



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

6pm
8 February 2026

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT CHORAL EVENSONG



WELCOME

AN IN-BETWEEN TIME

We have marked the conclusion of Christmas and Epiphany with the celebration of Candlemas on 1 February. At that service we turned our attention away from the cradle of the baby Jesus towards the cross, upon which Jesus gave his life for us. Ash Wednesday is 18 February this year and we will have two services of Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes, at 9.00am (preceded by Morning Prayer at 8.30am) and 7pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (preceded by Evening Prayer at 5.30pm).

COLLECTION

Your support makes a real difference to the ministry and mission of Guildford Cathedral. If you would like to support this work on a regular basis it's very simple to set up a direct debit via the Parish Giving Scheme. The phone number is 0333 002 1271, and the Cathedral reference code is 170617001. One-off donations can be made using the Gift Aid envelopes or a contactless donation by using the contactless collection plates on your way out, or the contactless box (by the west doors of the Cathedral) or our QR code. If you use the contactless plates or box and you are a taxpayer, please complete a green gift aid envelope and write 'contactless donation' on the front; please put the envelope in the plate or the cash box at the west end. We also welcome the donation of foreign coins and notes; please see the notice at the back of this booklet. On behalf of all at Guildford Cathedral, thank you.



PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and 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.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Cecilia McDowall (b.1951)

CANTICLES

Service 'Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense' *Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*

OFFICIANT AND PREACHER

The officiant this evening is The Reverend Canon Jo Winn-Smith and
The Reverend Canon Rachel Young is the preacher.

Lord, give thy angels every day
command to guide us on our way,
and bid them every evening keep
their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near,
to do us harm or cause us fear;
and we shall dwell, when life is past,
with angels round thy throne at last.

Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: CP 245 (i) Solothurn, Swiss traditional melody

Sit **PSALM 148**

O praise the Lord of heaven :
praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his :
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon :
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens :
and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord :
for he spake the word, and they were made;
he commanded, and they were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever :
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord upon earth :
ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours :
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills :
fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle :
worms and feathered fowls;

Kings of the earth and all people :
princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children,
praise the Name of the Lord :
for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him :
even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT** Proverbs 8.1,22-31

The first lesson is written in the eighth chapter of the book of Proverbs, beginning at the first verse.

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth -
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

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.

The second lesson is written in the fourth chapter of The Revelation of John, beginning at the first verse.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

Here ends the second lesson.

Stand

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 kneel
Lord, have mercy upon us.
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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
who hast created the heavens and the earth
and hast made us in thine own image:
teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works
and thy likeness in all thy children;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
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 PROTECTION

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**

O ye that love the Lord,
See that ye hate the thing which is evil
The Lord preserveth the souls of his saints
He shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

Words: Psalm 97 verse 10

Music: Samuel Coleridge Taylor (1857-1912)

SERMON The Reverend Canon Rachel Young

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**



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Music: CP 202 Nicaea, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom:

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 in F Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)

*Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England,
material from which is included in this service, is copyright The Archbishops Council 2000.*

*Text from The Book of Common Prayer, the rights in which are vested in the Crown, is reproduced
by permission of the Crown's Patentee, Cambridge University Press.*

*Scripture quotations are from The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible copyright ©
1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in the USA.*

Used by permission. All Rights Reserved.

Hymns within copyright are reproduced under CC Licence 266692.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY - RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *on the theme of Racial Justice*

6pm Choral Evensong *for the Second Sunday before Lent*

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

Evening Prayer

5.30pm Wednesday

4pm Saturday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 15 FEBRUARY

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 Guildford Cathedral Singers*

6pm Choral Evensong *sung by Surrey Voices*

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR CHRIS AND KATHY HOLLINGSBURST

Canon Chris and Kathy's last service at Guildford Cathedral will be the Cathedral Eucharist at 9.45am on Sunday 22 March. To show our appreciation for the contribution Chris has made during his time with us, we will be holding a reception after the service. A card to express our thanks is available to sign. The Stewards will have it each Sunday until Sunday 15 March, 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: *Chris leaving*

(cut-off date for donations is 12pm on Monday 9 March)

We hope as many of you as possible will join us on 22 March to wish Chris and Kathy every happiness on their new adventure. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hatherall at deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org

SERVE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORSHIP

Have you ever considered playing a more active part in our cathedral services? We are looking for people willing to serve as servers, Eucharistic Ministers, intercessors, readers or Sunday School leaders. You certainly don't need to take on all of these - even offering for just one would be a tremendous blessing to our worshipping community. No experience is necessary; full training will be given, and you will find yourself supported every step of the way. Please don't be shy about coming forward. If you have ever felt that quiet nudge to get more involved, this may be just the moment to respond.

