



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Welcome

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 17 December 2017

LECTIO DIVINA takes place today at 8.45am in the Library. An informal opportunity to reflect on scripture together in a contemplative way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place in the Library during the 9.45am Eucharist. There is a DIY crèche in the Exhibition Room (next to the Library) for under 3s. For services in the Nave, hymn books and Books of Common Prayer can be found behind the kneeler on the seat in front of you.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP in Seasons after the Cathedral Eucharist. No need to queue – refreshments available at the back of the Café – with donations jar.

GIVING: Regular worshippers are asked to join the Planned Giving Scheme. For more information please ask a Steward. This helps the Cathedral greatly with financial planning. Visitors and UK taxpayers are asked to use the Gift Aid envelope for their offering towards the work and worship of the Cathedral. Please complete the details on the envelope to enable us to claim back the tax as Gift Aid. (Cheques to Guildford Cathedral.) It is not necessary for non-taxpayers to use the envelopes.

COMMUNITY: If you have been worshipping here for a little while, and are beginning to feel at home and would like to know more about playing your part in the life of this community, please get in touch via welcome@guildford-cathedral.org. If you have been a regular at the Cathedral for six months or more, please ensure that your name is added to the Cathedral Community Roll – forms available from the Stewards.

NEWS SHEETS: The last six editions can be viewed from the website <https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/news>

TODAY'S SERVICES

8am Holy Communion

PRESIDENT Canon Andrew Bishop

READINGS Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end; John 1.6-8, 19-28

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

PRESIDENT Canon Andrew Bishop

SETTING Missa in honorem Sancti Josephi, *Flor Peeters (1872-1958)*

THE ADVENT PROSE

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end read by Marion Marshall

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion - to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in

my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

PSALM 126



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion :
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter :
and our tongue with songs of joy.
Then said they among the nations :
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us :
and therefore we rejoiced. **Response**

Restore again our fortunes O Lord :
as the river beds of the desert.
Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping bearing the seed :
will come back with shouts of joy bearing their sheaves with them. **Response**

NEW TESTAMENT READING | Thessalonians 5.16-24 read by Janet Lawson

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

GOSPEL READING John 1.6-8, 19-28



Choir Alleluia, alleluia.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Choir The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

All Alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, ‘I am not the Messiah.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the prophet?’ He answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’ He said, ‘I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord”’, as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, ‘Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?’ John answered them, ‘I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.’ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON Canon Julie Gittoes

INTERCESSIONS led by James Luckey

HYMN 32

MOTET Dixit Maria (from Luke 1.38), *Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612)*

Dixit Maria ad angelum:

Ecce ancilla Domini,

fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Mary said to the Angel:

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord,

let it be done to me, according to your word.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;

kindle in us the fire of your Spirit

that when your Christ comes again

we may shine as lights before his face;

who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN 35

ORGAN Carillon on 'Besançon', *Rebecca Groom e Velde (b. 1956)*

11.30am Choral Mattins *sung by Guildford Cathedral Singers*

HYMNS 38, 37

PSALM 50.1-6, 62

RESPONSES *William Smith (1603-1645)*

BENEDICITE *Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

READINGS Isaiah 12; Luke 1.57-66

ANTHEM How beautiful upon the mountains, *John Stainer (1840-1901)*

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

text: Isaiah 52.7

ORGAN Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland (BWV 659), *J. S. Bach (1685-1750)*

6pm Evensong (said with hymns)

HYMNS 27, 49, 31

PSALM 68.1-8

READINGS Malachi 3.1-4, 4; Philippians 4.4-7

PREACHER The Reverend Neil Vigers

PRAYERS

Those for whom prayers have been asked: Natallie Aldridge,
Janice Berryman, Georgie Brooks Ward, Ben Edwards, Noreen Eldridge, Jenny
Ellis, Ineke Geusebrook, Joan Hughes, Josephine, Peter Martin, Mary Morris,
Margaret, Alicia Pettit, Anne Rubin, Paul Smith

RIP: Barbara Fussell, Peter May-Miller, Josephine Wylie

Year's mind: Brian BURGESS, Colin Kirkland, David Tribe

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY 18 • *O Adonai*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

TUESDAY 19 • *O Radix Jesse*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

WEDNESDAY 20 • *O Clavis David*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

THURSDAY 21 • *O Oriens*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

FRIDAY 22 • *O Rex Gentium*

8.00 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

8.30 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.30 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

SATURDAY 23 • *O Emmanuel*

8.40 Morning Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

9.00 Holy Communion (said) Lady Chapel

17.00 Evening Prayer (said) Lady Chapel

18.00 A Service of Lessons and Carols

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NEXT SUNDAY 24 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 **Holy Communion** Lady Chapel

PRESIDENT The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Luke 1.26-38

9.45 **The Cathedral Eucharist**

PRESIDENT Canon Julie Gittoes

PREACHER Canon Andrew Bishop

READINGS 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16; Romans 16.25-end; Luke 1.26-38

11.30 **Choral Mattins**

READINGS Isaiah 7.10-16; Romans 1.1-7

CHRISTMAS EVE

16.00 **Journey to Bethlehem**

For all the family – come and join in with the Christmas story. The Cathedral Choir is joined by the Stag Hill Philharmonic Orchestra for this service including carols and participation. It will last less than an hour.

