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Growing in God



Remembering HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

A service of thanksgiving to remember the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will take place at St Edmundsbury Cathedral at 3.30pm on Friday.

In line with Covid-19 restrictions and public health guidance, the service will be restricted to invited guests only.

Bishop Martin, who will preach at the service, said: "Prince Philip has given outstanding service to our nation,

commonwealth and church and has been the most remarkable consort of Her Majesty The Queen over seven decades of public service. His charitable work and patronage have been an example and inspiration to many people. The service of thanksgiving is an opportunity to celebrate his life, and to pray for the Queen and the Royal Family in their mourning."

The Duke of Edinburgh last visited St Edmundsbury Cathedral for the Office for the Royal Maundy on April 9, 2009 – exactly 12 years to the day he passed away.

The Very Revd Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury, will lead the choral service sung by the Cathedral Edmund Consort. He said: "The prayers of the county of Suffolk will be focused on St Edmundsbury Cathedral as we meet to give thanks for the life of the Duke of Edinburgh, a life well lived in remarkable service of his Her Majesty The Queen and country. Recent days have given us fresh insights into the depth of his commitment to a wide variety of causes: the prophetic nature of his passion for the protection of the environment, the flourishing of young people and harmony between world faiths. All of these will be reflected in our service of thanksgiving on Friday."

In attendance at the private service will be HM Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, Clare, Countess of Euston, the High Sheriff of Suffolk, Edward Creasey, and interfaith representatives. A number of young people who are current participants in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme and students from the Royal Hospital School, representing the Royal Navy, are taking part in the service.

Lady Euston said: "The County Service of thanksgiving will allow us to reflect and celebrate the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. His Royal Highness has been at the heart of our national life for over 70 years; always leading by example in encouraging and inspiring people across the generations to make the very best of themselves and to contribute to the wellbeing of Communities and Nation alike. Above all he gave the most wonderful support to Her Majesty The Queen. He was a man of great personal faith and his life-long service and dedication to family, and this Nation, will be an enduring example to us all."

Prince Philip carried out more than 22,000 solo engagements since 1952 and made lasting contributions including as founder of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, President of the World Wildlife Fund and Chancellor of Cambridge University.

Members of the public can watch the service, which will include prayers and readings, on Friday at 3.30pm online via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stedscathedral>. The Cathedral is open from 9.00am-4.00pm Tuesday to Thursday for prayer and reflection. To find a local service please visit www.churchnearyou.com.

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- Please visit the Church of England page [here](#) and the Diocesan guidance page [here](#) for the most up-to-date information and guidance for churches during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Following James Halsall's retirement as DAC Secretary, Charlotte Hodgson has taken on the role of acting secretary until the end of September. Due to a rise in casework since the easing of the lockdown restrictions, DAC enquiries are at a high and the department is also operating with reduced capacity. Please bear with us while we work through your calls and emails at this time of transition. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. To contact Charlotte please telephone 07876 865743 or email: charlotte.hodgson@cofesuffolk.org.

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