To find out more, or to offer your name, please have a word with Canon Rachel Young who would be delighted to hear from you. Dean Bob

LIVESTREAMING

Our livestreamed services are a vital part of our cathedral's mission, enabling people across the world to share in worship and stay connected with our community. Whether through illness, distance, or other circumstances, many

rely on these broadcasts to participate in the life of the cathedral. We are in real need of new volunteers to join our livestreaming team. No previous experience is necessary - full training will be provided.

If you might be able to help with this important ministry, please do consider joining us. To find out more, please contact Canon Rachel Young. Dean Bob

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Cathedral will be holding the annual Diocesan Confirmation Service here on Saturday 23 May at 7pm. Confirmation is an opportunity for you to confirm the baptism vows made for you by your parents, if you were baptised as a young child. If you are an adult who has not been baptised, you can be baptised and confirmed together in this service. If you are interested in confirming your Christian faith in this way and committing yourself to follow Jesus Christ, please speak to a member of the clergy team who will be able to give you more details.

LENT TALKS

Following the success of our Advent series, we're delighted to announce that post-service talks will return for the first four Sundays of Lent and you are welcome to join us after the 9.45am Eucharist for reflection and discussion. All welcome.

Sun 22 February – Lent and Liturgy (Canon Rachel Young)

Sun 1 March – Lent and Confession (Very Revd Bob Cooper, Dean)

Sun 8 March – Lent and Humility (Canon Jo Winn-Smith)

Sun 15 March – Lent and Self-Discipline (Canon Chris Hollingshurst)

OBSERVING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

During Lent we will be holding a weekly observance of the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral nave. During this service we reflect on images of Christ's Passion, sing a hymn, hear a Bible reading and pray. These will be held on the following dates, starting at 1pm:

Thursday 19 February

Thursday 26 February

Friday 6 March

Thursday 12 March

Friday 20 March

Friday 27 March

The Dean says, “The Stations of the Cross invite us to walk slowly through Christ's final hours, from condemnation to burial. There is something profoundly moving about physically journeying from station to station, pausing at each moment of suffering and love. We are not passive observers but pilgrims, allowing our bodies to participate in prayer alongside our hearts and minds. The Stations strip away distraction, drawing us into the story of redemption through simple images and ancient words. Whether this is familiar to you or something entirely new, you are warmly welcome to join us. In walking this way together, we discover afresh that the path to Easter leads through the shadow of the Cross.”

SEASONS CAFÉ PRESENTS RED HOUSE RHYTHM & BLUES DUO

Carla, James, and the Seasons team invite you to a special event, when Canon Chris' blues duo will be playing for the last time in Seasons Café on the evening on Thursday 26 February. Admission includes a choice of meal, with customers choosing from beef, chicken or veggie burger with fries. Tickets are £25 each, doors opening at 6.30pm. Tickets can be booked via the Cathedral box office at www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice, or you can call Seasons on 01483 563841. Previous evenings with Red House Rhythm & Blues Duo have, like the recent quiz nights, proved to be lovely community gatherings and the Seasons team would love to welcome as many of you as possible.

FOREIGN COINS AND NOTES:

The year has started well with over £200 coming into the Scheme. Please donate any unwanted notes or coins from any country around the globe, including the UK. The age and condition is not important, so obsolete items are equally welcome; unwanted UK current coin, silver or copper, is also useful. Our current total stands at £32,126 and we keep going! £40,000 is our next hurdle. Donations can be left with the office or sacristy, labelled "Coins Scheme". Many thanks, John Mitchell.

KATHERINE DIENES-WILLIAMS TO MOVE TO WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Katherine Dienes-Williams, our Organist and Master of the Choristers, has been appointed Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral. Katherine is an outstanding musician who has served Guildford Cathedral with exceptional dedication and artistry. During her time here, she has inspired generations of choristers, nurturing young singers with warmth, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to musical excellence. Katherine's tenure at Guildford Cathedral has been marked by musical programmes of the highest calibre, from the daily round of choral services to memorable concerts and recordings, and she has been a cherished colleague and mentor. We wish Katherine every blessing as she takes up her new role at Winchester Cathedral in the summer.

METHODIST MODERN ART COLLECTION

In March and April St. Mary's Church in Quarry Street is hosting an exhibition of twenty-five pieces of art from the Methodist Modern Art Collection - one of the most significant collections of 20th and 21st century religious art in Europe. This is an extraordinary opportunity to view and gain spiritually from these amazing paintings.

THE TIME OF SUNDAY EVENSONG

Last November, we conducted a survey amongst stakeholders about the time of Evensong on Sundays. The results were fairly equally balanced, with roughly 40% for changing the time, 40% for not changing, and 20% who didn't mind. On reflection, the Chapter has decided not to change the time of Evensong for the time, being so that it remains at 6pm.

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

