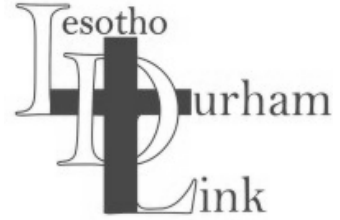




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Evensong

and

Installation of

the Reverend Canon Jane Maycock

as Canon Missioner

and marking the 40th anniversary

of the Lesotho-Durham Link

on

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Sunday 3 May 2026

3.30 p.m.



Welcome to Durham Cathedral

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We warmly welcome you to Durham Cathedral, and we offer a particular welcome to all who have come to support Jane who is being licensed and installed today and as we also mark the 40th anniversary of the special link between the Diocese of Durham and the Diocese of Lesotho in Southern Africa.

This afternoon, the Bishop will license and the Dean will install

The Reverend Canon Jane Mayock
as Canon Missioner of Durham Cathedral

Lesotho-Durham Link

In 1986, the Durham Diocesan Synod established a Link with the Anglican Diocese of Lesotho, a mountain Kingdom of 2.3 m people, totally surrounded by the Republic of South Africa. Undergirded by prayer, this Link was also offered practical help and has seen exchange of personnel over the years, forestry planting, poultry projects and the building of community facilities. But it is in youth work that the Link is best known: kayaking, abseiling, archery, etc, offering quality adventure training for young people at a lakeside location in Maseru. Supported by the King of Lesotho, this has developed into a 65 bed conference centre and is now financially self sufficient. The motto of the country is Khotso, Pula, Nala: Peace, Rain and Prosperity. Today we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Link—for all that has been and for all that will be under God.

*Lord of the kingdom in the sky and the land of Cuthbert and Bede,
pour out your goodness upon the people of Durham and Lesotho.*

*May we work and learn together,
share and advance the Gospel message,
and grow closer both through our new diocesan bishops
and people working within and around the Diocesan Link.*

*We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
who calls us together,
one in Word and Work.*

Amen.

Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the Cathedral Procession

Hymn **Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
 The heavens are not too high,
 His praise may thither fly:
 The earth is not too low,
 His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!
 The Church with psalms must shout,
 No door can keep them out;
 But above all the heart
 Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
 My God and King!**

George Herbert

LUCKINGTON, Basil Harwood

The Greeting

Bishop **Grace, mercy and peace
 from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
 be with you all**

All **and with thy spirit.**

The congregation sits

The Bishop welcomes the people and introduces the service, and then the candidate is presented to the Bishop by the Vice-Dean

The Presentation

Vice-Dean Bishop Frank, I present to you
 Jane Ellen Maycock
 to be admitted and installed as a Residentiary Canon
 of this Cathedral Church.

Bishop Thank you for your presentation.
 Jane, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Declarations and Oaths

The Bishop invites the Reverend Canon Jane Maycock to make the declaration and oaths according to law

The Invitation

Bishop My brothers and sisters,
 throughout the ages it has been the calling
 of the Church of England
 to glorify God and serve this nation
 through the faithful proclamation of the Gospel
 in worship, service, mission and pastoral care.
 Today, rejoicing in this tradition,
 and welcoming the opportunities of the years to come,
 we ask *Jane*
 to commit herself anew to this calling.

Therefore, let the declaration be made and subscribed
and the oaths taken according to law.

The Preface

Registrar The Church of England is part of the One,
Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church,
worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures
and set forth in the Catholic Creeds,
which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh
in each generation.
Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth
in its historic formularies:
the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion,
the Book of Common Prayer,
and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.

Bishop *Jane:*
in the declaration you are about to make
will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith
as your inspiration and guidance under God,
in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation
and making him known to those in your care?

The Declaration of Assent

Candidate I, *Jane Ellen Maycock*,
do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief
in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures,
and set forth in the Catholic Creeds,
and to which the historic formularies
of the Church of England bear witness;
and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments,
I will use only the forms of service
which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The candidate takes a copy of the New Testament in their right hand and makes the following oaths

The Oath of Allegiance

Candidate I, *Jane Ellen Maycock*,
do swear that I will be faithful
and bear true allegiance
to His Majesty King Charles the Third,
his heirs and successors, according to law.
So help me God.

The Oath of Canonical Obedience

Candidate I, *Jane Ellen Maycock*,
do swear by Almighty God
that I will pay true and canonical obedience
to the Lord Bishop of Durham and their successors
in all things lawful and honest.
So help me God.

The Statute Oath

Bishop I now invite Jane to take the oath
to uphold the Statutes and Constitution
of this Cathedral Church.

