



DURHAM
CATHEDRAL

Evensong

on

The Eve of Peter the Apostle

Sunday 28 June 2026

3.30 p.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.*

*The family of Margaret Sturdy, RIP,
has contributed to the flowers in the Cathedral this weekend
in memory of Margaret.*

The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Deuteronomy 33: 27

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Voluntary

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Hymn The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is his new creation,
 By water and the word.
 From heav'n he came and sought her
 To be his holy Bride;
 With his own blood he bought her,
 And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
 With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder,
 Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
 Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song!

'Mid toil and tribulation,
 And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Samuel Stone

AURELIA, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Canon Jane Maycock

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Please kneel

All Almighty and most merciful Father;
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;
That we may hereafter
live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

**All 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

Preces

Philip Radcliffe

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

God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us;
That thy way may be known upon earth :
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God :
let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us :
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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**Ezekiel 3: 4-11**

He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard

against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; whether they hear or refuse to hear.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Charles Wood in E flat No 2

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

Acts 9: 32-end

Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

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.

Please 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.
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

Philip Radcliffe

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

Please kneel

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir 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 St Peter's Day

O Almighty God,
who by thy Son Jesus Christ
didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts,
and commandedst him earnestly to feed thy flock:
Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors
diligently to preach thy holy Word,
and the people obediently to follow the same,
that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory;
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

The Twelve

sung by the Choir

Without arms or charm of culture,
persons of no importance
from an unimportant Province,
they did as the Spirit bid,
went forth into a joyless world
of swords and rhetoric
to bring it joy.

When they heard the Word, some demurred, some mocked, some were shocked: but many were stirred and the Word spread. Lives long dead were quickened to life; the sick were healed by the Truth revealed; released into peace from the gin of old sin, men forgot themselves in the glory of the story told by the Twelve.

Then the Dark Lord, adored by this world, perceived the threat of the Light to his might. From his throne he spoke to his own. The loud crowd, the sedate engines of state, were moved by his will to kill. It was done. One by one, they were caught, tortured, and slain.

O Lord, my God,
though I forsake thee forsake me not,
but guide me as I walk through the valley of mistrust,
and let the cry of my disbelieving absence
come unto thee,
thou who declared unto Moses:
'I shall be there.'

Children play about the ancestral graves :
for the dead no longer walk.
Excellent still in their splendour are the antique statues :
but can do neither good nor evil.
Beautiful still are the starry heavens :
but our fate is not written there.
Holy still is speech, but there is no sacred tongue :
the Truth may be told in all.
Twelve as the winds and the months
are those who taught us these things :
envisaging each in an oval glory,
let us praise them all with a merry noise.

Wystan Hugh Auden

William Walton

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Canon Jane Maycock

The prayers conclude with the Grace

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all evermore.
 Amen.**

The minister offers words of farewell and announces the final hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn

**Hymn ‘Thou art the Christ, O Lord,
 The Son of God most high!’
 For ever be adored
 That Name in earth and sky,
In which, though mortal strength may fail,
The saints of God at last prevail.**

O surely he was blest
With blessedness unpriced,
Who, taught of God, confessed
The Godhead in the Christ;
For of thy Church, Lord, thou didst own
Thy saint a true foundation-stone.

Thrice fallen, thrice restored,
The bitter lesson learnt,
That heart for thee, O Lord,
With triple ardour burnt.
The cross he took he laid not down
Until he grasped the martyr's crown.

O bright triumphant faith,
O courage void of fears,
O love most strong in death,
O penitential tears!
By these, Lord, keep us lest we fall,
And make us go where thou shalt call.

W Walsham How

GOPSAL, Melody and bass by G F Handel

The Blessing

Minister 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

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

Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers sings Evensong at St Hilda's Church, Hartlepool, this evening at 6.00 p.m.

Next Sunday at 3.30 p.m., the Cathedral Choir sings Evensong at St Nicholas's Church, Dunston, for the Gateshead West Deanery. Evensong is also sung here at the same time as usual.

Altered arrangements for some upcoming services

Please note the alternative locations for Morning Prayer and the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. during University Congregation (see over). On Saturday 11 July, there is no service of Evensong at 5.30 p.m. to accommodate the Miners Festival Service at 3.00 p.m. On Sunday 12 July, the Sung Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. and Matins at 11.30 a.m. are replaced by Matins for the Courts of Justice at 11.00 a.m. On affected Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8.00 a.m. as usual and Choral Evensong is sung at 3.30 p.m.

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the June edition of the Cathedral's 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 goes to regular worshippers who have joined the community roll as well as other constituencies closely associated with the Cathedral. Alternatively, you can sign up to the newsletter by scanning the QR code below. If you are a regular worshipper here and you would like to be on the community roll, you are welcome to join it by sending an email to community@durhamcathedral.co.uk, for the application form.



