



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

7.00 pm  
Friday 2 February 2024

# THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE EUCCHARIST



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## THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

This Principal Feast Day of the church is also known as Candlemas or - in the Book of Common Prayer - The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin. It occurs on 2 February and recalls the occasion when the 40-day old baby Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem so that Mary and Joseph could give thanksgiving for his safe delivery and Mary's recovery from childbirth.

Two people who lived in Jerusalem and who had been waiting for God's Messiah discerned the Messiah in Jesus. In the midst of their joy there were also poignant words given to Joseph and Mary. Simeon foretells the opposition that Jesus' ministry will encounter and the suffering that this will cause his mother, saying to her, 'a sword will pierce through your own soul also'. Anna becomes the first evangelist, 'speaking of the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.'

This celebration has a pivotal nature as it marks the end of the celebration of the Incarnation (the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany), and we turn towards the weeks that approach Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

## 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.

## PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

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

## MUSICIANS

The service is sung by the Guildford Cathedral Choir, directed by the Sub Organist, Asher Oliver.

The organist is Jeremy Wan, Organ Scholar.

## MASS SETTING

Missa 'Mon coeur se recommande à vous' *Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)*

## MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Light, revealing ('Lumen ad revelationem gentium') *Grace-Evangeline Mason (b.1994)*

# THE GATHERING

Stand **HYMN**



Hail to the Lord who comes,  
comes to his temple gate,  
not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state:  
no shouts proclaim him nigh,  
no crowds his coming wait.

But borne upon the throne  
of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her duteous love,  
in her fond arms at rest;  
thus to his Father's house  
he comes, the heavenly guest.

There Joseph at her side  
in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy,  
old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised child,  
the glory of all lands.

O Light of all the earth,  
thy children wait for thee:  
come to thy temples here,  
that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face  
may all presented be.

*Text: John Ellerton (1826-1893)*

*Music: CP 94, Old 120<sup>th</sup>, melody Thomas Este's Psalter 1592,  
harmony Ravenscroft's Psalmes 1621*

## THE GREETING

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## INTRODUCTION

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing.

In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

## 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 that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT** Malachi 3.1-5 read by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

### **PSALM 24.7-10**

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



Lift up your heads O gates be lifted up you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory’:

‘The Lord strong and mighty the Lord who is mighty in battle’. *Refrain*

Lift up your heads O gates be lifted up you everlasting doors:  
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory’:

‘The Lord of hosts he is the King of glory’. *Refrain*

*Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)*

*Refrain: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b. 1970)*

### **NEW TESTAMENT** Hebrews 2.14-18 read by Roger Heath-Bullock

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their



lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

### *Stand* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

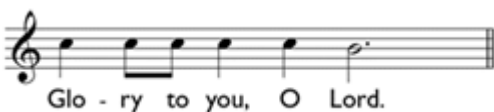
*The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir and then sung by everybody.*



A light to enlighten the Gentiles,  
 and to be the glory of your people Israel.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL READING** Luke 2.22-40

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



When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## THE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**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.**

*Sit*      **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The president invites the people to pray, saying*

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

*The prayers are led by the deacon*

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:  
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:  
look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor:  
look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace:

look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:

look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

*In conclusion, the president prays*

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,  
and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,  
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

‘I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.’

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

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.**

*Stand*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **THE PEACE**

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and 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 offer one another sign of peace.*

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

### **HYMN**



Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

O that birth for ever blessed  
when the Virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bare the Saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.



O ye heights of heaven, adore him;  
angel-hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before him,  
and extol our God and King:  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring,  
evermore and evermore.

*Words: Prudentius (348-c413) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

*Music: CP 64 Divinum Mysterium, melody from 'Piae Cantiones. Theoderici Petri Nylandensis' (1582) arranged by David Willcocks (1919-2015)*

## **TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.  
**Amen.**



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your heart.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.  
For on this day he appeared in the Temple  
in substance of our flesh  
to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.  
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations  
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.  
Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.  
And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

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

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
 these gifts of bread and wine  
 may be to us his body and his blood;  
 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
 we remember his offering of himself  
 made once for all upon the cross;  
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
 and with this bread and this cup  
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



Great is the mys - te - ry of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
 in the presence of your divine majesty,  
 renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love  
 and unite us in the body of your Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
 we worship you, Father almighty,  
 in songs of everlasting praise:



Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and pow'r be



yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God, as our Saviour has 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

*The consecrated bread is broken.*

We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.  
**God among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.  
Amen.**

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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.*

## MOTET

Senex puerum portabat:	<i>An ancient held up an infant,</i>
puer autem senem regebat:	<i>but the infant upheld the ancient:</i>
quem virgo peperit,	<i>a child he was that a virgin bore,</i>
et post partum virgo permansit	<i>and kept her as virgin evermore,</i>
ipsum quem genuit,	<i>the one whom she brought forth,</i>
adoravit.	<i>she did adore.</i>

*Words: Magnificat antiphon at First Vespers for the Purification of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary; translation by David Fraser  
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)*

