



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

6pm
25 October 2026

CHORAL
EVENSONG



WELCOME

to Guildford Cathedral this evening. It is good to see you and to worship together. If you need anything, please just ask one of the stewards (they have badges around their necks), and whether you are new or old, please do engage us in conversation. The clergy are very happy to be approached for anything you need, or just for an introduction if you are new. Don't be shy!

Thought for the Week: Summing It Up

Jesus still has to put up with tiresome questioning from those who are trying to be clever and catch him out. Yet he succeeds in giving his most profound teaching so far.

If the Law and the Prophets are summed up in the twofold commandment: Love God and love your neighbour as yourself, then this surely must be for us, as for them, the real touchstone that shows us whether we are living as God commands.

It isn't good enough just to keep the rules: they are worth nothing if not kept in love and used for the purposes of helping us to love God and to love others as we love ourselves.

OFFERTORY

Your support makes a real difference to the ministry and mission of Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the west doors of the Cathedral) or our QR



code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write 'contactless donation' on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. We also welcome the donation of foreign coins and notes; please see the notice at the back of this booklet. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

Please sing the hymns and say together the words in **bold** type. ***Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.***

A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.

MUSIC TODAY

The service this evening is sung by the Guildford Cathedral Singers.

PRECES AND RESPONSES John Bawden (b.1943)

CANTICLES Evening Service in B minor – Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is the Canon Missioner, the Reverend Mike Branscombe, and the preacher is Julian Roberts, who is to be ordained Deacon next month.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME

The Canon Missioner

HYMN



**Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armour on,
strong in the strength which God supplies,
through his eternal Son;**

**Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.**

**From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day;**

**that, having all things done,
and all your conflicts past,
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,
and stand entire at last.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: CP 571 St Ethelwald, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Please sit

PSALM 119.89-104

O Lord, thy word :
endureth for ever in heaven.

Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another :
thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

They continue this day according to thine ordinance :
for all things serve thee.

If my delight had not been in thy law :
I should have perished in my trouble.

I will never forget thy commandments :
for with them thou hast quickened me.

I am thine, O save me :
for I have sought thy commandments.

The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me :
but I will consider thy testimonies.

I see that all things come to an end :
but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Lord, what love have I unto thy law :
all the day long is my study in it.

Thou through thy commandments
hast made me wiser than mine enemies :
for they are ever with me.

I have more understanding than my teachers :
for thy testimonies are my study.

I am wiser than the aged :
because I keep thy commandments.

I have refrained my feet from every evil way :
that I may keep thy word.

I have not shrunk from thy judgements :
for thou teachest me.

O how sweet are thy words unto my throat :
yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

Through thy commandments I get understanding :
therefore I hate all evil ways.

Please stand Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
 world without end. Amen.

Chants: T Attwood; E Bairstow

Please sit **THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES** Ecclesiastes 11 & 12
 read by Harriet Foges

The first lesson is written in the eleventh and twelfth chapters of
the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Send out your bread upon the waters,
 for after many days you will get it back.
Divide your means seven ways, or even eight,
 for you do not know what disaster may happen on earth.
When clouds are full,
 they empty rain on the earth;
whether a tree falls to the south or to the north,
 in the place where the tree falls, there it will lie.
Whoever observes the wind will not sow;
 and whoever regards the clouds will not reap.

Just as you do not know how the breath comes to the bones in
the mother's womb, so you do not know the work of God, who
makes everything.

In the morning sow your seed, and at evening do not let your
hands be idle; for you do not know which will prosper, this or
that, or whether both alike will be good.

Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

Even those who live for many years should rejoice in them all; yet let them remember that the days of darkness will be many. All that comes is vanity.

Rejoice, young man, while you are young, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Follow the inclination of your heart and the desire of your eyes, but know that for all these things God will bring you into judgement.

Banish anxiety from your mind, and put away pain from your body; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, 'I have no pleasure in them'; before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened and the clouds return with the rain; on the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men are bent, and the women who grind cease working because they are few, and those who look through the windows see dimly; when the doors on the street are shut, and the sound of the grinding is low, and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low; when one is afraid of heights, and terrors are in the road; the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper drags itself along and desire fails; because all must go to their eternal home, and the mourners will go about the streets; before the silver cord is snapped, and the golden bowl is broken, and the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern, and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the breath returns to God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher; all is vanity.

Besides being wise, the Teacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs. The Teacher sought to find pleasing words, and he wrote words of truth plainly.

The sayings of the wise are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by one shepherd. Of anything beyond these, my child, beware. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. For God will bring every deed into judgement, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand **MAGNIFICAT**

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 1.46-55

Please sit **NEW TESTAMENT** 2 Timothy 2.1-7
read by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

The second lesson is written in the second chapter of the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy, beginning at the first verse.

You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Text: Luke 2. 29-32

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;**

**the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*Please sit or
kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Blessed Lord,
who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning;
grant that we may in such wise hear them,
read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them,
that by patience and comfort of thy holy word,
we may embrace and ever hold fast
the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit **ANTHEM**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
and give you peace.
Amen.

