



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
10 May 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST



WELCOME

EASTERTIDE

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song and the gold and white vestments along with the decoration of churches and fresh flowers after the austerity of Lent emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has, from the late fourth century, been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and the response to the Psalm 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.**

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the sacrament. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left (north) side at the front.

DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÈCHE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are toys available for under school-aged children in the baptistry during the morning Choral Eucharist. This can be found at the back of the Cathedral in the right hand side corner. Parents/carers are asked to remain with their children at all times and to keep the toys in the baptistry. If you need any help please ask one of the stewards on duty. A Sunday School for children aged 3-11 years will be held on the first Sunday of the month. We also have activity bags available for children to use on weeks where there isn't Sunday School – please ask a steward to show you where they are.

COLLECTION

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.



MUSIC SETTING

Messe solonelle *Jean Langlais (1907-1991)*

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this morning is The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford, and the preacher is The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith, Priest Vicar and Minor Canon.

THE ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS

Today we admit Cyrus and Zhendong as full choristers after the completion of their probationary period.

Stand

THE GATHERING

HYMN



All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
what with care and toil we buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver
 bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
 pleasure leads us where we go.
 Love doth stand
 at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
 sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
 for the gift of Christ his Son.
 Christ doth call
 one and all;
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the German of Joachim Neander
(1650-1680)*

Music: CP 368 Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu
Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus
Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis
peccata mundi, miserere
nobis; qui tollis peccata
mundi, suscipe deprecationem
nostrum; qui sedes ad
dexteram Patris:
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;
tu solus Dominus;
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu,
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people
of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.
We give thanks to you for your
great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King.
God the Father almighty.
Only Son of the Father, Jesus
Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father: who takes
away the sin of the world, have
mercy upon us; who takes away
the sin of the world, receive our
prayer; who sits at
the right hand of the Father:
have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy;
you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit **FIRST READING** Genesis 8.20-9.17
read by William and Yves (choristers)

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And when the Lord smelt the pleasing odour, the Lord said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.'

As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night,
shall not cease.'

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

Whoever sheds the blood of a human,
by a human shall that person's blood be shed;
for in his own image

God made humankind.

And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.' Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh

that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 66.7-18

The choir sings the response through once, which the congregation then repeats. All join in the response during the psalm, as indicated.



Bless our God, O you peoples :
 make the voice of his praise to be heard,
Who holds our souls in life :
 and suffers not our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us :
 you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare :
 you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water :
 but you brought us out into a place of liberty. *Response.*

I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows :
 which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams :
 I will sacrifice oxen and goats. *Response.*

Come and listen all you who fear God :
 and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.
I called out to him with my mouth :
 and his praise was on my tongue.
If I had nursed evil in my heart :

the Lord would not have heard me.
But in truth God has heard me :
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.
Blessèd be God who has not rejected my prayer :
nor withheld his loving mercy from me. *Response.*

Chant: Edward Cutler (1831-1916)

SECOND READING Acts 17.22-31 read by Charles Martin

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

For the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.

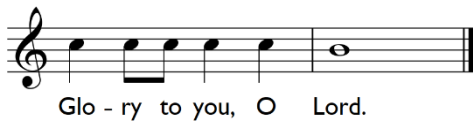


Choir Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word.
And my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 14.15-21

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.



Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



Al-le-lu ia, Al - le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu - ia.

Sit **SERMON** The Reverend Jo Winn-Smith

Stand **THE CREED**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE ADMISSION OF NEW CHORISTERS

Today we admit Cyrus and Zhendong as full choristers after the completion of their probationary period.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Sit or

kneel

The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In conclusion, the leader says

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Lord of the boundless curves of space,
and time's deep mystery,
to your creative might we trace
all nature's energy.

Your mind conceived the galaxy,
each atom's secret planned,
and every age of history
your purpose, Lord, has spanned.

Your Spirit gave the living cell
its hidden, vital force:
the instincts which all life impel
derive from you, their source.

Science explores your reason's ways,
and faith can this impart
that in the face of Christ our gaze
looks deep within your heart.

Christ is your wisdom's perfect word,
your mercy's crowning deed:
and in his love our hearts have heard
your strong compassion plead.



Give us to know your truth; but more,
the strength to do your will;
until the love our souls adore
shall all our being fill.

Words: Albert F. Bayly (1901-1984)

Music: CP 210 San Rocco, Derek Williams (1945-2006)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

President:

The Lord be with you.

All:

And also with you.

President:

Lift up your hearts.

All:

We lift them to the Lord.

President:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All:

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in us the image of your glory.
He has placed us once more in paradise
and opened to us the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

<i>Choir</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Deacon:' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'Praise to you, Lord Je - sus: Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'ris - ing you re-stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.



Sit **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

or kneel

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the sacrament.
There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not
intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your
hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left
(north) side at the front.*

AGNUS DEI

Choir Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

COMMUNION MOTET

*O sacrum convivium
in quo Christus sumitur
Recolitur memoria,
passionis eius,
mens impletur gratia.
Et futurae gloriae nobis
pignus datur.
Alleluia.*

O holy and sacred feast,
wherein Christ is offered up.
We call to mind in grateful thanks,
his most bitter passion,
while our souls are filled with grace.
We beseech thee,
grant to us everlasting glory.
Alleluia.

