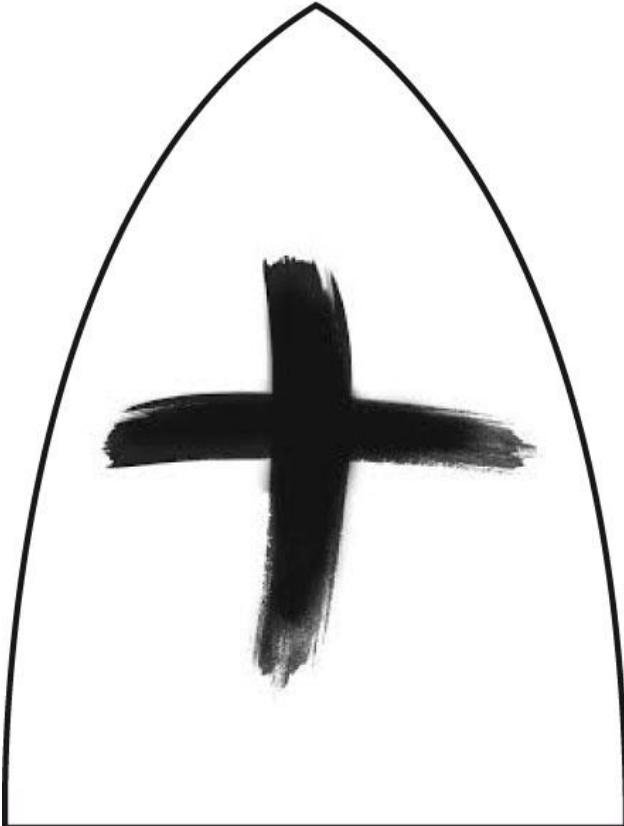




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7pm
18 February 2026
WEDNESDAY
CHORAL
EUCHARIST



WELCOME

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on from his baptism. However, it soon became firmly attached to Easter, because Easter is the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This connection explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial and study, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them on that spiritual journey and they all received a sign of the cross as a mark of the beginning of their journey.

The use of ash recalls one of the Biblical creation stories when human beings were created from the dust of the ground. This is the origin of the words used during the imposition of ash:

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

COLLECTION

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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 from the station on the left (north) side at the front.

MASS SETTING

Missa Orbis factor (Mass XI) *plainsong*

MUSIC TODAY

We welcome Fraser Ellson, lay clerk cantor, who will be leading the music this evening.

PRESIDENT

The president this evening is The Very Reverend Bob Cooper, Dean of Guildford, and the preacher is The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst.

Stand **THE GATHERING**

The organist plays as the cantor and clergy enter

THE LENT PROSE

The verses are sung by the cantor.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

Hear us, O Lord, have mer-cy up-on us :

for we have sin - ned a - gainst thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications. *Refrain*

O thou chief Cornerstone, Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleans thou our sinful souls from all defilement. *Refrain*

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses. *Refrain*

Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. *Refrain*

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer. *Refrain*

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.

INTRODUCTION

Friends in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

KYRIE ELEISON

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

THE COLLECT

Let us pray for grace to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 read by Charles Martin

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near -
a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them in ages to come.
Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain-offering and a drink-offering
for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
assemble the aged;
gather the children, even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
"Where is their God?"'

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

Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the cantor, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.



O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.



GOSPEL READING Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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



Jesus said to the disciples,

‘Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



Praise to you, O Christ, King of e-ter-nal glo-ry.

SERMON The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst

THE LITURGY OF PENITENCE

*The deacon leads the penitential litany. All join in saying the response in **bold**.*

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

The congregation sits or kneels.

Let us pray

God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,
have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief;
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice;
and from all evil intent,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws,
good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind;
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,
good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow
in all times of joy;
in the hour of death,
and at the day of judgement,
good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;
by your birth, childhood and obedience;
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work;
by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial;
by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial,
good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection;
by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance;
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Silence is kept.

