

Special Services

Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) - Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes at 8.00 am, 1.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

Sunday 11th March, Mothering Sunday - Family Eucharist at 10.00 am.

Holy Week 2018 at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Sunday 25th March - Saturday 31st March - Led by Bishop Tim Stevens on Prayer and Passion.

Bishop Tim was ordained in 1976, and became the Bishop of Dunwich in 1995 until 1999 when he was appointed the Bishop of Leicester. He was appointed Commander of the British Empire in the 2016 Birthday Honours for services to the Church of England and the community in Leicestershire and on 1st September 2016, he was appointed as the Prelate of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem. He retired to Bury St Edmunds in 2015. ***Bishop Tim Stevens will be preaching at services with an asterisk next to them.**

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday Procession through Great Churchyard at 10.00 am and Evensong at 3.30 pm.*

Monday 26th March - 7.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) and Address.*

Tuesday 27th March - 7.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) and Address.*

Wednesday 28th March - Holy Communion (BCP) at 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm Compline (Night Prayer) and Address.*

Maundy Thursday - Diocesan Chrism Eucharist at 11.30 am, Solemn Eucharist and Vigil from 7.00 pm.*

Good Friday - 10.30 am Churches Together, Procession of Witness. 12.00 pm Good Friday Devotion.*
2.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross.
4.00 pm Children's service.

Easter Sunday - Easter Vigil 6.00 am, Eucharist services: 8.00 am, 10.00 am, Evensong 3.30 pm - as usual.

PRAYER and PASSION

Tuesday evenings in Lent - Tuesday evening Lent lectures are held in the Edmund Room, St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Refreshments are served from 7.00 pm (7.30 pm start). Admission is free, donations welcome, no booking required. Full details are available on our website.

All of the below Tuesday Evening events are free to attend and no pre-booking is required.

Tuesday 20th February - **Canon Dr Jessica Martin, Residentiary Canon at Ely Cathedral.**

Tuesday 27th February - **Charlotte Cook, curate at St Mary's Church, Walton, Felixstowe.**

Tuesday 6th March - **Ben Quash, Professor of Christianity and the Arts at King's College London.**

Tuesday 13th March - **Rupert Shortt, Religion editor of the Times Literary Supplement.**

Tuesday 20th March - **Reverend Canon Mark Oakley, Canon Chancellor at St Paul's Cathedral.**

Friday lunchtime Lent addresses

The Lent Friday Lunchtimes are a series of engaging talks for half an hour from a spiritual perspective. Join us in the Edmund Chapel at St Edmundsbury Cathedral from 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm on the below dates. These are free to attend, no booking required.



Lest we forget, Spiritual Reflections on World War I

Friday 23rd February - The Poppy - symbol of remembrance. Canon Dr John Parr, Parish Priest of Hadleigh.

Friday 2nd March - Went the day well? (John Maxwell Edwards). Rt Revd Graeme Knowles, Acting Dean of St Edmundsbury.

Friday 9th March - Preparing Chaplains for the Trenches. Revd Dr (Group Capt) Andrew Wakeham-Dawson, Deputy Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF.

Friday 16th March - War and my family - a personal story. Canon Philip Banks, Canon Precentor.

Friday 23rd March - European cousins at war. Revd Jutta Brueck, Priest-in-Charge, St Thomas, Ipswich.

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Lent and Easter 2018



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Welcome

By The Rt Rev Bishop Graeme Knowles, Acting Dean

“Love’s redeeming work is done”

Lent, Holy Week and Easter form one of the most exciting seasons in the Church’s year. We are called to a time of self-examination and repentance in Lent as we prepare for the great feast of Easter, celebrating Jesus’ victory over death and the grave. In Holy Week we follow the amazing drama of the Passion, walking with Jesus the path that leads through his trial, crucifixion and death.

As always, the Cathedral offers a range of services, lectures and talks to help us appreciate Lent, Holy Week and Easter to the full. Please join us and experience both the sorrow and the joy of this time.

Charles Wesley wrote these words, capturing the sense of hope and exultation of the season:

*Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?*



Ash Wednesday

This is the day that begins the season of Lent. “Remember that we are dust, and to dust we shall return”. These ancient words, as a worshipper receives ash on their forehead, acts out what our hearts try to express: a recognition of our mortality and of a first step towards seeking to lead a healthier spiritual life.

*“Repent and believe in the Good News”
(Mark 1:15)*

Lent

Growth is the key to using the 40 days of Lent properly. “Lent” comes from the ‘lengthening of the days in springtime’. It reminds us that we, like nature, are to grow; to grow in health of body, mind and spirit. For Christians to grow in the knowledge of Jesus’ purposes of justice and love will help us to make a better world.

*“The spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted
by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts;
and the angels waited on him”
(Mark 1:12-13)*

Maundy Thursday

“Maundy” comes from Jesus’ command that we should ‘love one another’ (‘command’ from the Latin ‘mandatum’). On this day Christians recall the Last Supper, the last meal Jesus had with his friends, and when he washed their feet, asking them to serve and love others. After the meal Jesus was arrested and betrayed before his crucifixion and it is a time when we remember all who are unjustly treated or let down.

*“Jesus said, just as I have loved you, you also
should love one another. By this everyone will
know that you are my disciples”
(John 13:34)*

Good Friday

The day of Jesus’ Crucifixion and death. As you reflect on the meaning of the cross, remember that someone - Jesus - loved you so much that he was prepared to die for you. Jesus died because he wanted to put us, and all humanity, into a right relationship with God and each other.

*“When the centurion saw that Jesus had breathed
his last he said ‘ Truly this man was God’s son!’”
(Mark 15:39)*

Holy Saturday

The gap between Jesus’ death on Good Friday and Easter dawn, when Jesus bursts from the tomb into new resurrected life. It is a space with nothing, no services or music - just space to think and prepare for the joy and mystery of the resurrection.

The Candlelit Easter Vigil

Easter begins as Christians gather for the most powerful service of the year – at 6.00 am on Easter morning this year – when the darkened church (representing the coldness of the tomb) is transformed with a candlelit procession, joyful music, bells and flowers. “Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia”.

Easter Sunday

“We are an Easter people and ‘Alleluia’ is our song!” (St Augustine of Hippo). The resurrection of Jesus is the reversal of death on the cross and is the promise that Christ will be with us to strengthen us in our new life, in this world and the next.

*“He is not here; for he has been raised,
as he said. Come, see the place”.
(Matthew 28:6)*