## *Stand* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying*

Let us pray.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

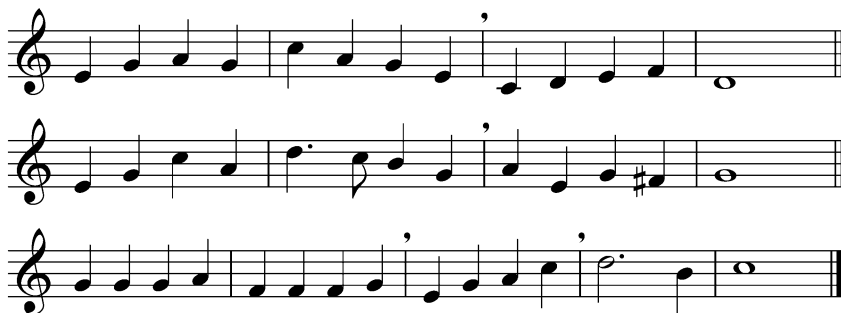
**Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## THE CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

### HYMN

*As the hymn is sung stewards light the congregation's candles. The servers and clergy process to the font at the west end of the nave; as the procession passes, the congregation follows it to stand to the east of the font, facing west.*



Angel-voices ever singing  
    round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
    rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
    and confess thee  
    Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

*Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*Music: CP 377, Angel voices, Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)*

## PRAYER

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these kindling flames  
light up this temple to your glory,  
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,  
and so be counted worthy to stand before you  
in that eternal city where you live and reign,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the choir.

Antiphon:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel  
*A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.*

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.

Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

*Text: Luke 2. 29-32*

*Music: Short Service, Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)*



## **FINAL RESPONSORY**

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration  
of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,  
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life,  
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,  
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who bear the light of Christ,  
do so with joy and gladness.**

Here we stand as the baptised.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
To share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Today we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with your light in the world.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin (BuxWV 76) *Dieterich Buxtehude*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

## **SERVICES THIS WEEK**

**Morning Prayer** *in the Lady Chapel*

**9am** Saturday

**Holy Communion** *in the Lady Chapel*

**9.30am** Saturday

## **SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY**

**7.45am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**9.45 am** Cathedral Eucharist

**11.30am** Choral Eucharist in Traditional Language

**6pm** Choral Evensong

## **GUILDFORD FOODBANK COLLECTION**

The next collection of items for the foodbank will be on Sunday 4 February after the 9.45am Choral Eucharist. This month they would be grateful for: cloths or scourers, shampoo or conditioner, toothbrushes or tooth paste (for adults or children), tinned meat, tinned fruit. Thank you.

## **WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY CATHEDRAL TOTS**

The next Cathedral Tots will be on Wednesday 7 February at 10am. There is no requirement to book places for these services. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **COFFEE CONCERT THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY**

**The Rhythm of Life Community Choir**

Coffee is served from 10.30am with the concert starting at 11.15am and finishing at 12noon. All are welcome – entry is free!

## **ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

**8.30am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

**9am** Eucharist *with Ashing*

**4pm** Evensong broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 (*see details below*)

**7.30pm** Choral Eucharist *with Ashing*

## **ASH WEDNESDAY BBC BROADCAST**

### **WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY, 4pm**

The BBC will be broadcasting Evensong for Ash Wednesday live on Radio 3 on Wednesday 14 February at 4pm. The service will last an hour and you are cordially invited to attend as a member of the congregation. Please be seated 15 minutes before the service starts.

## **LENT BOOK**

Lent begins early this year on 14 February (Ash Wednesday). There are many ways to observe Lent fruitfully, one being to read a book of readings for each day. Other recommendations may follow from clergy colleagues but Canon Chris recommends and will personally be using *Transfiguration: Fifty Pilgrim Steps* by Rob Marshall (Canterbury Press). He prays it will be a blessing to members of the congregations who do the same.

## **CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST**

Many of us value being able to pray for named individuals during services of public worship, believing that God hears our prayers, and that prayer makes a real difference to those being prayed for and to those who pray together for them. The new year has offered an opportunity to streamline our process and **from Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February** the following will apply.

If you wish to add a name to the Cathedral's public prayer list, please contact Canon Chris Hollingshurst directly on 07534 970127 or email [chris.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:chris.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org). Please ensure that you have the permission of the individual for their name to be added and permission for Canon Chris to be given an outline of the circumstances

surrounding the prayer request. Please also let Chris know whether the person's surname can be used in public, including live-streamed, services (or not).

Names will normally remain on the prayer list for four weeks, dropping off the list after four weeks unless or until they are renewed. Should you wish to renew for up to a further four weeks, then please let Chris know at that point and he will very gladly arrange for that. If it is appropriate to continue beyond eight weeks, then Chris will move the name to a new long-term prayer list. Recently-added names will be prayed for every day, whilst names on the long-term list will be offered in prayer at midweek daily services.

We also offer a way of praying confidentially when it is not appropriate to name someone in public intercessions. If you would like to take advantage of this, please contact Canon Mavis Wilson, either directly if you already have her contact details, or through Canon Chris who can supply them to you.

Do feel free to speak to Canon Chris or his clergy colleagues if you have any questions about the prayer lists. In the meantime, please keep praying.

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