury Drop In. All are welcome.

Fairtrade Stall, Today, Sunday 25 October:
There will be a Fairtrade Stall after the 10.30 am Eucharist today, Sunday 25 October, with supplies of teas and coffees, dried fruit, a range of chocolate and cards. The order for ginger biscuits has come at last! Only contactless payment is 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 Fairtrade goods go direct to fund projects overseas.

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.

Remembering the Departed, All Souls' Requiem Eucharist:
Our Sung Requiem Eucharist 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, accompanied by Churchgate Sinfonia, 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.

Memorial Service, Monday 2 November:
A Memorial Service for John Blakesley will take place in the Cathedral on Monday 2 November at 2.30 pm. John was a regular worshipper at the Sunday 10.30 am in the last two years, a resident at Cross Penny Court and the brother of Trish Pullan.

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.

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/

St Cedd Pilgrimage, Wednesday 17 March 2027:
Canon Mark Haworth is organising a day pilgrimage to Chelmsford Cathedral and The Chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall, Bradwell-on-Sea, in honour of St Cedd. There will be coffee and a short service in at Chelmsford Cathedral before a short walk down the Dengie Peninsula to the Chapel. Further details and expressions of interest to Canon Mark, Cathedral Chaplain markhaworth@stedscathedral.org tel. 07932 160009.

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.
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Sunday Bulletin: copy deadline is 12 noon every Wednesday.
Send items to liturgy.admin@stedscathedral.org

NEXT SUNDAY, 1 November, *All Saints' and All Souls'*

8.00 am	**Holy Communion**
9.00 am	**All-Ages Eucharist**
10.30 am	**Festal Eucharist for All Saints'**
3.30 pm	**Requiem Eucharist for All Souls'**

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and
inwardly digest them
that, through patience,
and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us
in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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 of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people
with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns,
now and for ever.
Amen.

READINGS TODAY:

THE FIRST READING:

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 'Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.'

Leviticus 19.1–2, 15–18

THE SECOND READING:

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

1 Thessalonians 2.1–8

THE GOSPEL READING:

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him,

"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Matthew 22.34–46