*Words: Antiphon for Second Vespers, Corpus Christi
Music: Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)*

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

**Lord,
we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE BLESSING

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

HYMN

During the hymn the procession moves to the west end of the Cathedral. As the procession passes you, please turn and face west. This movement signals the turn of our attention to Christ in the world as the offering of our lives continues there.



If Christ had not been raised from death
our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
he rules in earth and heaven:
his gospel meets a world of need -
in Christ we are forgiven.

If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope -
in Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised
his Church would live a lie;
his name should nevermore be praised,
his words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored;
his word endures, his Church revives
in Christ, our risen Lord.

*Words: SP 78 Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Music: CP 469 Kingsfold, English folksong from 'English Country Songs' (1893)
harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

We remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the south aisle into the south ambulatory, after which there are refreshments at the west end. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or quietly make your way to the back of the Cathedral.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hymne d'Actions de grâces 'Te Deum' Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *followed by an informal Instrumental Concert by boy choristers at the west end of the Cathedral*

6pm Choral Evensong

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

Evening Prayer

4.00pm Saturday

5.30pm Wednesday, Thursday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday

Choral Eucharist

5.30pm Friday *for Matthias, Apostle*

7pm Thursday *for Ascension Day – see more information overleaf*

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 17 MAY

ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL'S CONSECRATION

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) *in the Lady Chapel*

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 13 May, 7pm Choral Eucharist

Ascension Day is one of the great feasts of the Christian year, and one we celebrate with particular joy here at the Cathedral. Forty days after Easter, we mark the moment when the Risen Christ; having appeared to his disciples, broken bread with them, and opened their minds to the scriptures Jesus was taken up into glory, promising the gift of the Holy Spirit to come. It is not an ending but a coronation: the affirmation that the crucified and risen Lord reigns over all things. As a Cathedral, we gather to sing the Church's prayer and to ground ourselves in the rhythms of faith that have shaped Christian life for two thousand years. Do come and join us on Thursday evening - bring a friend, bring a neighbour, and let us together lift our voices and our hearts. Dean Bob.

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.

SERVE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP

Have you ever considered playing a more active part in our cathedral services? We are looking for people willing to serve as servers, lay chalice assistants, intercessors or lesson readers. You certainly don't need to take on all of these - even offering for just one would be a tremendous blessing to our worshipping community. Training will be held after the Sunday morning Eucharist, 11.15am-12.30pm, as follows:

TODAY Sunday 10 May – for lay chalice assistants

Sunday 14 June – *this session will be rearranged for lesson readers*

For more information, speak to Canon Rachel Young or please email her (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org).

VISION AND STRATEGY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

As you are all aware, the Vision and Strategy process has been running throughout this year. On Sunday 14 June after the 9.45am service there will be a congregation meeting in the nave to launch the new vision for the cathedral and an opportunity to ask questions and meet together. The meeting will be up to an hour, and all of you are warmly invited. This is a really exciting time for the cathedral and the future and I do hope all of you will come along. Dean Bob.

AN INVITATION TO COFFEE AND CAKE

Kate and I would love to welcome all members of the Cathedral congregations for a morning of coffee and cake at “The not-the-deanery” (56 Manor Way, Onslow Village, GU2 7RP) from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday 18 July. It will be a lovely opportunity to get everyone together for fellowship and fun, in the (hopefully!) glorious sunshine of mid-summer. We look forward to seeing you all then. Dean Bob

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM AUGUST 2026

We will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2026. The pilgrimage will run from Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 31 August. We are very pleased that Dean Bob will be accompanying us. The pilgrimage provides opportunities to take part in the rich liturgies of the Shrine, Sunday Eucharist at St. Mary’s Parish Church, a visit to the Slipper Chapel and Roman Catholic shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely Norfolk countryside near the Shrine. Fellowship and deepening of faith is at the heart of the pilgrimage. The cost, full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory will be approximately £290 or £200 per person, depending on whether you depart on the Monday or Sunday. We still have two places available. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, then please contact Donald Thompson, in person at the Cathedral, or via email, don230224@gmail.com

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Our grand total has increased to £32,227 following recent donations. Many thanks to all who have contributed. The scheme welcomes gifts of foreign (and UK) banknotes and coins - anything from a few coins to large accumulations and collections. Some supporters are putting aside current UK coppers and small silver as well. The age, validity and country of origin of the currency is not important. Donations can be left with the sacristy or at the office, labelled for the **Coins Scheme**. If you cannot get to the Cathedral, please contact me on 37petherwin@gmail.com and I can collect from your home. Your support is greatly valued. John Mitchell

ABBOT'S HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER

Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's historic High Street Almshouse, is seeking a volunteer to help develop contacts with the people of Guildford and the area, and organisations and bodies interested in charities such as ours; to publicise activities and news relating to the Hospital through a newsletter and social media; to keep social media up to date; and to facilitate events in the Hospital involving the public. This role is initially for a volunteer but could develop over time. The volunteer would work closely with the Master and Governors. If you might be interested in helping, please contact Ian Bowler, the Master, at master@abbotshospital.org.

CANON RACHEL'S RETIRING DATE

Canon Rachel Young will be retiring at the end of July, and her final Sunday here will be Sunday 26 July. She and her husband Nigel will be moving in August to their house in East Yorkshire.

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

The next service of Taizé prayer at the Cathedral will be on Wednesday 22 July at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to this quiet, meditative service of sung chants, Bible readings and prayer. For more information please contact Canon Rachel Young (Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org) particularly if you would like to join the 4-part singing group that supports the congregational singing.

SAFEGUARDING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

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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