

Medieval Worship and the Cult of St Cuthbert at Worksop

A Discovery Day and Night Liturgy



Saturday 31 August 2024, 10am-5pm

Public history talks, open rehearsal, family activities

Sunday 1 September 2024, 5am-7am

Medieval night liturgy for the Feast of St Cuthbert

All welcome, no registration required

For more information email worksop.discovery.day@gmail.com or visit
<https://tinyurl.com/nightoffice>



Every year on 4 September, the Canons of Worksop's medieval Priory celebrated the summer feast of their patron St Cuthbert, as this church still does today.

Join us on 31 August and 1 September 2024 to explore this rich history through a mixture of **public talks, family activities, music, and worship.**

The highlight will be an early morning, candlelit **Matins service for St Cuthbert**, performed as it might have been known some 700 years ago, around the time of Worksop's famous **Tickhill Psalter** (pictured overleaf and below).

This ancient, meditative service will feature what is arguably the **oldest surviving English music**. Composed around 930 AD for King Athelstan, in honour of Saint Cuthbert (above), these special liturgical chants will resound across the Priory for the first time in 500 years.

Saturday 31 August

10am Tea and Coffee (Church)

10.30am– Family activities (Church)

11am History talks (Gatehouse*) *The Office in Medieval Parish Churches*
Paul Barnwell (University of Oxford)
Cuthbert, Durham, Worksop
Charlie Rozier (University of East Anglia)

*no step-free access

12.30pm Lunch (Church)

1.30pm Introduction to act of worship (Church)
Cuthbert and the Night: Bringing a Forgotten History to Life
Henry Parkes (University of Nottingham)



2pm–5pm Open rehearsal of night liturgy (Church)

Sunday 1 September

5am **Night Liturgy for the Translation of St Cuthbert**

followed by a parish breakfast

