

Diocesan Confirmation Service at St Paul's Cathedral Saturday 4th November 2023 at 5 pm

Clergy are welcome to present candidates either for Confirmation, or Confirmation with Baptism, or Reception into the Church of England. Those wishing to present candidates are asked to contact the Liturgical Department, at the Chapter House or at confirmations@stpaulscathedral.org.uk by **12 pm on Wednesday 4th October** please – the earlier the better. It is essential that we receive this information by the deadline to ensure that the relevant details can be published in the Order of Service and passed on to the confirming Bishop.

It is your responsibility to ensure that each of your candidates completes and returns the Confirmation form by 12 pm on Wednesday 4th October.

Forms are available via the website on this page: stpauls.co.uk/confirmations. Due to the administrative requirements associated with this service, only those candidates whose completed forms are received by **Wednesday 4th October** will be confirmed in this service. Forms received after this date cannot be processed and therefore such candidates will not be included in the Confirmation this year.

The rehearsal will take place at 3 pm on Saturday 4th November. Please come with your candidates, meeting under the Dome for a walk through. The rehearsal will start promptly and will last around an hour. **Please allow plenty of time to arrive, to get to the right part of the Cathedral and be ready to start at 3 pm.** It is unfair on the candidates if they miss part of the rehearsal, and spend the service worrying about where to be and what to do.

All candidates under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone at all times whilst in the Cathedral.

Please bring along your Confirmation Register.

For those candidates who are also being baptised, their baptism will be recorded in the St Paul's Baptism Register.

Certificates will be issued on the day to all candidates. Please ensure your candidates provide their full names when completing the Confirmation form.

Presenting Clergy (one from each parish) are invited to robe subject to completing a self-certification form, which will be given by e-mail by the Sacrist. Vesture for this service is surplice and white stole.

Yours, with thanks,

The Reverend Robert Coupland, Sacrist