



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

9.45am  
8 February 2026

# RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST



# WELCOME

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

Racial Justice Sunday is an ecumenical observance which began in 1995 in Britain and Ireland. The catalyst for this observation was the murder of Stephen Lawrence, a Black teenager in South London, on 22 April 1993. In 2017, Racial Justice Sunday moved from September to the second Sunday of February and is for all churches to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for the gifts and beauty of human diversity, and to commit to end racism and acts of discrimination. We hold an annual service at Guildford Cathedral on behalf of the Diocese. It is, however, more than an annual reminder of the Church's commitment to the task of anti-racism. In the words of Richard Reddie from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, this Sunday represents "a call for Christians to engage in the righteous struggle for racial justice because racial justice is everyone's business".

## **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

All who are baptised or confirmed 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 at the station on the left (north) side at the front.

## **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 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. **A large print copy of this order of service is available from the stewards.**

## **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 south-west 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.

## **MUSIC TODAY**

We welcome this morning our Cathedral choir and Soulful Sistas, a close-harmony female singing group, who will be leading our music this morning.

## **MASS SETTING**

Misa Breve *Fernando Moruja (1960-2004)*

## **ABOUT THE COMPOSER**

Argentine conductor and composer Fernando Moruja was born in 1960. He studied at the Manuel de Falla Conservatory in Buenos Aires and his career developed mainly around choral music, joining the Choral Studio of Buenos Aires and the Vocal Diffusion Group in Buenos Aires. He created and directed, among other groups, 'El Coral de la Rábida' and wrote many compositions, particularly on religious themes. Tragically, he was hit and run over by a bus on New Year's Eve, 2004.

## **PRESIDENT AND PREACHER**

The president this morning is the Bishop of Dorking, The Right Reverend Paul Davies, and the preacher is The Bishop of Croydon, The Right Reverend Dr Rosemarie Mallett.

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Stand

# THE GATHERING

## HYMN



The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

*Words: Bryn Rees (1911-1983)*

*Music: CP 591 Hanover, A supplement to the New Version (1708)*

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.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Deacon* Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

You made us to be one family,  
yet we have divided humanity.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,  
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You rejoice in our differences,  
yet we make them a cause of enmity.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## 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.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;  
tu solus Dominus;  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you for your  
great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King.  
God the Father almighty.  
Only Son of the Father, Jesus  
Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father: who takes  
away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us; who takes away  
the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer; who sits at  
the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy;  
you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray

*A moment of silent prayer*

Merciful God,  
you are righteous and love justice:  
stir the hearts of your people that,  
rejoicing in our diversity,  
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,  
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives 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 56.1-8 read by Geoffrey Andrews,  
Strategic Programme Manager at Guildford Diocese

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.  
Happy is the mortal who does this,  
the one who holds it fast,  
who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it,  
and refrains from doing any evil.

Do not let the foreigner joined to the Lord say,  
    'The Lord will surely separate me from his people';  
and do not let the eunuch say,  
    'I am just a dry tree.'

For thus says the Lord:

To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths,  
    who choose the things that please me  
    and hold fast my covenant,  
I will give, in my house and within my walls,  
    a monument and a name  
    better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
    that shall not be cut off.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,  
    to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,  
    and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
    and hold fast my covenant -  
these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
    and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices  
    will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
    for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,  
    who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
    besides those already gathered.

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



Who gives food to all creatures :  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of heaven :  
for his mercy endures for ever. *Response*

*Chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)*

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3.9-17 read by The Reverend  
Linnet Frederick Prasad, Curate, St. Andrew's, Cobham

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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



knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*Sit*

**SERMON** The Right Reverend Rosemarie Mallett

*Stand*

## **THE CREED**

We 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

led by The Reverend Canon Bev Hunt

*The president invites everyone to pray, saying*

With all our heart and all our mind  
let us pray to the Lord, saying, 'Lord have mercy'

*Sit or  
kneel*

*The bidding and response are*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*In conclusion, the prayer leader says*

O Lord our God,  
**accept the fervent prayers of your people  
in the multitude of your mercies.  
Look with compassion on us  
and all who turn to you for help;  
for you are gracious O Lord of love,  
and to you we give glory,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*From the Church of the Province of the West Indies*

## *Stand* THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you all.  
**In God's justice is our peace.**  
Christ calls us to live in unity.  
**We seek to live in the Spirit of Christ.**

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

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



I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

*Words: Brian Wren (b.1936)*

*Music: CP 305 St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)*

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed be God, who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*President:*



The\_\_ Lord\_\_ be with you.

*All:*



And\_\_ al - so with you.

*President:*



Lift up your\_\_ hearts\_\_

*All:*



We lift them to\_\_ the Lord\_\_

*President:*



Let us give thanks\_\_ to\_\_ the Lord\_\_ our God.

*All:*



It is right to give thanks\_\_ and praise\_\_

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for you made us in your image  
and redeemed us through your Son.  
You taught us by your prophets  
to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.  
Let the day come quickly  
when the walls that separate us are broken down,  
and when suffering and oppression,  
racism and discrimination will be no more.  
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,  
until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli  
et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

*Deacon:*

Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

*All:*

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
 his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
 and looking for his coming in glory,  
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.  
 As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
 we bring before you this bread and this cup  
 and we thank you for counting us worthy  
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
 and gather into one in your kingdom  
 all who share this one bread and one cup,  
 so that we, in the company of all the saints,  
 may praise and glorify you for ever,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
 for ever and ever.

A - men.

*Sit or  
kneel*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Believing the promises of God,  
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**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## **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.**

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## **AGNUS DEI**

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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

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

## **SOULFUL SISTAS**

*As the choir members receive communion, the Soulful Sistas sing*

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy.  
You alone are real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and you're my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.*

*Words and music: Martin Nystrom (b 1983)*

*Stand*      **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray

*A moment of silent prayer*

Merciful God,  
you call us to loving relationship with one another.  
Be with us now as we seek to heal old wounds  
and find joy again in our fellowship with you.  
Replace our hearts of stone with hearts of flesh.  
Give us the gifts of honesty and openness,  
and fill us with your healing power and grace.  
We ask this in Jesus's name.

**Amen**

*From the Anglican Church of Canada*

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

# THE SENDING OUT

## THE BLESSING

The blessing of God the Father,  
who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;  
of God the Son,  
who bought us for God from every tribe and language  
and people and nation;  
and of God the Spirit,  
who brings us together in unity,  
be with 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.*



Affirm anew the threefold name  
of Father, Spirit, Son,  
our God whose saving acts proclaim  
a world's salvation won.  
In him alone we live and move  
and breath and being find,  
the wayward children of his love  
who cares for humankind.

Declare in all the earth his grace,  
to every heart his call,  
the living Lord of time and place  
whose love embraces all.  
So shall his endless praise be sung,  
his teaching truly heard,  
and every culture, every tongue,  
receive his timeless word.

Confirm our faith in this our day  
amid earth's shifting sand,  
with Christ as life and truth and way,  
a rock on which to stand;  
the one eternal Son and Lord  
by God the Father given,  
the true and life-imparting Word,  
the way that leads to heaven.

Renew once more the ancient fire,  
let love our hearts inflame;  
renew, restore, unite, inspire  
the church that bears your name;  
one name exalted over all,  
one Father, Spirit, Son,  
O grant us grace to heed your call  
and in that name be one.

*Words: CP 200 Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)*

*Music: CP 347, St. Matthew, William Croft (1678-1727)*

## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* 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 of the Cathedral.*

## **THE SOULFUL SISTAS**

Goodness of God *Bethel Music (2019)*

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# 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](mailto: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](http://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



