



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
30 November 2025

FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
CATHEDRAL
EUCHARIST



WELCOME

ADVENT

A new Church year began on 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 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 from the station on the left (north) side.

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, the response to the Blessing of Light, 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.

DO-IT-YOURSELF CRÈCHE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

BLESSING OF NEW VESTMENTS FOR ADVENT

This year during Advent we are delighted to be able to wear a set of blue vestments, thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor who has enabled a new dalmatic and stole (for the deacon to wear) to be made to match the existing chasuble. We are indebted to the members of the Arts Council, who come here regularly to use their gifts of needlework to restore and create liturgical fabrics and garments, for creating the new dalmatic. The chasuble and dalmatic will be blessed at the beginning of the service before being worn.

MASS SETTING

Mass for Five Voices *William Byrd (c.1540-1623)*

The guitar is played by bass lay clerk Oliver Turner.

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this morning is The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, and the preacher is The Very Reverend Dr. Victor Stock.

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

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

THE BLESSING OF NEW VESTMENTS

The president blesses the vestments before they are used.

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

<i>Choir</i>	Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
	Christe, eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
	Kyrie, eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

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

Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit **FIRST READING** Isaiah 2.1-5 read by Kathy Hollingshurst

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as
the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the
nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let
us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For
out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for
many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their
spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us
walk in the light of the Lord!

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

PSALM 122

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



I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem, built as a city that is at unity in itself.
Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David, *Response*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.
'Peace be within your walls and tranquility within your palaces.'
For my kindred and companions' sake, I will pray that peace be with you.
For the sake of the house of the Lord our God.
I will seek to do you good. *Response*

Chant: Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

SECOND READING Romans 13.11-14 read by Carl McGray

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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.

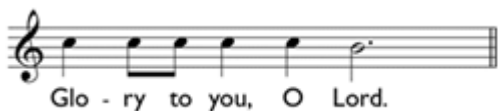


Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24.36-44

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

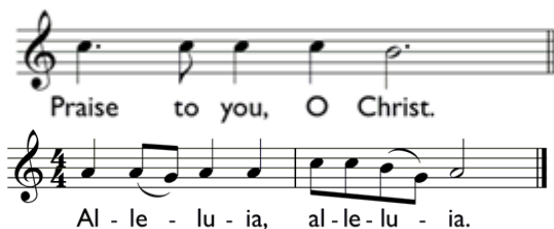
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the

owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit **SERMON** The Very Reverend Dr Victor Stock

Stand **THE CREED**

Let us say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8, 11; 5.9; 22.17, 20

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Shirley-Margaret Lloyd

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

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

*Sit or
kneel*

The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In conclusion, the leader says

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

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



Hills of the North, rejoice,
 river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
 valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

Isles of the Southern seas,
 sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
 hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.



Lands of the East, arise,
 he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
 praise shall his path adorn;
your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

Shores of the utmost West,
 lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
 in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

Shout, as you journey home,
 songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
 from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Words: Editors of English Praise 1975, based on Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865)
Music: CP 29 Little Cornard, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right.
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.

So now we watch for the day,
knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

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.

Deacon:



Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

All:



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.

*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

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

COMMUNION MOTET

Remember, O thou man,
O thou man, O thou man,
Remember, O thou man,
Thy time is spent:
Remember, O thou man,
How thou art dead and gone,
And I did what I can:
Therefore repent!

Remember God's goodness,
O thou man, O thou man,
Remember God's goodness,
And his promise made!
Remember God's goodness;
How he sent his Sonne, doubtlesse,
Our sinnes for to redresse:
Be not afraid!

The angels all did sing,
O thou man, O thou man,
The angels all did sing
Upon the shepherds' hill;
The angels all did singe
Praises to our heavenly King,
And peace to man living
With a good will.

To Bethlem did they goe,
O thou man, O thou man,
To Bethlem did they goe
The shepherds three;
To Bethlem did they goe
To see whether it were so or no,
Whether Christ were borne or no
To set man free.

In Bethlem he was borne,
O thou man, O thou man,
In Bethlem he was borne,
For mankind's sake;
In Bethlem he was borne,
For us that were forlorne,
And therefore tooke no scorne
Our flesh to take.

Give thanks to God alway,
O thou man, O thou man,
Give thanks to God alway,
With heart most joyfully.
Give thanks to God alway
For this our happy day;
Let all men sing and say:
Holy! Holy!

Words: Melismata 1611

Music: Thomas Ravenscroft (c. 1588-1635)

Stand **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

A moment of silent prayer.

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,
who calls us to follow you and guides us
even when the road is unclear;
fill us with your creative Spirit
so that we may know you with us
as we together seek vision for Guildford Cathedral;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

May God the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

Amen.

May God the Son,
who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit,
by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
help you bear the fruits of holiness.

Amen.

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)
Descant: David Hill (b. 1957)

THE DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Saviour,
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 (doors open 5.30 pm)

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

9.00am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

12.30pm Thursday

Choral Evensong *in the quire*

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

4pm Saturday

5.30pm Wednesday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 7 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

CATHEDRAL SERVICES CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS! SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

6pm Christmas Carol Service (I) *doors open at 5.30pm*

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm Journey to Bethlehem *the Christmas Story for all ages*

11pm Midnight Mass

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY

8am – Holy Communion

10am Festival Eucharist

4pm Christmas Carol Service (II) *a repeat of Sunday 21 December, doors open at 3.30pm*

COLLECTION DURING SERVICES – ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

We would like to give you ample opportunity to give financially to the Cathedral over the Advent and Christmas period if you would like to. As well as the existing electronic stations in the Cathedral, which you will find at the west end, we will be reinstating a collection during the following services when collecting bags will be passed through the congregation during a hymn: Advent Carol Service with Procession – Sunday 30 November, 6pm
Christmas Lessons and Carol Service - Sunday 21 December, 6pm
Midnight Mass – Wednesday 24 December, 11pm
Christmas Day Eucharist – Thursday 25 December, 10am
Christmas Lessons and Carol Service – Thursday 25 December, 4pm
Thank you for your generous donations!

