



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

on

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Kenneth Leighton: Missa Brevis

Sunday 10 May 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

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and ministers

Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth

Lux EOI, Arthur Sullivan

The Greeting

The Reverend Canon Jane Maycock

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

All Amen.

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

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

The President welcomes the people and introduces the liturgy

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
 Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
 and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Silence is kept

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

All **Amen.**

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Baskets of food donated to the Durham Foodbank are placed before the Altar by volunteers and members of Junior Church during the Gloria—the baskets will be blessed later in the service

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

Gloria in excelsis Deo

sung by the Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe, Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of
the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;

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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 17: 22-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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 14: 15-21

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All  A single line of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. Below the staff, the lyrics are: Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

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.

All  A single line of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. Below the staff, the lyrics are: Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

Al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia, al - le - lú - ia.

Deacon The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

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

All  A single line of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes with some slurs. Below the staff, the lyrics are: (Organ) Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

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Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All 
(Organ) Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit after the Preacher's prayer

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Michael Hampel

Please stand as the President approaches the Altar to say the Creed

The Creed

All

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

President In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Please kneel or sit

After each petition:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

At the end of the intercessions, the President blesses the baskets of food donated to the Durham Foodbank, saying

President God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation,
so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us
and in all for whom we pray;
Send down your blessing upon these gifts,
and those who will receive them,
that in all you have made,
your glory may be revealed
and the whole earth give praise to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

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 **For the beauty of the earth,
 For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
 *Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour,
 Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 Sun and moon and stars of light:**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
 For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
 Linking sense to sound and sight:**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

F S Pierpoint

ENGLAND'S LANE, *Geoffrey Shaw*

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.

President All

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
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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

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

Motet

sung by the Choir

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Song of Solomon 2: 3-4

Edward Bairstow

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

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Dismissal

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.

Cantor



Go in the peace of Christ; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

All



Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hymn Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

**Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.**

Cyril Alington

REGENT SQUARE, *Henry Smart*

Voluntary

Prélude and Fugue in B major, Op 7

Marcel Dupré

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 vergers for help if you need someone to get you a mug of tea or coffee.

The Reverend Daniel Parkinson is presiding and preaching at St Hilda's, South Sheilds, and St Michael and All Angels, Westoe, this morning.

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.

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the May 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 the gathering which follows.

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.

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

Monday 11 May	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (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 12 May	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong: Student Tuesday (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 13 May	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	2.00 p.m.	Mothers Union Eucharist (Quire) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	6.30 p.m.	Catholic Chaplaincy Mass
Thursday 14 May		<i>Ascension Day</i>
	7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (Feretary) (NL)
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	6.45 p.m.	Community Gathering
Friday 15 May		<i>Matthias the Apostle</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
Saturday 16 May	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Sunday 17 May	7.30 p.m.	Durham Choral Society Concert (Nave) (NL)
		<i>The Seventh 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 (Quire) (NL)

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.

Installation of the Bishop of Durham: Sunday 7 June at 3.00 p.m.

Tickets for this service will be released on the Cathedral's ticketsolve platform in the next week or so. Orders of service next Sunday will confirm details. Depending on availability, people will be able to book two complimentary tickets on a first come/first served basis.

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

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