



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

with

Holy Baptism

on

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Charles Villiers Stanford:

Communion Service in C and F

Sunday 26 April 2026

10.00 a.m.



Welcome to Durham Cathedral

*Inspired by our saints, Cuthbert and Bede,
the mission of Durham Cathedral
is to offer everyone the opportunity
to encounter God and know God's love in Jesus Christ.*

Junior Church

Junior Church gathers in the South Transept (front of the church on the right). If you are new to the Cathedral or a visitor, your child, aged 0-18, is welcome to join us. Please take your child to the South Transept and complete a consent form with one of the leaders. You can then take a seat in the service and collect your child afterwards. Children stay in church for the start of our worship and then go through to the Chapter House for storytelling, discussion and craft activities and then re-join the service at the distribution of Communion when they will receive a blessing. We have three groups, Preschool (0-4), Primary (4-11) and Secondary (11-18), please note that children joining the 0-4 group must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Refreshments after the Service

Refreshments are served after this service in the Galilee Chapel at the back of the Cathedral where we are joined by worshippers arriving to attend Matins at 11.30 a.m. Do join us there.

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The Gathering

Voluntary Allegretto (Sonata No 4 in B flat major) *Felix Mendelssohn*

Please stand at the entrance of the ministers

Hymn Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him from death's domains
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee
While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.

*St Fulbert of Chartres,
translated by Robert Campbell*

ST FULBERT, H J Gauntlett

The Greeting

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

President In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

 The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

 Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The President welcomes the people and introduces the liturgy

Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism
as the sign and seal of this new birth.
Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit and made clean.
Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.
As children of God, we have a new dignity
and God calls us to fullness of life.

During the Gloria, Junior Church collects a cross from the Altar and processes to the Chapter House

Gloria in excelsis Deo

sung by the Choir

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 2: 42-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

All For the word of the Lord
thanks be to God.

Please stand and turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is processed into the Nave

The Gospel

John 10: 1-10

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Choir I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.



Deacon
All

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St John.



Jesus said to his disciples, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit after the Preacher's prayer

Sermon

The Reverend Daniel Parkinson

The Liturgy of Holy Baptism

The Presentation

The parents and godparents of the candidate for baptism gather before the Altar with the candidate

The President addresses the whole congregation

President Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.
People of God, will you welcome N
and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The President says to the parents and godparent

Parents and godparents,
the Church receives N with joy.
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.
Will you pray for him, draw him by your example
into the community of faith
and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Answer With the help of God, we will.

In baptism N begins his journey in faith.
You speak for him today.
Will you care for him
and help him to take his place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Answer With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The President addresses the parents and godparents

President In baptism, God calls us out of darkness
 into his marvellous light.
 To follow Christ means dying to sin
 and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

 Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
Answer *I reject them.*

 Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
Answer *I renounce them.*

 Do you repent of the sins that separate us
 from God and neighbour?
Answer *I repent of them.*

 Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
Answer *I turn to Christ.*

 Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
Answer *I submit to Christ.*

 Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
Answer *I come to Christ.*

Signing with the Cross

The President makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on the forehead of the candidate, saying

N, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

All Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.
Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you
from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
All **Amen.**

The President invites the family and godparents to process to the Font

During the hymn, the people stand and turn to face the Font

Hymn **Come down, O Love divine,**
 Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near,
 Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
 Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Italian, Bianco da Siena,
translated by R F Littledale*

DOWN AMPNEY, *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Prayer over the Water

The President stands before the water of baptism, and says

President Praise God who made heaven and earth;
All who keeps his promise for ever.

**All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan,
we thank you for the gift of water
to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea
you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death
you brought your Son,
and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servant who is washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death
and in his resurrection,
to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon him,
bring him to new birth in the household of faith
and raise him with Christ to full and eternal life;
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Profession of Faith

The President addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess
together with the parents and godparents of this child
the faith of the Church.

**All Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Baptism

President N, I baptise you
 in the name of the Father,
 and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The President anoints the newly-baptised child with the Oil of Chrism and says

 May God,
 who has received you by baptism into his Church,
 pour upon you the riches of his grace,
 that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
 you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
 and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.
All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

President As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father
 through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Minister Almighty God, reveal your kingdom among the nations;
 may peace abound and justice flourish.

 Your name be hallowed.
All **Your kingdom come.**

 Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
 and renew your Church with power from on high.

 Your name be hallowed.
All **Your kingdom come.**

 Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,
 heal and restore your creation.

All Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

All Your name be hallowed.
Your kingdom come.