Candidate I, *Jane Ellen Maycock*,
do swear by Almighty God
that I will observe the Statutes, Ordinances
and laudable customs of the Cathedral Church of Durham,
so far as they concern me,
by reason of my obtaining the office of a
Residentiary Canon
founded in the said Cathedral Church.
So help me God.

The Declaration and Oaths are signed and the Registrar hands the legal instrument to the Bishop

The Admission

The Bishop reads the legal instrument, and then hands it to the candidate, saying

Jane, receive this ministry
in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Receive it confidently. Serve Christ joyfully.
Put your trust in God. He is faithful.

Let us pray.

The candidate kneels before the Bishop, who prays for her, saying

Almighty God,
you make us both to desire and to do
your good will and pleasure;
grant to your servant *Jane*
grace truly to perform the vows and promises she has made,
and grant that she may
faithfully discharge her responsibilities,
to the well-being of the people among whom she serves,
and to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Bishop blesses the newly-appointed member of the Foundation, saying

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace, now and for evermore.

All

Amen.

The Installation

The Bishop goes to his stall and the Dean leads the newly-appointed member of the Foundation to her stall, and then installs her, saying

Dean I, Philip James John Plyming, Dean of this Cathedral Church,
do hereby install you, *Jane Ellen Mayock*,
to the rights and dignities
belonging to the office of Residentiary Canon
Founded in this Cathedral Church
of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin
and Saint Cuthbert of Durham.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in
from this time forth for evermore.
Amen.

The newly installed member of the Foundation says the Lord's Prayer together with the Dean

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.

Please stand

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 147: 1-11

sung by the Choir

Praise the Lord,
for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God :
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
He healeth those that are broken in heart :
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
He telleth the number of the stars :
and calleth them all by their names.
Great is our Lord, and great is his power :
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
The Lord setteth up the meek :
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
and prepareth rain for the earth :
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains,
and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle :
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse :
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him :
and put their trust in his mercy.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Please sit

First Lesson

Zechariah 4: 1-10

read by the Reverend Canon Jane Maycock

The First Lesson is written in the Prophecy of Zechariah, Chapter 4, beginning to read at the first verse.

The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' He said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the LORD of hosts. What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain; and he shall bring out the top stone amid shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.

‘These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.’

Here ends the First Lesson.

A pause for reflection follows the lesson, after which all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Herbert Howells: St Paul's Service

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud
in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Please sit

Second Lesson

Revelation 21: 1-14

*read by Paul Jefferson
former Executive Officer, Lesotho-Durham Link*

The Second Lesson is written in the Book of Revelation, Chapter 21, beginning to read at the first verse.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.’

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, ‘Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.’ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three

gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

A pause for reflection follows the lesson, after which all stand with the Choir

Nunc Dimittis

Herbert Howells: St Paul's Service

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation :
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Face east

The Apostles' Creed

All	I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
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**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lesser Litany, Responses and Collects

Kenneth Leighton

Cantor The Lord be with you.
 And with thy spirit.

Please kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father,
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Easter

O Almighty God,
who alone canst order
the unruly wills and affections of sinful men;
Grant unto thy people,
that they may love the thing which thou commandest,
and desire that which thou dost promise;
that so,
among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed,
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect for peace

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The Collect for aid against all perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit

Anthem

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

sung by the Choir

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

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
Crushing the serpent's head;
And cries aloud through death's domains
To wake th'imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey
At his command restore;
His ransom'd hosts pursue their way
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now
To him all power is given;
To him in one communion bow
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we his soldiers praise our King
His mercy we implore,
Within 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 and others*

Charles Villiers Stanford

Sermon

*The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming
Dean of Durham*

The Prayers

*led by the Reverend Canon Charlie Allen
Chancellor, Durham Cathedral
and Alex Nelson
Trustee and former Chair, Lesotho-Durham Link*

Let us pray.

Please kneel

We pray with gratitude for Jane Maycock
as she takes up her role as Canon Missioner here in Durham:
that she may be blessed with the needful gifts of grace
to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed.

We pray for Jane and James
as they make their home in Durham,
that together they might be assured
of your presence and your peace
in seasons of adjustment and change.

We also pray for Bishop Rick
as he enters upon his ministry as Bishop of Durham,
asking for God's blessing upon him
and upon this Diocese which he will serve.

Lord, in your mercy,

All **Hear our prayer.**

We pray in thanksgiving for the 40 years of partnership
between the Diocese of Lesotho and the Diocese of Durham:
for the shared mission of our Church,
for lives transformed through the partnership,
for the prayers, visits, and mutual support
which have existed across the nations,
for the many projects
achieved through the partnership over the years.
We pray for God's blessing
on the future of the Lesotho-Durham Link:

that the partnership may be renewed and deepened,
that it may continue to bear fruit, respond to new challenges,
and remain rooted in Christ.

