



Lent 2026

Beloved in the Lord,

As we journey through the sacred season of Great Lent and draw near to the life-giving Feast of Holy Pascha, we appeal to your loving kindness and generous heart. We invite you to offer a **Lenten Gift of Love** to our Cathedral - an offering that supports our shared mission to deepen the Church's witness and ministry within our community.

By God's grace and your faithful support, the past year has been one of great renewal. We have celebrated the reopening of our Cathedral Museum, the extension of our coffee fellowship, and the daily opening of our doors for private prayer and increased sacred services.

Our Vision for Stewardship

To ensure our beautiful Cathedral, a Grade I listed building on the National Heritage List for England (the highest listing status reserved for the country's most significant historic buildings) remains a place of prayer, beauty, and grace, we have undertaken several vital restoration and infrastructure projects. Below is a summary of our recent and upcoming expenditures:

New Microphone & Speaker System (Completed Oct 2025)	£44,288
Refurbishment of Cathedral WCs (Completed Dec 2025)	£27,000
Cathedral Window Repairs (In Progress Jan 2026)	£16,500
Repairs to Pews (Upcoming Mar 2026)	£74,230
Presbytery Roof Repairs (Upcoming Mar 2026)	£50,000
Mosaic Restoration (Upcoming Jun 2026)	£25,000
Total Projected Fundraising Target	£237,018

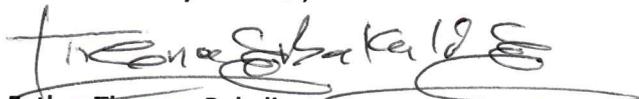
A Shared Journey

We are deeply grateful that **£13,230** has already been raised through the generosity of our faithful supporters, and we now prayerfully invite your support as we continue working towards our fundraising goal. Together - clergy, trustees, wardens, and congregation - we strive to make our Cathedral the lighthouse and safe harbour it is called to be.

Your contribution, whether offered in person, by post, or through our online portal, sustains the worship, pastoral care, and outreach that bring Christ's light to so many. Every gift, large or small, is a cherished act of faith that ensures this spiritual home thrives for generations to come.

With grateful hearts, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed remainder of Great Lent and a joyous, triumphant Holy Pascha.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



Father Theonas Bakalis

Archimandrite of the Ecumenical Throne and Emeritus Dean

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