



People's Cathedral Newsletter

Welcome to the Sixth edition of the People's Cathedral Newsletter

Work is progressing at an impressive rate with scaffolding going up both internally and externally. We will remain open throughout the works - do come and see the progress in action.

Project Update

PEOPLE We are delighted to welcome our first apprentices to the People's Cathedral Project.

Edward Poole has been taken on as an apprentice electrician to assist with the installation and updating of the wiring on Guildford Cathedral.

Carina Eisenmann is working with architects, Thomas Ford and Partners and the experience she is getting on such a large scale project will assist as she progresses to her RIBA stage 3 qualification.

We will shortly be welcoming further apprentices including a decorator, scaffolder and surveyor as we seek to equip the next generation with these essential building and design skills.



HERITAGE On 10th September, Guildford Cathedral will open its doors to the public, giving free access to explore our rich and unique heritage as part of the People's Cathedral Project.

Events will take place both inside the marquee and the Cathedral and will involve an archive exhibition, talks from the Cathedral Architect and tours by our current contractors, Buxton.

The event coincides with "Heritage Open Days", England's biggest heritage festival, celebrating our fantastic history, architecture and culture and offering people the chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences for free.

COMMUNITY The newly appointed Outreach and Engagement Officer, Louise Kenyon, has been working hard to engage with new and existing audiences in order to raise the profile of the Cathedral.

Louise recently attended the Surrey County Show on Bank Holiday Monday with Director of Operations, Matt O'Grady. Guildford Cathedral had an informative stand in the "Visit Guildford" tent.

Over 4,500 visited the stand, wanting to learn more about the People's Cathedral Project and to share their memories of this wonderful building.



Buxton Transforming Guildford Cathedral

Buxton have started work in the Cathedral and the building is being transformed as scaffold and enclosures are erected to allow the removal of acoustic plaster containing asbestos to take place. Utilising a simple water injection method, plaster is scrapped off the ceilings of the building to reveal the original finish.

Work is carried out in a negative airlock enclosure with activity overseen by our air monitors. Air monitoring has been taking place at the Cathedral for over three years now with all testing during this time resulting in satisfactory airborne fibre concentrations.

Is it a fascinating process and can be seen taking place through windows in the enclosures.

Although at time access into certain areas may be restricted **the Cathedral is still very much so open**, so please do come and see the work as it progresses.

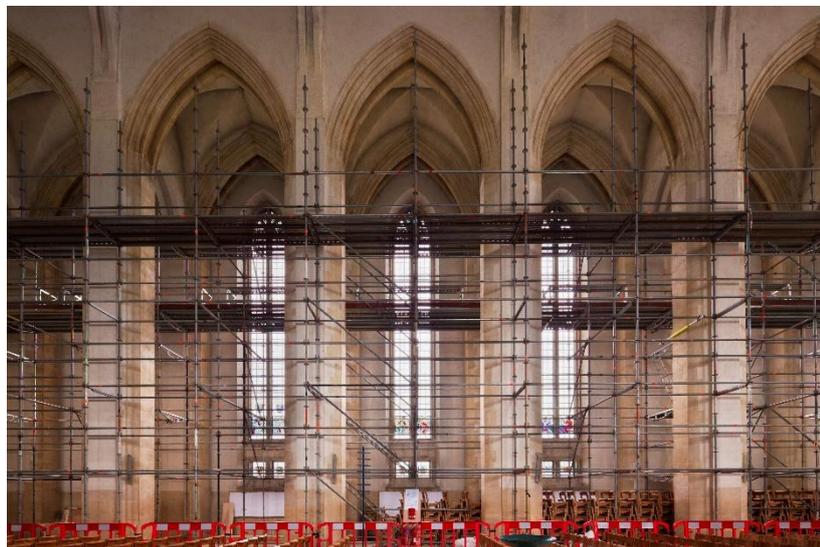


Second Artist in Residence Welcomed

Richard Ellis has recently begun his residency at Guildford Cathedral. He is an artist and photographer, with particular interests in light and architecture.

Photography, of course, means 'drawing with light', and with the Cathedral conceived as a 'temple of light', Richard decided that it would be appropriate to start the residency by photographing the building before repair works started, and then follow the works in progress.