We pray that new generations may take up the vision,
strengthen the bonds of friendship,
and walk together in mission.

All Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for our world: for the healing of the nations,
for a turning of hearts and minds
from hatred to love, from war to peace –
that the love of God and of his risen Son Jesus Christ
may defend those who suffer as a result of conflict.
Especially today we pray for the Kingdom of Lesotho:
for its leaders at a time of political challenge,
for those who live in poverty,
for sustainable livelihoods and justice for all.

All Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
who inspired the building of our Cathedral
and called our saints, Cuthbert and Bede
to walk in your ways and proclaim your truth,
guide and help us in this generation,
as we walk together in your service,
that through pilgrimage, prayer and proclamation
many will encounter you our living God
and know your love in Jesus Christ.
This we ask for his glory and in his name

All **Amen.**

The Dean offers words of farewell, and invites the congregation to stand and sing the following hymn

Hymn

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:

Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
Sinners justified:

Priestly king, enthroned for ever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon you gazing,
This shall be our song:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal name!*

Michael Saward

GUITING POWER, John Barnard

The Blessing

Bishop The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Choir Amen.

Voluntary Allegro (Symphonie VI) *Charles-Marie Widor*

The invited guests of the newly-installed canon make their way to the Deanery via the South Door and the Cloisters. Ask a steward for directions.

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Thank you!



After the service, a brief ceremony takes place in the Chapter House attended by the Bishop and the College of Canons.

The Ceremony in the Chapter House

Dean The service in Church
 expresses the centrality of worship and prayer
 in the life of the Foundation.
 But now we symbolise our collegiality and responsibility
 as Chapter and College of Canons,
 for the governance of this Cathedral Church.
 We remember our Benedictine inheritance
 and continue to take inspiration from the Rule of St Benedict.

Reader A reading from Chapter Three of the Rule.

Whenever anything of importance is to be done in the monastery, let the Abbot assemble the whole community and himself declare the matter to be treated. And having received advice, let him weigh it within himself, and then do what he judges to be most expedient. Moreover, we have said that all are to be called to counsel, because it is often to the younger that the Lord reveals what is better.

Dean Jane, we welcome you among us.

The Dean then presents Canon Maycock with a copy of the Constitution and Statutes and some bread and wine, and says to her

Jane, we receive and invest you
as a Member of Chapter
and deliver to you a copy of the Constitution and Statutes
of this Cathedral Church for your regular observance,
and this bread and wine as a token
of corporal refreshment and support in your work.

Dean Jane, I invite you to make the accustomed declaration.

Canon Maycock holds the New Testament and makes the declaration

I, *Jane Ellen Maycock*,
who have been nominated and admitted
to be a Member of the Chapter
of this Cathedral Church of Christ,
Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham,
swear with my hand on these most holy Gospels of God
that, so far as my strength allows,
I will defend, preserve and take order for the preservation
of all the rights, privileges and property of this Church,
and will faithfully keep all the statutes and ordinances
of this Church, so far as they concern me,
and will take all reasonable care
to see that they are observed by others.
I also swear that I will not knowingly hinder
anything that may lawfully be done
to the profit and honour of this Church,
but will ever be zealous for its advantage and honour,
that I will observe the customs of this Church
and its lawful decisions
and will not unlawfully reveal
the confidences of the Chapter,
and if at any time I bear any office in this Church
I will fulfil it well and faithfully according to my power;
so may God and these holy gospels of God help me.

*The Deputy Head Verger presents Canon Maycock with a key to the Cathedral,
saying*

Jane,
I present you with the key to the Church
as a symbol of your rights of access here
as a Member of Chapter.
How awesome is this place!
This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.

Dean Members of the Chapter,
will you welcome Jane
into the fellowship of those who share
in the governance of this Cathedral Church,
and support her in her vocation and ministry?

The Chapter Members reply

We welcome you among us.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.

The Dean and the newly-appointed members of the Foundation stand before the Bishop

Dean Bishop Frank, I present to you Jane Maycock,
duly admitted and installed
as a Residentiary Canon and Member of Chapter
of this Cathedral Church.

The Bishop acknowledges her

All applaud

Henry Purcell's King Arthur: Thursday 7 May at 8.30 p.m.

The Great Hall, Durham Castle

The Dunelm Consort and Players, including Cathedral musicians, will perform a newly created performance edition of Henry Purcell's King Arthur with Michael Hampel as the Narrator. Tickets are available via durhamstudentmusic.org

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.

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.

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.

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