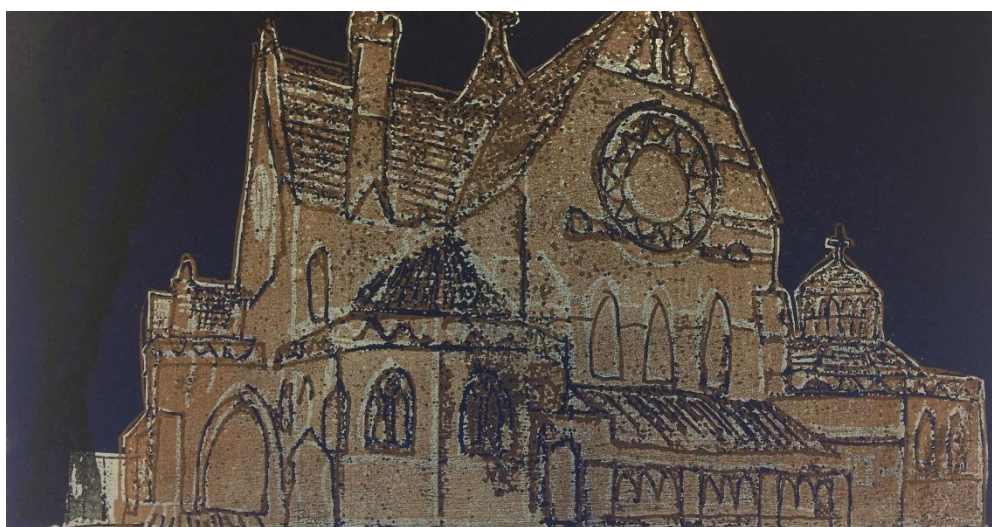




“MORE THAN JUST AN ORDER OF WORDS”  
T S Eliot and the life of Prayer



**SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2019**

**4.30pm Address**

The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham  
*followed by afternoon tea*

**6pm Choral Evensong and Benediction**

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Join us in his spiritual home for an afternoon exploring the legacy of one of the twentieth century's most significant poets and thinkers, T S Eliot.

In his poem 'Little Gidding' Eliot describes prayer as 'more than just an order of words', and his life and work were shaped by the belief and practice of worship at Saint Stephen's, Gloucester Road which he served faithfully as Churchwarden for some twenty-five years.

Drawing on his own academic interest in twentieth century English Literature and his enthusiasm for the poetry of Eliot, in his talk Bishop Jonathan Baker, who has pastoral oversight for Saint Stephen's, will demonstrate the depth and insightfulness of this remarkable writer, and will help us to make connections to our own spiritual development.

Following the talk afternoon tea will be served, and at 6pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction will include the music of Stanford and Bairstow in a glorious offering of worship using the resonant language of the Book of Common Prayer – which had such an influence on Eliot's own poetic imagination.

This event comes as the conclusion of the Saint Stephen's Festival of Arts and Faith, and details of the rich and varied programme can be found on the church website.

A warm welcome awaits you!

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