We live in an age when our perception seems saturated by photography, and Richard intends to investigate some of the myths around this – he will present a public talk entitled 'Why the Camera Always Lies', arguing that photography is as much a means of creating as recording. There will also be a workshop for anyone who is interested in photographing buildings.



As well as photographing the building, he seeks to use light in its own right, as a spiritual metaphor, spanning the Christian, Indian and Platonic traditions. He intends that this will also be a component of his photographic work.

Archive Update

With our archivist now in post as part of the HLF project it seems apt that we delve into the archives to discover just what is in the archive.

Let us start at the beginning.

The Guildford Cathedral Archive is a collection of records relating to the development of Guildford Cathedral, from the very beginnings in the 1920s when it was decided create a cathedral in Guildford, right up to the present day. Guildford Cathedral is in a very unusual situation when it comes to our archives in that we have records going back to the very beginning – not many others can boast that!

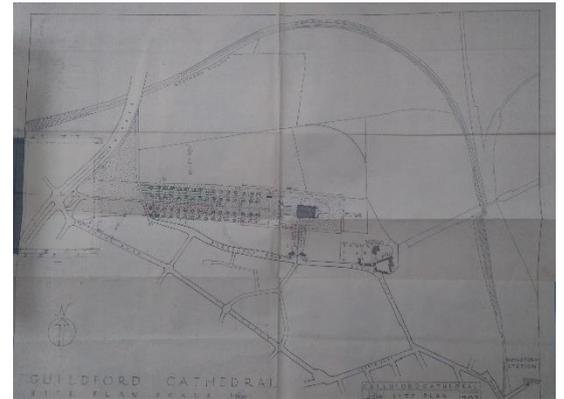


But what do we actually have in the collection?

The truth is that the collection is very mixed. We have a lot of correspondence, particularly in relation to the building of the Cathedral – for example there are some fascinating documents sent by the architect Sir Edward Maufe throughout the construction work. We also have collections of service sheets, plans and drawings – some of them are the original Maufe plans, Royal Cushions used by HM The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh during the consecration and the Golden Jubilee visit in 2011. As well as an extensive collection of photographs, including fascinating images of the construction of the cathedral.

The collection is constantly growing, particularly during this time of change and development at the Cathedral – in generations to come people will be able to come to the archive and see just what was going on in 2016-2017 during the HLF project. It really is quite a special time in the Cathedral's history.

Project planning is really underway to get the archive project fully up and running. Keep an eye out for more updates as we go along.



What's On

Photographing Buildings Workshop: 16th July 10am-3pm

Are you a student, an enthusiast or a construction professional? Guildford Cathedral's Artist in Residence, Richard Ellis, is running a FREE practical, hands on workshop on architectural photography, suitable for anyone 16 years and over, with a basic understanding of a digital camera. Places are limited and should be booked in advance.

Cathedral Heritage Open Day: Saturday 10th September, 11am-3pm

Come and join us for a behind the scenes look as the building work is now underway at The People's Cathedral. Hear about the challenges of working on a Grade II listed building or take a tour to learn about the work which is taking place. There will be FREE activities for children to enjoy so come along and see this once in a lifetime project.

The Textiles of Guildford Cathedral: Wednesday 21st September

Join us and guest speaker Mary Sleight for a FREE study day on the Textiles of Guildford Cathedral, places should be booked in advance.

Autumn Public Lectures: October and November

This autumn Guildford Cathedral will be hosting a series of FREE public lectures on the theme of Flourishing Humanity. Four lectures will be taking place on Thursday 6 & 20 October, 3 & 17 November at 7:45pm

The Archives of Guildford Cathedral: Wednesday 2nd November

An opportunity to explore our fascinating Archive at a FREE study day with a range of speakers and display of materials.

Winter Market & Fair: Friday 18 & Saturday 19 November, 10am

Entry £3 on the door, under 14s FREE. A veritable feast of Christmas gift ideas, delicious food and drink, and festive decorations.

Christmas Carol Concert with Age UK Surrey - 13 December, 11.15am

An informal FREE Carol concert held in the Marquee on the Green at Guildford Cathedral, with FREE refreshments served from 10.30am



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The People's Cathedral

"This building was paid for by local people and is today, and will remain, open to all"