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Sung Eucharist

on

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Harold Darke:

Communion Service in F

Sunday 26 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 Cathedral Singers of Ontario

The Gathering

Voluntary

Please stand at the entrance of the choir and ministers

Hymn

Love of the Father, love of God the Son,
From whom all came, in whom was all begun;
Who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
Creation's whole desire and breath of life.

Spirit all-holy, thou supreme in might,
Thou dost give peace, thy presence maketh right;
Thou with thy favour all things dost enfold,
With thine all-kindness free from harm wilt hold.

Hope of all comfort, splendour of all aid,
That dost not fail nor leave the heart afraid:
To all that cry thou dost all help accord,
The angels' armour, and the saints' reward.

Purest and highest, wisest and most just,
There is no truth save only in thy trust;
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
And bring through Christ to him for whom are all.

Eternal glory, all men thee adore,
Who art and shalt be worshipped evermore:
Us whom thou madest, comfort with thy might,
And lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light.

Robert Bridges

SONG 22, Orlando Gibbons

The Greeting

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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.

Gloria in excelsis Deo

sung by the choir

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

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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: 26-end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us,

will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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: 31-33, 44-52

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 is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit after the Preacher's prayer

Sermon

The Reverend James Shelton

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:

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.

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 **The Church of God a kingdom is,
 Where Christ in power doth reign;
Where spirits yearn till, seen in bliss,
 Their Lord shall come again.**

**Glad companies of saints possess
This Church below, above;
And God’s perpetual calm doth bless
Their paradise of love.**

**An altar stands within the shrine
Whereon, once sacrificed,
Is set, immaculate, divine,
The Lamb of God, the Christ.**

**There rich and poor, from countless lands,
Praise God on mystic rood;
There nations reach forth holy hands
To take God’s holy food.**

There pure life-giving streams o'erflow
The sower's garden-ground;
And faith and hope fair blossoms show,
And fruits of love abound.

O King, O Christ, this endless grace
To us and all men bring,
To see the vision of thy face
In joy, O Christ, our King.

Lionel Muirhead

UNIVERSITY, from John Randall's
Psalms and Hymn Tunes 1794

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.

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 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

All

Great is the mystery of faith:

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.

Motet

O sacred feast

sung by the choir

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of his passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace,
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.
Alleluia.

*St Thomas Aquinas**Healey Willan**Antiphon for the Feast of Corpus Christ*

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

Prayer after Communion

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise
be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you 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 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou my inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Irish, c 8th century,
translated by Mary Byrne*

*SLANE, Traditional Irish melody
harmonised by Erik Routley*

Voluntary

We are grateful to the Cathedral Singers of Ontario 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 vergers 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 Cathedral Singers of Ontario.

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

This coming week, choral services are sung by the choir of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon, 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.

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.



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

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

Monday 27 July	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (NL)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong <i>sung by the choir of Christchurch, Greenwich, Connecticut</i> (Quire) (L)
	8.45 p.m.	Compline (Online-only) (L)

*Choral services for the rest of the week are sung by
the choir of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, Oregon*

Tuesday 28 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 29 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)
Thursday 30 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)
Friday 31 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 1 August	8.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Feretory) (L)
	12.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (North Transept) (NL)
	5.30 p.m.	Evensong (Quire) (NL)
Sunday 2 August		<i>The Ninth 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

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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.