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

Monday 29 June	<i>St Peter the Apostle</i>
8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
2.00 p.m.	Durham Cathedral Institute: Fiona Hill (Chapter House) (NL)
5.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)
7.30 p.m.	Durham Cathedral Institute: Fiona Hill (Nave) (NL)
8.45 p.m.	Compline (online only)
Tuesday 30 June	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Feretary) (L)
	12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (Galilee Chapel) (NL)
	5.30 p.m. Evensong and Welcome of HM Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Nave) (L)
Wednesday 1 July	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (<u>St Mary the Less</u>) (NL)
	9.00 a.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	11.00 a.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (<u>St Mary the Less</u>) (NL)
	1.45 p.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	3.45 p.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)
Thursday 2 July	8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (<u>St Mary the Less</u>) (NL)
	9.00 a.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	11.00 a.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	12.30 p.m. Holy Communion (<u>St Mary the Less</u>) (NL)
	1.45 p.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	3.45 p.m. Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	5.30 p.m. Evensong (Quire) (L)
Friday 3 July	<i>St Thomas the Apostle</i>
8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (<u>St Mary the Less</u>) (NL)
9.00 a.m.	Congregation (Nave) (NL)
11.00 a.m.	Congregation (Nave) (NL)
12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (<u>St Mary the Less</u>) (NL)
1.45 p.m.	Congregation (Nave) (NL)

	3.45 p.m.	Congregation (Nave) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Saturday 4 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (Benedict Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (NL)
Sunday 5 July		<i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>
	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP) (High Altar) (NL)
	10.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (CW1) (Nave) (L)
	11.30 a.m.	Choral Matins (Quire) (NL)
	3.30 p.m.	Choral Evensong (Nave) (NL)

The Miners' Festival Service and Matins for HM Courts of Justice

Everyone is welcome at these special services led by cathedral ministers together with the Cathedral Choir at which we give thanks to God for the broad aspects of our common life together in the region. On Saturday 11 July at 3.00 p.m., the Miners' Festivals Service includes the blessing of new lodge banners, brass bands, an address by Transport Minister, The Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill, CBE, and a sermon by Bishop of Blackburn, The Right Reverend Philip North. On Sunday 12 July at 11.00 a.m., the justice service includes an address by former Supreme Court Justice, The Right Honourable The Lord Sumption, and a sermon by the Dean of Durham, The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming.

The Cathedral's Saints

Our saints are well celebrated over the summer. Do come and join us to celebrate them:

Friday 10 July: Eve of St Benedict's Day

Durham was a Benedictine monastery following the Rule of St Benedict, the 6th century monk and 'Father of Western Monasticism' whose 'rule of life' for monks became the model for monastic life. A special service of Evensong in his honour will culminate in a procession to the Chapter House where we will hear parts of the Rule read in the very place where a 'chapter' of the Rule was read regularly—a fact which gave the room its name and which in turn gave the name 'Chapter' to the governing body of the Cathedral which met in the 'Chapter' House.

Wednesday 5 August: St Oswald's Day

A relic of St Oswald is housed in St Cuthbert's shrine in the Feretory. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m. and the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. are said in the Feretory. At 5.30 p.m., Evensong includes a procession to the Shrine and we will be joined by friends from St Oswald's Church here in Durham.

Tuesday 11 August: The Anniversary of the Foundation of the Cathedral

The foundation stone was laid on 11 August 1093 in the presence of King Malcolm of Scotland and his wife St Margaret of Scotland. At Evensong on this day we mark this moment with a procession to the Margaret Altar in a service sung by the Choir of the Anglican Grosvenor Chapel, London, and the Choir of Farm Street Roman Catholic Church.

Saturday 15 August: The Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary—one of the Cathedral's patrons—is celebrated all day with a celebration of the Eucharist at the High Altar and 12.30 p.m. and a Sung Eucharist in the Nave at 5.30 p.m.

Sunday 30 August: Eve of St Aidan's Day

At Evensong at 3.30 p.m., we will celebrate St Aidan, the mentor of St Cuthbert, and make a procession to the Aidan Altar in the Chapel of the Nine Altars. The following day, the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. will be celebrated at the Aidan Altar.

Friday 4 September: The Translation of the Relics of St Cuthbert

Before the Cathedral was fully complete but when the Quire had been completed, the Relics of St Cuthbert were rehoused in the part of the Cathedral where we now venerate them. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a.m. and the Eucharist at 12.30 p.m. are said in the Feretory this day. At 5.30 p.m., Evensong includes a procession to the Shrine.

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 are available at durhamcathedral.co.uk, from the Visitor Desk, or on the door.

Volunteering at Durham Cathedral

We are so grateful for all of the people who volunteer within the Cathedral community. The generous offer of their time and skills enables us to welcome so many people to the Cathedral for services, events, and other occasions, and to give our visitors and worshippers the opportunity to encounter God through the building, the people they meet, and the many different forms of activity taking place here. We would love to know if there is anyone you think we could recruit to be part of our excellent volunteering team, including you if you don't already volunteer. Maybe you know someone here at the Cathedral who would like to volunteer or family/friends elsewhere who might be interested in joining our worshipping community here. We are particularly looking for new volunteers to the following roles: service and events stewards; Sunday refreshments stewards; Junior Church leaders and assistants; Evensong welcomers; Bedesmen. Please contact us at the following email address with any suggestions or enquiries: daniel.parkinson@durhamcathedral.co.uk.

In God We Trust? Religion and the State
250 Years after the American Declaration of Independence
with Dr Fiona Hill and The Reverend Canon Professor Simon Oliver
Monday 29 June 2026 at 7.30 p.m.

In this special evening at Durham Cathedral, internationally renowned foreign policy expert and Chancellor of Durham University, Dr Fiona Hill, will be joined by Simon Oliver, Van Mildert Professor in the Department of the Theology and Religion, to reflect on how religion and state interact with particular reference to the United States, Russia, Germany and the UK. Drawing on their understanding of different contexts past and present, they will explore how the relationship between religion and state is one that is constantly changing, and holds both opportunities and threats for community and global cohesion. The evening will be hosted and chaired by the Dean of Durham, the Very Reverend Dr Philip Plymington, and will include time for audience Q&A. Free tickets can be reserved by using the following link:

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