

9.45am 28 April 2024

FIFTH 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.

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.

INSTALLATION OF A BOY CHORISTER

Today we will be installing Rishi as a full boy chorister after the successful completion of his probationary period.

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.

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. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.

MASS SETTING

Missa brevis in C, 'Spatzenmesse' (K.220) Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER The president this morning is the Interim Dean, the Venerable Stuart Beake and the preacher is the Reverend Canon Duncan Myers.

Stand

THE GATHERING

HYMN



Love's redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won: lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er, lo, he sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell; death in vain forbids his rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King; where, O death, is now thy sting? dying once, he all doth save; where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like him, like him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to thee by both be given: thee we greet triumphant now; hail the Resurrection Thou!

> Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: CP 150, Savannah, Melody from Herrnhut collection, c.1740 in John Wesley's 'Foundery Collection' 1742

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

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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

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. Ouoniam 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

The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit FIRST READING Genesis 22.1-18 read by Joy Allen

God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And Abraham said, 'Here I am.' God said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burntoffering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

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

PSALM 22. 25-31

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



From you comes my praise in the great congregation :

I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him :

their hearts shall live for ever. Response

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord :

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's :

and he rules over the nations. Response

How can those who sleep in the earth :

bow down in worship :

or those who go down to the dust :

kneel before him?

He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

They shall come and make known his salvation to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it. *Response*

Chant: Barry Rose (b. 1934)

SECOND READING Acts 8.26-40 read by Clare Chardin

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,

and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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.



Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 15.1-8

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



Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit SERMON Canon Duncan Myers

Stand 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. Δmen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Suzi Bloomfield

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 INSTALLATION OF A CHORISTER

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Stand THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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



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 never more 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 I Corinthians 15.12-20 Music: CP 469 Kingsfold, Melody from 'English County Songs' (1893) harmonised by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



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 men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them 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:

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

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.



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:



Sit THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

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.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	who takes away the sin of the world,
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
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miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei,	Lamb of God,
qui tollis peccata mundi,	who takes away the sin of the world,
dona nobis pacem.	grant us peace.

ANTHEM

Rise, heart: thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise without delays who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise with him may'st rise; that, as his death calcined thee to dust, his life may make thee gold, and much more, just. Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part with all thy art. The cross taught all wood to resound his name who bore the same. His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key is best to celebrate this most high day. Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song pleasant and long; Or, since all musick is but three parts vied, and multiplied, O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, and make up our defects with his sweet art.

> Words: George Herbert (1593-1633) Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Stand PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The president introduces a moment of silent prayer, saying

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.** God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

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

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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.



Lord, thy church on earth is seeking thy renewal from above; teach us all the art of speaking with the accent of thy love. We would heed thy great commission: 'Go now into every place preach, baptize, fulfil my mission, serve with love and share my grace'.

Freedom give to those in bondage, lift the burdens caused by sin.Give new hope, new strength and courage, grant release from fears within.Light for darkness; joy for sorrow; love for hatred; peace for strife: these and countless blessings follow as the Spirit gives new life.



In the streets of every city where the bruised and lonely dwell, let us show the Saviour's pity, let us of his mercy tell; to all lands and peoples bringing all the richness of thy word, till the world, thy praises singing, hails thee Christ, Redeemer, Lord.

> Words: Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998) Music: CP 514, Lux Eoi Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

THE DISMISSAL

With the risen life of Christ within you, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

We remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the South Aisle into the South Ambulatory, after which there are refreshments served in Seasons café. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or quietly make your way to the back of the Cathedral.

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
11.30am Choral Eucharist in Traditional Language (Common Worship Order Two)
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

Evening Prayer in the Lady Chapel 5.30pm Wednesday

Choral Evensong 5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 5 MAY

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

POST BOX TOPPER EXHIBITION 16 APRIL TO 2 JUNE

This unique exhibition brings together some wonderful examples of post box toppers from across the country.

VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD INTERCESSIONS OR TO READ LESSONS

We are looking for more volunteers to help lead the intercessions during Sunday morning's Choral Eucharist or read Bible lessons. If you are interested, please contact Canon Rachel (<u>rachel.young@guildfordcathedral.org</u>). Training for this will be as follows: For intercessors: Sunday 5 May, 11.15am-12.30pm For readers: Sunday 2 June, 11.15am-12.30pm

HOLY WEEK SPEAKER ADDRESSES

If you enjoyed listening to the addresses given by Father Charlie Annis during Holy Week, or were not able to attend and would like to read them, you can download the texts from the Cathedral website (https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/worship/services/holy-weekcompline-addresses). They will be available for a month.