CHRISTMAS EVE

23.00 **The First Eucharist of Christmas**

PRESIDENT The Right Reverend Andrew Watson

PREACHER The Very Reverend Dianna Gwilliams

READINGS Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY SUNDAY

8.45 Lectio Divina (Library)

MONDAY 18

09.00 Confessions for Advent (Lady Chapel)

19.30 Concert: Military Wives' Choir

TUESDAY 19

10.00 Full Staff Meeting (Chapter House)

12.00 Diocesan Carol Service (Marquee)

14.30 Guildford County School Carol Service

16.00 Confessions for Advent (Lady Chapel)

WEDNESDAY 20

11.00 Confessions for Advent (Lady Chapel)

19.30 Concert: Young Epilepsy

THURSDAY 21

11.00 Age UK Carol Service – *Coffee served from 10.15*

FRIDAY 22

16.00 Confessions for Advent (Lady Chapel)

NOTICEBOARD

Advent decorations

Many thanks to Sue Howland and her team for the lovely wreaths and other decorations in the Cathedral for the Advent season.

Thank you to our musicians and the orchestra of Southern Pro Musica

For the wonderful production of *Messiah* last night. Thanks also to Cathedral staff who worked so hard to make it such a splendid occasion. There is always an enormous amount which happens behind the scenes and in all the months of preparation. All the effort combined as the restored Cathedral rang out in praise of God.

O Sapientia

You may have seen in the Cathedral music list, elsewhere in this news sheet or in prayer books, the mysterious little reference to 'O Sapientia'. It is the first of a series of refrains, known as antiphons, that are said or sung before and after the Magnificat on the seven days preceding Christmas Eve (17-23 December). They are also sung in the Advent hymn 'O come, O come, Emmanuel'. At Evening Prayer tonight the first antiphon from Ecclesiasticus 24.3 and Wisdom 8.1 will be sung before and after the Magnificat: *O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other mightily, and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.* You may like to incorporate them in your prayers each day before Christmas. More information is on the website www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/the-advent-antiphons

Age UK Carol Service – Thursday 21 December 11.00am

We are delighted to be hosting Age UK for their annual Carol Service and welcoming the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, The High Sheriff of Surrey, the Chair of Surrey County council, the Mayor of Guildford and the Mayors from the other eleven local authorities in our Diocese. Free coffee available from 10.15. If any members of the Cathedral community would be able to be part of the hospitality team that morning we'd really appreciate it. Please let Emma know if you can help at deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org or 01483 547 862.

Many thanks to Les Harfield

Les is Stewarding for his last time at the Cathedral Eucharist this morning because he is retiring from the Guild of Stewards at the end of 2017. He began his ministry as a Sidesman in the Crypt Chapel, where services were held from 1947 until 1961. Les's wife Delma was the first person to be confirmed in the Crypt Chapel in 1947. Following the Cathedral's Consecration Les became one of the first members of the Guild of Stewards. We are all indebted to him for his many years of service. Although he will be missed as a Steward we will still have the pleasure of seeing him and Delma regularly at the Cathedral. Thank you Les.

Carols Services – Saturday 23 December 6pm and Christmas Day 4pm

Join in with the familiar readings, prayers and inspirational music with the Cathedral Choir as we remember the story of Christmas from creation to the gift of Jesus. These services are popular and so do plan to arrive in good time. It is the same service on both days and it will last about an hour and fifteen minutes.

Christmas Cards for members of the congregations

The Cathedral Community Committee has set up trays to receive Christmas cards for members of the congregations. The final opportunity to leave cards will be next Sunday morning, 24 December. There is no capacity for storing any cards after 7 January. Any left uncollected will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

A huge thank you to all volunteers from the Cathedral staff

Thank you to all the volunteers who have tirelessly helped this year. We truly value your support and would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2018.

Advent Confessions

It has long been the practice of many Christians to conclude the Advent period with the rite of Reconciliation (Confession). Clergy will be available in the Lady Chapel for an hour for any who would like to make their confession or if you prefer to simply have a conversation about how the journey through Advent has gone for you. Times and clergy are: Monday 18 December 9am – The Dean; Tuesday 19 December 4pm – Canon Andrew; Wednesday 20 December 11am – Canon Mavis; Friday 22 December 4pm – Canon Andrew.

Advent Angels here until Epiphany

The pupils of the church schools in our diocese have been working hard creating hundreds of angels to decorate the Cathedral. In our Christian tradition angels are messengers of God and our church school angels will remain in the Cathedral until Epiphany as a symbol of God's love reaching out to all people throughout all time.