ADVENT THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS

The Cathedral clergy will be leading four Advent Theological Reflections with discussion after the 9.45am Sunday Eucharists during Advent, to which you are all welcome. We will be meeting in the Lady Chapel, as follows, for about 45 minutes. No need to book – just turn up!

Today at 11.15am – An introduction to Advent

Sunday 7 December at c.11.30am (after Matt's farewell) – The Prophets

Sunday 14 December at 11.15am – John the Baptist

Sunday 21 December at 11.15am – Mary, the Mother of Jesus

‘ADVENT AND ART’ – A MINI SERIES

The Reverend Canon Dr. Steve Summers will be giving a reflective mini-series of two talks about Advent and Art in the Lady Chapel, on Sunday 14 December after Evensong (c.7.15pm) and Wednesday 17 December at 7pm. You are invited to come and see something inspirational as you make your spiritual journey through Advent.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE MORNING SERVICE

Please note the following changes regarding refreshments after the Sunday Eucharist:

- Sunday 14 and 21 December - there will be no refreshments in the Cathedral, but Seasons will remain open.
- Sunday 28 December and 4 January - there will be no refreshments after the Eucharist, and Seasons will be closed.

CANON CHRIS HOLLINGSBURST

It was announced last Sunday that Chris has accepted a call to become Team Rector to the Isle of Ely Villages Benefice in the Diocese of Ely, a recently created Team Ministry to the west of Ely. He and Kathy are very grateful for the kind comments, messages and promises of prayer received this week. Chris’ licensing date in Ely, and a corresponding last Sunday in Guildford, are yet to be confirmed.

THE TIME OF SUNDAY EVENSONG

The Dean would like to consult all stakeholders about the time of our regular Sunday evening service of Evensong. Please pick up a leaflet from the stewards on your way out or head to the Cathedral website, where you can offer your thoughts about the suggestion of holding Evensong earlier at 3.30pm. Many thanks. Consultation end date today, 30 November 2025.

FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL – TOMBOLA AND SILENT AUCTION AT THE CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

A very big THANK YOU to all who donated tombola gifts for the Friends’ Tombola Stall at the Christmas Fair. We had a fantastic number and variety of gifts given by lots of generous people. We also had many donations from local

businesses. Following busy two days at the Cathedral Christmas Fair we are pleased to say that the Friends took £1946. The Silent Auction had four items, and we have winning bids totalling around £750. All winners have been contacted. If the bids are all received, the total raised for the Tombola and Silent Auction combined will be around £2,700. Amazing! Thank you to everyone who helped.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MATT O'GRADY

Many of you will already know that, after 11 years at the Cathedral, Matt O'Grady will be retiring at the end of December this year.

To show our appreciation for the tremendous contribution he has made during his time with us, we will be holding a reception after the Eucharist on Sunday, 7 December.

A card to express our thanks is available to sign. The Stewards will have it each Sunday until 30 November, so please do take a moment to add your message. If you would also like to contribute towards a leaving gift, donations can be made by bank transfer using the following details:

- Account Name: Guildford Cathedral
- Account Number: 58063021
- Sort Code: 60-09-50
- Reference: *Matt leaving*

(cut-off date for donations is 12pm on Monday 1 December)

We hope as many of you as possible will join us on 7 December to wish Matt every happiness in his retirement. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hatherall at deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

INVITATION TO JOIN THE CHAPTER OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL, AND /OR THE FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Cathedral is seeking new trustees to join its **Chapter**, and is also seeking new members of its **Finance, Audit and Risk Committee**, who report to the Chapter.

We warmly invite indications of interest to **Chapter** from individuals who can bring at least one of the following:

- strong finance skills
- proven knowledge of charity law and governance
- strategic and operational development in a complex organisation setting
- facilities management
- property development

As a trustee, you'll help shape the Cathedral's future, providing strategic guidance and financial insight to support its mission, community life, and ongoing development. If you're passionate about using your professional expertise for the public good and contributing to a place of heritage, worship, and outreach, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Chapter meetings are held on the first Tuesday morning of every month, except August, in the Chapter House.

For the **Finance and Risk Committee**, we are looking for individuals with a strong background and qualifications in those appropriate skills- namely, **risk assessment, financial planning, compliance, or audit**. Meetings are held four times a year on Thursdays in the Chapter House.

Find out more about these roles here:

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/about/current-vacancies/trustee> | on the Vacancies page of the website or email communications@guildford-cathedral.org Expressions of interest must be received by 5 January 2026. Thank you.

FOREIGN CURRENCY SCHEME

Since 2006 this Scheme has been raising funds for the Cathedral - £32,015 to date. If you have any unwanted or out of date UK or foreign coins or notes, UK copper, 5p coins, and **any money of any age from any country** in the world, do please bring it in! We shall turn it into sterling to help Cathedral finances. It can be left with the Office or Sacristy labelled for the "Coins Scheme" or for me, John Mitchell. All donations are most welcome; and Thank You.

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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