



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
1 December 2024

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
CATHEDRAL
EUCHARIST



WELCOME

ADVENT

A new Church year begins today, the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. We are encouraged to cultivate a sense of ‘alert watchfulness’ although the anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure makes this quite challenging. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout the four weeks of the Season. We light candles on an Advent wreath in remembrance of faith ancestors who were also watching in anticipation for the coming of the Messiah.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.

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.



PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and the response to the lighting of the candle and the Psalm and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÈCHE

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.

MASS SETTING

Missa Brevis Grayston Ives (b.1948)

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this morning is The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst, and the preacher is The Venerable Stuart Beake, Interim Dean.

Stand

THE GATHERING

HYMN



O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Lower voices

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave:

Refrain

Upper voices

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

Refrain

Lower voices

O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery:

Refrain

All

O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

Words: Latin Advent Antiphons tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: CP 32 Veni Emmanuel, Melody 'adapted from a French Missal' by Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

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.

LIGHTING THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

As we light the Advent candles each week we reflect on a different aspect of Advent and our preparation for the birth of Jesus.

Today we light our first candle as a reminder of the hope of our ancestors, which is the hope we share, in God who saves.

As the Advent candle is lit, the choir sings

Choir Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.



PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light
the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ
let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie, eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe, eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie, eleison. *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.

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions :

but think on me in your goodness O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord :

therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right :

and teach his way to the lowly :

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth :

To those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. **Response**

Chant: Frederick Ouseley (1825-1889)

SECOND READING | Thessalonians 3.9-13 read by Charles Martin

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by John Mitchell

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



People, look East. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth, and set the table,
People, look East and sing to-day:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

*Music: CP 35 Besançon French traditional carol, harmonised
by Martin Shaw (1875-1958)*

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord Jesus,
you nourish us at the table of your word
and the table of your sacrament;
as we feed on you, the bread of life,
may we daily grow into your likeness.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli
et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
In nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

Deacon All

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus: Dy - ing you de-stroyed our death,
ris - ing you re-stored our life, Lord Je - sus come in glo - ry.

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 or
kneel*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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AGNUS DEI

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.*

ANTHEM Telling

Soon must I sing with rejoicing,
For the time it is run.
Of a wee child all undefiled,
The King of Heaven's Son.

Refrain

*His blood so red for thee was shed,
The price, it was not small
Remember well that which I tell
And come when Jesu call.*

Man stands in doubt, and seeks about,
Where that they may'st Him see.
Idols they set, riches to get,
Fashioned from the stone and tree.

Refrain

Mankind I call which lies in thrall,
For love He made thee free,
To pay the debt the price was great,
From Hell He ransomed thee.

Refrain

Text: Anonymous, 16th century

Music: Helen Grime (b. 1981) after Michael Finnissy (b. 1946)

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
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.



Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.



Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers;
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly,
Alleluia, Come, Lord, come!

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)
Music: CP 31 Helmsley, melody noted by Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)
included in John Wesley's 'Select Hymns with Tunes Annext' (1765)*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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 make your way to the back of the Cathedral.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6pm Advent Carol Service

SERVICES THIS WEEK

MONDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Choral Evensong

TUESDAY

8am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

8.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Choral Evensong

WEDNESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Evening Prayer

THURSDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

12.30pm Holy Communion

5.30pm Choral Evensong

FRIDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

9am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

5.30pm Choral Evensong

SATURDAY

9am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel

9.30am Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

4pm Evening Prayer

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER –

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

OUR NEW DEAN

The Installation and Welcome of the Dean of Guildford (The Venerable Bob Cooper), will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday 26 January 2025.

Please remember him and Kate in your prayers. Please note the box

office for the Dean's Installation is now open and will close on Friday 13 December at 12pm. Due to the size of the service, seats are limited.

You can book a maximum of **2 tickets** and are on a first-come first-served basis. There may be extra tickets available nearer the time. To

book your ticket, please use the following link: www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/820 If you have any questions please

contact Lisa Hatherall at 01483 547862 or email:

installationservice@guildford-cathedral.org.

BBC YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Oscar through to the final of Senior Chorister of the Year! We are so proud of you! Tune in at mid-day today to watch BBC Songs of Praise. Aled Jones hosts the final of BBC Young Chorister of the Year with judges Katherine Jenkins, Bob Chilcott and Yolanda Brown, presented by Rev Kate Bottley.

PRAYING FOR INDIVIDUALS

A gentle reminder that part of the ministry here is to pray for individuals on request. To include a name in the public intercessions, please contact Canon Chris Hollingshurst, preferably by email chis.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral. For prayer requests of a completely confidential nature, please email Canon Mavis Wilson at maviswilson2@gmail.com.

CATHEDRAL GIVING

Those of you who generously give to the Cathedral via the Parish Giving Scheme and have kindly agreed to increase your giving in line with inflation may have recently received a notification from them about a 1.7% uplift to your giving from the New Year. The Cathedral is facing some unforeseen extra costs next year – substantially in excess of inflation. It would help us enormously if those of you in this Scheme could prayerfully consider increasing your regular giving by over and above this rate of inflation, using the contact details provided by the Parish Giving Scheme.

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you who already give generously to us, and to thank you in advance for anything extra you can give to help us now, as we actively pursue every avenue to help ensure that worship continues here for the foreseeable future.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that Sunday School is returning to the Cathedral! The first session will be on Sunday 22nd December, during the Cathedral Eucharist, and it will be held monthly thereafter until we have been able to build up a big enough team to run it more frequently. Sunday School will be open to children aged 3-11 and will be held in the library. Please support this by:

- Praying – we need it to be rooted in prayer
- Spreading the word – please invite any families you know who may be interested

- Joining in – could you join the team once a month? Have a look at this video to find out how amazing it is working with children:
- Being patient – new initiatives take time to grow
- Being welcoming – look out for new families and help them feel at home here

If you want to find out more, please get in touch with Rachel Johnson, Family Engagement Officer at FamilyEngagement@guildford-cathedral.org.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Children are warmly invited to take part in this lovely service as Mary, Joseph, angels and shepherds. There will be a rehearsal for this after the service on 15th December and during Sunday School on 22nd December – please come to either or both. It would be helpful to know in advance who to expect. Please email Rachel on familyengagement@guildford-cathedral.org to find out more.

OPEN DOOR RETREAT

An Open Door Retreat (ODR) is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, and is a wonderful way of giving space for reflection “in daily life.” Reflection on one’s relationship with and response to God, to circumstances, to ourselves and to others. The retreat is made during a two-hour session based over nine weeks. The sessions are experiential in nature and include music, art, poetry, reflection and sharing. The two leaders will share their personal experience of prayer and life. It is hoped that the participants feel able to gradually share as well - BUT only what they feel comfortable with.

There will be a small cost of £30 to cover your resources.

The retreat will be held in the cathedral and will start on January 16th at 10.15 and finish at 12.15 and will be every Thursday morning until 6th March (we will not meet on March 13th) and will finish on March 20th. Numbers will be limited. If you would like further information, please contact Canon Mavis Wilson - maviswilson2@gmail.com

MONEY RAISED BY THE FRIENDS AT THE 2024 CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

A massive thank you to all for helping and supporting the Tombola and Silent Auction run by the Friends at the 2024 Cathedral Christmas Fair. We raised a grand total of £3,007.67.

This is by far the greatest amount ever raised from this event.

Yvette Wright Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral

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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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Any Safeguarding concern can be reported at any time to the Diocesan single point of contact 01483 790379 or safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk