



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
20 July 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

ORDINARY TIME

In the Church year there are two periods known as *Ordinary Time*. The second period is that between the day after Pentecost until the day before Advent Sunday. The liturgical colour is green signifying life and growth in God. This provides an opportunity to reflect upon the Christian life of faith in the everyday – living out the life and love of Christ wherever we find ourselves.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you. A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.

MUSIC TODAY

The music this evening is led by Fraser Ellson, tenor lay clerk.

PRECES AND RESPONSES *Plainsong*

CANTICLES Service in E flat *Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Reverend Canon Rachel Young and The Very Reverend Bob Cooper is the preacher.

Please stand as the procession enters to organ music

Stand

OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

WELCOME Canon Rachel Young

HYMN



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

*Music: CP 474 St Denio, adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in John Roberts
'Caniadau y Cyssegre' (1839)*

Sit **PSALM 81**

Sing we merrily unto God our strength :
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret :
the merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon :
even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.
For this was made a statute for Israel :
and a law of the God of Jacob.
This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony :
when he came out of the land of Egypt,
and had heard a strange language.
I eased his shoulder from the burden :
and his hands were delivered from making the pots.
Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee :
and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.
I proved thee also :
at the waters of strife.
Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel :
if thou wilt hearken unto me,

There shall no strange god be in thee :
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt :
open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
But my people would not hear my voice :
and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts:
and let them follow their own imaginations.
O that my people would have hearkened unto me :
for if Israel had walked in my ways,
I should soon have put down their enemies :
and turned my hand against their adversaries.
The haters of the Lord should have been found liars :
but their time should have endured for ever.
He should have fed them also with the finest wheat-flour :
and with honey out of the stony rock should I have satisfied thee.

Stand 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.

Chant: Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Genesis 41.1-16, 25-37

The first lesson is written in the forty-first chapter of the book Genesis, beginning at the first verse.

Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and there came up out of the Nile seven sleek and fat cows, and they grazed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. The ugly and thin cows ate up the seven sleek and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke. Then he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. Then seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind, sprouted after them. The thin ears

swallowed up the seven plump and full ears. Pharaoh awoke, and it was a dream. In the morning his spirit was troubled; so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, 'I remember my faults today. Once Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard. We dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own meaning. A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each according to his dream. As he interpreted to us, so it turned out; I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged.'

Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer.'

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, 'Pharaoh's dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. And the doubling of Pharaoh's dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven

plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.' The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants.

Here ends the first lesson.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Text: Luke 1.46-55

The second lesson is written in the fourth chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, beginning at the eighth verse.

Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Quite apart from us you have become kings! Indeed, I wish that you had become kings, so that we might be kings with you! For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

Here ends the second lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

Text: Luke 2. 29-32

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholick Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Sit or Lord, have mercy upon us.
kneel Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all thy faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve thee in holiness and truth,
to the glory of thy name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;
that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that, by thee,
we being defended from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers
of this night; for the love of thy only Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a heart, as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: The Call, No. 4 of 5 Mystical Songs, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

SERMON The Very Reverend Bob Cooper

*Sit or
kneel*

THE PRAYERS

The prayers conclude with

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Stand

HYMN



Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.



All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
*Music: CP 530 Nun Danket, Melody in Johann Crüger Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647),
harmony chiefly from Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Lobgesang (1840)*

BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude on East Acklam Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY (TRINITY 5)

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *sung by a lay clerk cantor*

6pm Choral Evensong *sung by a lay clerk cantor*

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, Thursday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

Evening Prayer

4pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 27 JULY (TRINITY 6)

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *sung by a lay clerk cantor*

6pm Choral Evensong *sung by a lay clerk cantor*

PRAYER IN THE LADY CHAPEL

The Lady Chapel at the east end of the Cathedral is reserved for private prayer and you are welcome to use it for this purpose. Once a week on Fridays at 12.30pm the Day Chaplain will lead prayers in the Chapel for fifteen minutes and all are welcome.

VISION AND STRATEGY 2026-2030

Work has begun on developing our Vision and Strategy for 2026-2030. This September, we will launch a comprehensive consultation exercise where the voice of our cathedral community will be central to shaping our future direction. To support this process, there will be a congregational meeting after the 9.45am service on Sunday 14 September. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the Vision and Strategy development process and to ask any questions you may have. We are also forming a prayer group to surround this important work in prayer and are looking for volunteers who would like to support the process in this way. We look forward to your participation in this important and exciting journey as we plan together for the years ahead. Dean Bob

READERS, INTERCESSORS AND LAY CHALICE ASSISTANTS

Periodically we run training for any who would like to volunteer to read a Bible lesson, write and lead the intercessory prayers or administer a chalice in a worship service.

The next training sessions will be held in the library at 11.15-12.30pm on:

Lesson readers: *Next session will be in the autumn.*

Intercessors: Sunday 27 July

Lay chalice assistants: Sunday 5 October

We are particularly keen to widen the representation of those who fill these roles, so that we present as diverse a team as possible. If you are interested or would like any more information, please talk to or email Canon Rachel Young (rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org). Thank you.

UKRAINIAN ICONS

We are looking forward to the two Ukrainian icons being installed into the Cathedral. The icon of Our Lady will be installed at evensong on Sunday 7 September which is the Eve of the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and the icon of St Michael will be installed at the 9.45am service on the Sunday 28 September, the Eve of Michaelmas. There will be appropriate liturgical accompaniment to the installations and there will be a suite of resources to help people engage with them. I am looking forward to these additions to the cathedral and enabling people to access the depth of spirituality contained within icons. Dean Bob.

COFFEE AND CAKE WITH THE DEAN

Following on from the success of last time, Kate and I would like to invite all of the congregation to a repeat of the coffee and cake open house at our home. All of you are invited to come along at any time between 10am-1pm on Saturday 2 August to come and share together in fellowship. It would be lovely to see you all if you are able to come. With every blessing, Dean Bob.

GILLY AND DUNCAN – LEAVING COLLECTION AND FAREWELL RECEPTION

As many of you know, Canons Gilly and Duncan Myers will soon be moving on to enjoy their retirement. If you would like to contribute to a leaving collection, please place your donation in an envelope marked *Myers* and hand it in to the Cathedral, or make a bank transfer Cathedral's account at Nat West using the details below:

- **Account Name:** Guildford Cathedral
- **Bank Account Number:** 58063021
- **Sort Code:** 60-09-50
- **Reference:** Myers

Please do this by Monday 4 August.

We will be holding a farewell reception after the 9.45am Cathedral Eucharist on **Sunday 10 August**, with cake alongside the usual tea and coffee. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible to give Gilly and Duncan a memorable send-off.

FOREIGN COINS AND BANKNOTES!

Your old and left over currency, both coins and notes, are of value to the Cathedral's Coins Scheme for converting to sterling for fundraising. We invite donations of the following: notes and coins in Euros, from any African country, Indian or Indonesian currency, US dollars, Singapore dollars, obsolete UK currency; Scandinavian currency; currency from Mexico and Chile - and from any other countries - is invited. Everything we receive is changed into sterling for Cathedral funds. Our total stands at £31, 240, and we are climbing! Donations large or small can be left in the Sacristy or Office. Thank you. John Mitchell.

CANON CHRIS – SUMMER LEAVE

Canon Chris Hollingshurst is now on leave, returning to work on Wednesday 30 July. Until that time, if you would like to a name included in the Cathedral's intercessions, please contact Canon Rachel Young via rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org or on 07709 082999. For urgent pastoral concerns, please contact Canon Rachel, Canon Duncan Myers via duncan.myers@guildford-cathedral.org or on 07791418066, or the Dean, the Very Revd Bob Cooper, via dean@guildford-cathedral.org or on 07350 455769. Thank you.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO TAIZÉ, FRANCE 16-24 AUGUST

This is a reminder of the joint Guildford/Oxford Dioceses pilgrimage to Taizé for young people 16+ and adults up to the age of 35. For further information please contact Canon Chris on chris.hollingshurst@guildford-cathedral.org or look at the pilgrimage flyer and leaflet, which you will find in the leaflets stand between the shop and Seasons Café.

VICTORY IN JAPAN DAY EVENSONG SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 6pm

The War is over. Victory in Japan Day and the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War will be commemorated at Evensong at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 17 August, 6pm. Many sailors, soldiers and aviators from Surrey served in the Far East during the Second World War, including a local battalion of The East Surrey Regiment, who spent three and a half years in captivity, and No 615 (County of Surrey) Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, who served in Burma. Many paid the ultimate sacrifice. If you would like to commemorate this special event and ensure that VJ Day and the end of the Second World War is not forgotten, please come and join the community, Service personnel, veterans and cadets in commemorating this important event. Please use this link to help us to anticipate numbers attending: www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/856 Thank you.

AN EVENING OF GLAMOUR, GIVING & CELEBRATION






Saturday 20 September 2025, 7pm to 11.30pm, Black Tie

Join us under the soaring nave of Guildford Cathedral for an unforgettable evening of elegance and purpose, raising vital funds for our work in education, outreach, worship and heritage.

Keynote Speaker: Sir Anthony Seldon

One of the UK's leading educational thinkers, Sir Anthony brings powerful insight into leadership, wellbeing, and the future of education. A prolific author and renowned headteacher, his vision is both inspiring and timely.

Evening Highlights

-  Champagne reception in the stunning Cathedral Nave
-  Three-course fine dining with seasonal, locally-sourced produce
-  Live jazz-inspired performances throughout the evening
-  Exclusive charity auction with unique prizes and experiences
-  Bar open all evening with curated wines and spirits

Book Your Table

£1,750 for a table of 10, Individual tickets £175 each

Spaces are limited — book by 24 July to secure your place.

Celebrate with us. Support our mission. Be part of something extraordinary.

<https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice/825>

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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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In addition to Cathedral contacts, a new online link is now available for anyone wishing to report a safeguarding concern to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The link is available on the 'Report a concern' page of the Diocesan website and allows you to complete all the necessary details that will enable the DST to make an assessment, take any necessary action or give advice as quickly as possible. The teams remain available for calls and queries via our team number 01483 790739 and our email address – safeguarding@cofeguildford.org.uk

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