President God of grace and life,
in your love you have given us a place among your people;
keep us faithful to our baptism,
and prepare us for that glorious day
when the whole creation will be made perfect
in your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Welcome

President There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
N, by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;**
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.

The congregation welcomes the newly-baptised with applause

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

President The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

If you wish, please exchange a sign of peace with those near to you

During the Offertory hymn, the stewards bring up bread and wine to be placed upon the Altar, as a symbol of our prayers being offered to God

Hymn **Faithful Shepherd, feed me**
 In the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me
 Where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me
 In the narrow way;
So, with thee beside me,
 I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer
 To the heavenly shore;
May my faith grow clearer,
 May I love thee more.

Hallow every pleasure,
 Every gift and pain;
Be thyself my treasure,
 Though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me
 As thou seest best,
Then let angels bear me
 To thy promised rest.

T B Pollock

PASTOR PASTORUM, Friedrich Silcher

Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
 through your goodness
 we have this bread to set before you,
 which earth has given and human hands have made.
 It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Lord of life,
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven
may we know your resurrection power;
through Christ our risen Lord.

All Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer A

President All

The Lord be with you and al - so with you.

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, singable style. The lyrics are written below the staff, with the words 'The Lord be with you' under the first part and 'and al - so with you.' under the second part. The word 'President' is written above the first part, and 'All' is written above the second part. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The first part ends with a double bar line, and the second part begins with a repeat sign (two dots) before the first note.

President All

President All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 almighty and eternal Father,
 and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts
 the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
 Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
 has conquered the powers of death and hell
 and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
 He has placed them once more in paradise
 and opened to them the gates of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
 earth and heaven resound with gladness,
 while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
 sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
 heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

President Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cuthbert, Bede,
and all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

President Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom:

All **Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Junior Church returns to receive a blessing or the Sacrament

Please sit down and then follow the directions of the vergers to form a line to receive Holy Communion. There is one station at the front of the Nave and one station at the rear. Please hold your hands out so that the clergy may place the host into your hand. After you have received you may receive from the chalice if you wish, or simply return to your seats via the side aisles. Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations.

All those who are members of a Christian church of any denomination are welcome to receive Communion. If this is not part of your tradition or you are not sure, you are nevertheless welcome to receive a blessing at the communion station from the priest there. In this case, you should move forward with the communicants and bow your head as an indication to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

Agnus Dei

sung by the Choir

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world:
grant us thy peace.

Motet

sung by the Choir

O taste and see, how gracious the Lord is :
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34: 8

Ralph Vaughan Williams

After all have received Holy Communion, please stand as the President approaches the Altar

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

The President offers words of farewell

The Blessing

President The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle and Dismissal

The parents and godparents and the newly-baptised gather at the Altar

President God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
N, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

All **Shine as a light in the world**
to the glory of God the Father.



Hymn The King of love my Shepherd is,
 Whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am his
 And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow
 My ransomed soul he leadeth,
 And where the verdant pastures grow
 With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 But yet in love he sought me,
 And on his shoulder gently laid,
 And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight
 Thy unction grace bestoweth:
 And O what transport of delight
 From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 Within thy house for ever.

Henry Baker

DOMINUS REGIT ME, *John Bacchus Dykes*

Voluntary Allegro con brio (Sonata No 4 in B flat major)

Felix Mendelssohn

Please join us for refreshments in the Galilee Chapel after the service: everyone is welcome. If you have a dog with you, we would be grateful if you would keep it away from the serving table. Please ask a verger for help if you need someone to get you a mug of tea or coffee.

Choral Matins is sung in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., and Choral Evensong is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m.

For all enquiries concerning the provision of pastoral care for members of the cathedral community, please contact The Reverend Daniel Parkinson: daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk.

Installation of Jane Maycock as Canon Missioner:

Sunday 3 May at 3.30 p.m.

Our new Canon Missioner and member of Chapter, the Reverend Canon Jane Maycock, will be installed at Evensong on Sunday 3 May at 3.30 p.m. and everyone is warmly invited to come along and support Jane as we welcome her into the cathedral community. At this service, we will also be giving thanks for the 40th anniversary of the special link between the Diocese of Durham and the Diocese of Lesotho in Southern Africa.