GUILDFORD THEOLOGY HUB THURSDAY 2 MAY

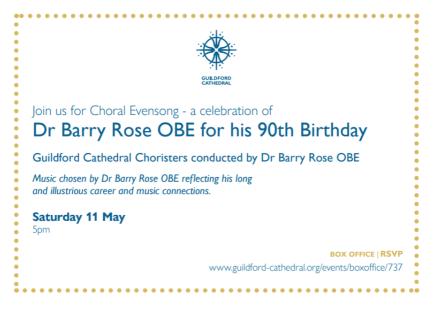
with the Reverend Professor Maggi Dawn of Durham University 7.15 for 7.30pm at Guildford Cathedral (in the Lady Chapel) on the subject "More than words can say: reading theology through literature and the arts". Tickets and further information at <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/871654902277?aff=oddtdtcreator</u> Join us in the Lady Chapel at Guildford Cathedral for an evening of exploring how we can dive deeper into theology through the world of literature and the arts. We are delighted to be welcoming Reverend Professor Maggi Dawn to speak to us on this occasion. Reverend Professor Dawn is a hymn writer, theologian and priest who has taught in Cambridge, Yale and Durham. Until recently she was Principal of St Mary's College, Durham. She has written numerous books and articles and has contributed to the Guardian as well as other media outlets. We are thrilled to welcome her to the Theology Hub!

FOOD BANK COLLECTION SUNDAY 5 MAY

The next collection of food for the North Guildford Foodbank will be on Sunday 5 May. They has asked for the following items: tea bags (not decaffeinated), tinned meat, tinned fruit, biscuits, shampoo and conditioner. Here are some words of thanks from the administrator, Zoe: "Thank you for continuing to support the food bank through these difficult times. The need is unrelenting still, and so I am deeply grateful for all the support that we receive. When we're providing a week's worth of food - and most clients have children - we are getting through a huge volume of food at the moment. Please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to all who donate so faithfully - we couldn't do it without you!"

CHORAL EVENSONG SATURDAY 11 MAY, 5pm

You are invited to celebrate the 90th birthday of Barry Rose, the first Organist and Master of the Choristers of Guildford Cathedral, at Evensong on Saturday 11 May at 5pm. Please see the information below. To book a free seat please go to <u>https://www.guildford-</u> <u>cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/737</u>.



GUILDFORD TOWN CENTRE CHAPLAINCY'S ANGEL DESCENT SATURDAY || MAY

We are delighted to welcome our Mission Partners, Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy (GTTC) to the Cathedral on the morning of Saturday II May as their supporters will attempt to ascend and descend the bell tower multiple times to collectively clock up 75,000 steps, to represent the number of individuals GTCC have helped since they were established in 2008. To sponsor the team please visit <u>Angel Ascent -</u> <u>JustGiving GTCC run three local projects, Street Angels, Community</u> Angels and Volunteer Chaplains – to find out more about their work visit <u>www.gtcc.org.uk</u>.

'THY KINGDOM COME' DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT SUNDAY 19 MAY

The global prayer movement 'Thy Kingdom Come' (9-19 May) invites church congregations to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Christ. This annual initiative is for everyone, and for all age groups, but this year local youth groups and young people (11s-18s) throughout the diocese are particularly invited to worship together at 'The Prayer'. This Diocesan-wide event rounds off 'Thy Kingdom Come' taking place at Christ's College Guildford on Pentecost Sunday (19 May) 4.15-6.30pm. You can find further details at www.thykingdomcome.global and www.cofeguildford.org.uk/aboutus/news/join-with-millions-to-pray-thy-kingdom-come.php

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL MUSIC PATRONS' SCHEME

Many of you have supported our chorister sponsorship scheme over the years, and many also give to the Music Development Foundation, for which we have been very grateful. The Music Patrons' Scheme was launched in January and is for those who would like to support all of the music of Guildford Cathedral in its entirety, from sheet music to musicians, and everything in between. As a Patron you will be the first to hear about our choir and organists, their concerts and other events throughout the year, and there are other members' benefits in store, too. If you are interested and would like to know more about becoming

a Patron, please contact the Development Team, Nicola Pratt (headofdevelopment@guildford-cathedral.org) or Karen Taylor (fundraising.officer@guildford-cathedral.org).

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2024

A group will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2024. The pilgrimage will run from Friday 16 to Sunday 18 August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 19 August. Canon Gilly Myers 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 Catholic Shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely surrounding Norfolk countryside. Fellowship, and deepening of faith is at the core of the weekend. The cost (full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory) will be around $\pounds 180-\pounds 258$ per person depending on whether you wish to stay the Sunday night 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, d.thompson@rhul.ac.uk.

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