Shop and Seasons Café Opening Hours – Christmas / New Year Period

Both the Shop and Seasons Café will close at 4.30 pm on Saturday 23 December and will re-open on Monday 8 January, the Café opening at 9.00 am and the Shop at 12.00 noon. As well as the annual Shop stock take the Seasons team will be busy completing the refurbishment of the Café ready to welcome everyone back in the New Year. If you are looking to buy Christmas gifts in the shop, please do make sure you visit before they close next Saturday. The Shop and Café teams thank you for your support in 2017 and look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Come and enjoy a Tour during the holiday period

The Cathedral is open every day for visitors and pilgrims. There is a variety of self-guided tours which focus on particular aspects of our wonderful building including a self-guided pilgrimage. For children there are new trails, including Hidden Animals and Explorer Bags to help them find them.

God and the Big Bang – 17 January 2018, 7pm to 9pm

An exciting event to get you thinking about and exploring the interaction of Science and Faith with interactive workshops. Join us and Professor Andrew Halestrap, Amy Johnson and Hannah Malcolm for a thought provoking evening. For more information contact Charlotte Potter, Head of Schools' and Family Learning on: 01483 547880 or charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org
To book visit the Box Office www.guildfordcathedral.org/events/boxoffice

Guildford Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2018

The Cathedral Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place over the weekend of 15 to 17 June 2018. We are not at this stage asking for firm bookings but suggest that anyone interested should make a note of these dates in their diary. In 2018, we shall be joined by pilgrims from the Parish of St Nicolas, Guildford. Further information may be obtained from Richard North on 01252 794802 or from Canon Andrew, both of whom will be happy to tell you more about Walsingham, what it is, and what it isn't! The regular pilgrimage has been a source of blessing to a number of pilgrims from the Cathedral over the years.

Coins Scheme

The Cathedral welcomes donations of old UK and foreign currency, both notes and coins, to help with fundraising. We have raised £16,390 over 10 years. If you have left-over coins and notes from any country, any age, please leave them with the Office or Sacristy. Very many thanks.

CONTACTS

The Cathedral Office is usually open for callers from 9am to 1pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
01483 547 860 reception@guildford-cathedral.org

Christmas hours

The Cathedral Office will close at 12noon on Friday 22 December and re-open at 9am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

The Dean's PA (including contact details for the clergy)
01483 547 862 deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

To contact a priest in an emergency please phone Emma Law 01483 547 862
(Monday to Friday) or Virgers (Saturday, Sunday and holidays) 01483 547 877

Cathedral Clergy

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The Venerable Stuart Beake (h) 01483 893 981

The Reverend Canon Dr Andrew Bishop (h) 01483 573 805 (m) 07891 994 069

The Reverend Canon Dr Julie Gittoes (o) 01483 547 863 (m) 07702 151 173

The Reverend Canon Dr Paul Smith (o) 01483 547 865 (h) 01483 562 378

The Reverend Canon Mavis Wilson (h) 01483 808 097 (m) 07940 846 043

Cathedral Reader Mr John Mitchell (h) 01483 715459

Sermon blogs

Canon Julie's and Canon Andrew's sermons can be found on their blogs,
<http://juliegittoes.blogspot.co.uk> and <https://canonandrewb.blogspot.co.uk>



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SERVICES AND EVENTS

Advent and Christmas

Sunday 17 December

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

11.30am Mattins

6pm Evensong (said with Hymns)

Monday 18 December

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

7.30pm Military Wives' Choir – Home for Christmas

Tickets from £27.50 plus booking fee

Wednesday 20 December

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

7.30pm Carol Concert in aid of Young Epilepsy

Tickets from £12

Thursday 21 December

11.00am Age UK Carol Service

5.30pm Evening Prayer (said)

Saturday 23 December

5pm Evening Prayer (said)

6pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24 December

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT • CHRISTMAS EVE

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

11.30am Mattins

4pm Journey to Bethlehem – Nativity Service

11pm Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am Morning Prayer

8.30am Holy Communion

10am Christmas Day Eucharist

4pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols





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GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL is a place of prayer, reflection, work and celebration, held in particular affection by the many thousands of people who helped build it by buying a brick. There is much to offer to visitors and to those who are looking for a church community to call home. All regular weekday and Sunday services are open to all. The beautiful building and the excellent choral tradition contribute to making our Cathedral a place to which, once visited, you will want to return. As well as the rhythm of daily worship we maintain an exciting programme of arts, events, lectures, workshops, exhibitions and concerts.

The Cathedral is a centre for worship and mission to support the ministry of the Bishop in faith and engagement. The Cathedral is a sacred space and an open community of people who together engage with God and the wider world, for the common good. It is a focus and resource for the whole community: a place of daily choral worship, a space for stillness and prayer, a place of pilgrimage and a venue for concerts, art and education.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Special Services, Group Bookings and Tours
01483 547 862 or deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

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01483 547 881 or katrina@guildford-cathedral.org

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01483 547 880 or charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org

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