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the April edition of the Cathedral's new community newsletter. It is issued once a month and includes pastoral words from different members of the cathedral clergy and news about things that might interest the cathedral community—especially about worship, music, talks, and other events that build up our worship and fellowship. It will go to regular worshippers who have joined the community roll as well as other constituencies closely associated with the Cathedral. If you are a regular worshipper here but not on the community roll, you are welcome to join it by sending an email to community@durhamcathedral.co.uk. Alternatively, you can sign up to the newsletter by scanning this QR code:



Community Gathering

The next Community Gathering will take place on Thursday 14 May immediately following the Liturgy of Ascension Day. The Sung Eucharist begins at 5.30 p.m., and should last approximately one hour, and we will then gather in the Deanery garden for drinks from approximately 6.45 p.m. All are welcome to both the service and/o the gathering which follows.

Services and other events this week:
(L) = live-streamed (NL) = not live-streamed

Monday 27 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (online only) (L)
Tuesday 28 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 29 April		<i>Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Thursday 30 April	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Friday 1 May		<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	7.30 p.m.	Hayao Miyazaki's Dreams
Saturday 2 May		<i>Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	11.00 a.m.	Hild Bede College Day Service (Nave) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Gregory Chapel) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Sunday 3 May		<i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (CW1) (Nave) (L)
	11.30 a.m.	Matins (Quire) (NL)
	3.30 p.m.	Evensong with Installation of Jane Maycock as Canon Missioner and marking the 40th anniversary of the Lesotho-Durham Link (Quire) (NL)

Ascension Day: Thursday 14 May

We celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven forty days after his resurrection with special services all day. In addition to our usual services, Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer is celebrated at 7.30 a.m. in the Feretory. At 5.30 p.m., the Eucharist will be sung by the Cathedral Choir for this principal feast day. Please celebrate this holy day with us.

Pentecost Praise at Durham Cathedral: Sunday 24 May at 6.30 p.m.

Pentecost Praise is a celebration service being hosted for the second time by Durham Cathedral in partnership with local churches. It offers an opportunity for Christians to gather together to give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, and to celebrate and pray for God's work in the world today. Music will be led by a band drawn from churches across the region, and the service will include anointing and prayer ministry. Pentecost Praise will be led by Philip Plyming, Dean of Durham, and Hannah Wilkinson, Senior Leader and Youth Lead at St Nic's Durham. The preacher will be Sam Ward, UK CEO of The Message Trust. Do plan to come, and bring friends from your church or youth group.

Celebrating our Saints: The Venerable Bede

We invite you to join us for our celebrations of our other great saint, The Venerable Bede, whose feast day falls on Monday 25 May 2026. There will be a simple celebration of Holy Communion at Bede's tomb according to the Book of Common Prayer at 7.30 a.m. There will be another celebration of the Eucharist at Bede's tomb at 12.30 p.m., and we conclude the day with a special Festal Evensong at 5.30 p.m., which will be sung by the Chapel Choir of Hild Bede College, Durham University. At this service our guest preacher will be Professor Anna Rowlands, St Hilda Professor of Catholic Social Thought and Practice, Durham University, and Ecumenical Canon at Durham University. Those attending Evensong are invited to join us for refreshments after the service. We are also excited to announce that, on the following evening (Tuesday 26 May) at 7.30 p.m. in the nave our new 'Bede Librarian', the historian, novelist, and podcaster, Tom Holland will give a Durham Cathedral Institute lecture entitled: 'Cuthbert, Bede, and the renewal of culture'. Sadly this event is now fully subscribed but a recording of the lecture will be made available subsequently.

Organ Recitals 2026

Our organ recitals follow last year's revised and successful format. Once a month, there will be an hour long recital starting at 7.00 p.m. We're keen to encourage people who don't normally come to our organ recitals to join us, alongside those familiar with these special recitals, and enjoy the magnificent sound of one of the country's greatest cathedral organs played by some of Britain's greatest organists.

Wednesday 22 April: Katherine Dienes-Williams, Guildford Cathedral

Wednesday 27 May: Joseph Beech, Durham Cathedral

Wednesday 24 June: Robert Quinney, New College, Oxford

Wednesday 22 July: Imogen Morgan, St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh

Wednesday 26 August: Benjamin Mills, Durham Cathedral

Wednesday 23 September: Daniel Cook, Durham Cathedral

Tickets will soon be available at durhamcathedral.co.uk, from the Visitor Desk, or on the door.

London Marathon

One of our Lay Clerks, Matthew Holloway-Strong, is running the London Marathon today and raising money for charity. Do remember him in your prayers and cheer him on! If you would like to support his fund-raising efforts for the National Autistic Society, please use the following QR code:



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