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CATHEDRAL

Sung Eucharist

on

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Kenneth Leighton:

Communion Service in D

Sunday 19 July 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.*

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This service is sung by the choir of St Mark's School, Texas

The Gathering

Voluntary

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers

Hymn All my hope on God is founded;
 He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
 Only good and only true.
 God unknown
 He alone
 Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
 Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
 Tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 Hour by hour,
 Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
 Beauty springeth out of naught.
 Evermore
 From his store
 New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
 Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
 Pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 At his hand;
 Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Bridges,
based on the German of J Neander*

MICHAEL, Herbert Howells

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.

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

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

Deacon My brothers and sisters,
 as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
 in word and sacrament,
 let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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. Amen.**

President Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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

Romans 8: 12-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of

our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 borne into the Nave

The Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Choir Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.



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

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



Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

‘And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’

He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit after the Preacher's prayer

Sermon

Canon Dr Jocelyn Bryan

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:

 Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

At the end:

President Almighty God,
 we give you thanks
 for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bede, Cuthbert,
 and the whole company of your saints in glory,
 with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
 by your grace may we, like them,
 be made perfect in your love;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

President Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles,
 ‘Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you’:
 look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
 and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom.

 The peace of the Lord be always with you
All 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 **Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round
Of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide to the nations from the night profound
Into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

**We are of thee, the children of thy love,
The brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
Descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
Into our hearts, that we may be as one:
As one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
As one with him, our brother and our friend.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
One in our love of all things sweet and fair,
One with the joy that breaketh into song,
One with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
One in the power that makes the children free
To follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**

**O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word;
We ask no victories that are not thine:
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
Enough to know that we are serving thee.**

John Chadwick

SONG I, Orlando Gibbons

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.

Faithful God, receive all we offer you this day.
May we so live the life of Christ
that your Church may be a sign of salvation
to all the nations of the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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. 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 a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The staff ends with a double bar line.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

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.

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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 Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

Junior Church returns to receive Communion or a blessing

Motet

sung by the choir

Ave verum corpus, natum
Ex Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum
Vero fluxit sanguine;
Esto nobis praegustatum,
Mortis in examine.

O Clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu Fili Mariae.

*Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who suffered
for our redemption on the cross,
and from whose wounded side
there poured true blood:
be our salvation
in the crisis of death.*

O merciful Jesus, O holy Jesus, O sweet Son of Mary.

Pope Innocent VI

Edward Elgar

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

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Lord God,
whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he 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 peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Cantor Go in the peace of Christ.

All 
Thanks be to God.

Hymn Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home!

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George Elvey

Voluntary

We are grateful to the choir of St Mark's School, Texas, for singing at this service.

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.

Morning Prayer with Address is said in the Quire at 11.30 a.m. and Choral Evensong is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m. by the choir of St Mark's School, Texas.

The Reverend Dr Daniel Parkinson is presiding and preaching at St Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, this morning.

This coming week, choral services are sung by the Cathedral Singers of Ontario, and we look forward to welcoming them. See the diary in this order of service for details of when they are singing and come along and support them.

The Cathedral Choir has been on tour in Lübeck and Hamburg this week, together with the Precentor, and they are singing the service this morning in Lübeck Cathedral with our Dean preaching the sermon (in German). The Diocese of Durham is twinned with the Nordkirche in Northern Germany under the terms of the Meissen Agreement between Anglican and Lutheran churches and we are delighted to symbolise this ecumenical relationship through this tour. Please remember our Choir and travelling clergy in your prayers.

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

Durham Deanery Synod – Lay Members

Following the notice in the orders of service in June, Jenny Parker and George Carter – both regular members of the worshipping community at Durham Cathedral – have offered to serve as lay members of Durham Deanery Synod for the next three years. As two spaces were available, both Jenny and George are confirmed as lay members of the Deanery Synod and have the thanks and prayers of us all at the Cathedral. We will hear more about their role at a future Community Gathering.

Community Newsletter

Many of you will have received the July 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.



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

Admission of children to Communion

Although Confirmation is a key part of a young person's journey of faith and is often the moment when they first receive Communion, some Christian families arrange for their children to be admitted to Communion ahead of Confirmation, and the Church of England makes provision for this possibility as long as the child has been baptised and is showing an interest in receiving Communion and their parents or carers are content that the child should be admitted. Children should be aged between 7 and 11 and would be expected to move onto Confirmation in due course. They are prepared for admission to Communion in three simple and enjoyable learning sessions and a little ceremony of admission takes place on the first day they receive Communion. (Children over 11 and adults who wish to receive Communion would be expected to move directly to preparation for Confirmation.) The Cathedral, with the Bishop's approval, has resolved to enable children to be admitted to Communion in this way, and preparation will begin in the middle of October. If you have a child or children who would like to explore this further, please send a note to kathryn.tiernan@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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

Choral services this week are sung by the Cathedral Singers of Ontario

Monday 20 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (Online only) (L)
Tuesday 21 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Wednesday 22 July		<i>St Mary Magdalene's Day</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
	7.00 p.m.	Organ Recital: Imogen Morgan (Quire) (NL)
Thursday 23 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Quire) (L)
Friday 24 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Litany (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (L)
Saturday 25 July		<i>St James the Apostle's Day</i>
	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (High Altar) (NL)
	2.00 p.m.	Holy Matrimony
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (NL)
Sunday 26 July		<i>The Eighth 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.	Morning Prayer with Address (Quire) (NL)
	3.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (NL)

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.

Operation Lucy

This is the code name for the Cathedral's project to install new sound and lighting systems in due course. You will be glad to know that this project has been drafted into three phases: Phase One (to be completed by the early autumn) to fix non-functioning wireless microphone transmitters and to acquire new lapel microphones and to acquire new video cameras for the live-streaming of our services. Phase Two (to be completed by early 2027) to move ahead with a new sound system albeit in a temporary installation subject to longer-term permissions to embed the new infrastructure into the Cathedral's fabric in due course. Phase Three (to be completed by early 2028) to install a new lighting system and to consolidate Phases Two and Three. We hope this will be good news. Please continue to bear with us as we move ahead with this three-phase approach.

Autumn Bible study opportunity

Following on from the success of the Lent Course and feedback received, we are offering the opportunity to take part in an Autumn study group. *Encountering God in Mark's Gospel* will take place on six Wednesday evenings in September and October at 15 The College, starting on 16th September. Led by Jane Maycock, Canon Missioner, it will last for around 90 mins and involve looking at individual Bible passages in thoughtful and reflective ways. No specialist knowledge or prior experience is required, and all members of the Cathedral worshipping community are welcome. A Thursday morning group would also be possible if there is demand for something during the daytime. To register an interest and/or find out more please email: jane.maycock@durhamcathedral.co.uk

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