Words: The Blessing of Aaron

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

SERMON Julian Roberts

Please sit or **THE PRAYERS**
kneel

The prayers conclude with
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand **HYMN**



**Teach me, my God and King,
in all things thee to see;
and what I do in anything
to do it as for thee.**

**A man that looks on glass,
on it may stay his eye;
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,
and then the heaven espy.**

**All may of thee partake;
nothing can be so mean
which, with this tincture, For thy sake,
will not grow bright and clean.**

**A servant with this clause
makes drudgery divine;
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
makes that and the action fine.**

**This is the famous stone
that turneth all to gold;
for that which God doth touch and own
cannot for less be told.**

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

*Music: CP 583 Sandys, Anonymous, from William Sandys's Christmas Carols,
Ancient and Modern, 1833*

BLESSING The Canon Missioner

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Marche Épiscopale* – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *Lady Chapel*

9.45 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist

3.00 p.m. Black History Month Service

6 p.m. Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 26 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Tuesday 27 October

8.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Wednesday 28 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

Thursday 29 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

12.30 p.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Friday 30 October

8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong *Quire*

Saturday 31 October

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Lady Chapel*

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion *Lady Chapel*

4.00 p.m. Evening Prayer *Lady Chapel*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER: ALL SAINTS

7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *Lady Chapel*

9.45 a.m. Cathedral Eucharist

6 p.m. Choral Evensong

ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION

Please contact the Dean's Virger and his team on 01483 547877 or via virger@guildford-cathedral.org if you would like to add a name to the list of people prayed for in services. Please ensure that you have appropriate permission to do so. Canon Mavis continues to operate a confidential prayer group, and you can contact her to request confidential prayer on 01483 808097 or via mavis.wilson@guildford-cathedral.org.

NAMES FOR THE ALL SOULS' REQUIEM

The usual Requiem Mass for All Souls will take place on Monday 2 November at **7.00pm**. At it, the names of all who are on the Cathedral Year's Mind list will be read out.

If you would like a name added for the occasion, please email patrick.coleman@guildford-cathedral.org, also adding a date of death if you wish the name to be added to the Year's Mind list as well.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our Grand Total is now £33,949. £40,000 is tantalisingly near. As a result of a recent clearance of stock which raised £403, our pool of currencies is down almost to zero. Please help us to re-stock by donating any surplus coins or banknotes to the Scheme. The age, condition and quantity of the coins/notes is not important, and they can come from any country in the world including the UK. Donations can be left at the Office or Sacristy, labelled for the Coins Scheme. Do help us! Thank you to all our supporters. Donations can be left with the Sacristy or at the Office, labelled for the Coins Scheme. If you cannot get to the Cathedral, contact me on 37petherwin@gmail.com and I can collect from your home. Your support is greatly valued. John Mitchell

FRIENDS' MONTHLY SUNDAY LUNCH

A table has been booked for 15 people on Sunday 1 November at 12.30pm at the Olive Tree, Sutton Green Road, Sutton Green, Guildford GU4 7QD. Numbers and orders have to be confirmed in advance. Please let Yvette (friends@guildford-cathedral.org, or

07851 371590) have your food order today! You don't need to belong to the Friends – all are welcome!

GEOFF CUMBERS

Geoff's funeral is to be held at Saint James, Rowledge GU10 4EN, at 12 noon on 4 November. More information from Clare (clarechardin@gmail.com) or Thorne Leggett Funeral Directors – 01252 415801

FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

As usual, the Friends will be running a tombola at the Christmas Fair Friday & Saturday 20 & 21 November. Last year we were able to raise £3,000 to support the work of the cathedral.

We are now starting to collect prizes and would be grateful for all contributions. Items can be left in the sacristy (virgers' room) next to the Lady Chapel.

If you can help in any way, not only with gifts, but also staffing the stall, please let Yvette or any of the Friends' Trustees know (friends@guildford-cathedral.org or 07851 371590)

ST NICOLAS' 150TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE ON VICTORIAN CHURCH MUSIC

The Revd Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite (former Canon Precentor of the Cathedral) will be giving a lecture on 'Victorian Church Music' on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm at St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations of the current building. It was erected in 1876 at the instigation of its former Rector John Monsell, the celebrated hymn

writer (author of 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...'. 'Fight the good fight...' etc) who sadly died in 1875 from injuries incurred from falling off the scaffolding for the new church. The lecture is unticketed, and refreshments will be available.

Tickets for the St Nic's gala anniversary concert by the Great Little Orchestra and the Harlequin Chamber Choir on Saturday 14 November at 7.30pm, featuring the world premiere of a new commission by Will Todd based on 'O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness' & pieces by Walton, Vaughan Williams and Cole Porter, and compered by John and Lily Suchet, are also available from parishoffice@saintnics.com

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The Cathedral is committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Cathedral has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the community. Chapter has overall responsibility for Safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Leadership Group reports to Chapter every month on the progress of our Safeguarding journey and any issues arising. The members of the Safeguarding Leadership Group are listed below and can be contacted at any time on any Safeguarding concern you may have about yourself or another member of the Cathedral Community.

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If you call and there is no answer, please leave a message, especially if you need a priest in an emergency.