Make our hearts clean, O God;
and renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The president says

Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence
with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,
you create us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us
a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by your grace alone
that we receive eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

The clergy and cantor first receives the imposition of ashes whilst the organist plays. The congregation is then invited to receive the imposition of ashes. Please follow the direction of the stewards.

At the imposition of ashes the minister says to each person

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

PSALM 51 *sung by the cantor*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness :

according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness :

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults :

and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight :

that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,

and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness :

and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts :

and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :

thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness :

that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins :

and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God :

and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence :

and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again :

and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked :
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,
thou that art the God of my health :
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.
Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord :
and my mouth shall shew thy praise.
For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee :
but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit :
a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.
O be favourable and gracious unto Sion :
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
with the burnt-offerings and oblations :
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Chant: Plainsong

Silence is kept.

The president says

The Lord enrich you with his grace,
and nourish you with his blessing;
the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from evil;
the Lord accept your prayers,
and absolve you from your offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.



Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art:
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: CP 96 (ii), Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Merciful Father,
turn us from sin to faithfulness
and from disobedience to love,
and prepare us to celebrate
the death and resurrection of Christ our Saviour
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

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.___

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

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>

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.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 from the station on the left (north) side at the front.

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

○ mysterium ineffabile,
○ caritatis sacramentum admirabile,
○ bonitatis prodigium,
○ pietatis miraculum.
Hic est panis vita vitæ,
Hic est cibus animæ.
Ibi caro confert semen gratiæ,

*O ineffable mystery,
O wonderful sacrament of charity,
O wonder of goodness,
O miracle of mercy.
Here is the bread of life.
Here is food for the soul.
There the flesh contributes
the seed of grace,*

ibi sanguis donat pignus gloriæ.

*there the blood gives
a pledge of glory.*

○ amor, ○ pietas,

○ love, ○ mercy,

○ epularum jucunditas,

○ the delight of feasts,

○ convivarum felicitas.

○ the happiness of the guests.

Words and music: Jean François Lalouette (1651-1728)

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,

you have given your only Son to be for us

both a sacrifice for sin

and also an example of godly life.

give us grace

that we may always most thankfully receive

these his inestimable gifts,

and also daily endeavour

to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God of our pilgrimage,

you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Refresh and sustain us

as we go forward on our journey,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

May God the Father,
who does not despise the broken spirit,
give to you a contrite heart.

Amen.

May Christ,
who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
heal you by his wounds.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit,
who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.

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.



Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.



Sunbeams scorching all the day;
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;
prowling beasts about thy way;
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Shall not we thy sorrows share
and from earthly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
glad with thee to suffer pain?

And if Satan, vexing sore,
flesh or spirit should assail,
thou, his vanquisher before,
grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine;
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us too shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

*Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1871) and Francis Pott (1832-1909)
Music: CP 95, Aus der Tiefe (Heinlein), Melody by 'M.H' in Nürnbergisches
Gesangbuch, 1676, possibly by Martin Herbst (1654-1681)*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

We depart in silence.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

8am Tuesday

8.30am Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9am Saturday

Holy Communion *in the Lady Chapel*

8.30am Tuesday

9am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9.30am Saturday

12.30pm Thursday

Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

4pm Saturday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

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

CANON CHRIS HOLLINGSBURST

INSTALLATION IN DIOCESE OF ELY SATURDAY 18 APRIL

Canon Chris will be installed as Team Rector of the Isle of Ely Villages Team Benefice in the Diocese of Ely at a service on Saturday 18 April at 2.30pm.

The service will be conducted by the Acting Bishop of Ely, the Right Reverend Dagmar Winter, and will take place at St Andrew's Church, Sutton CB6 2RH.

All are welcome. **We are considering the possibility of hiring a coach for those wishing to attend Chris's installation. If this is something that would be of interest, could you please contact the Dean's PA, Lisa,** either by email (deanspa@guildford-cathedral.org) or telephone (01483 547862) by Monday 23 February.

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 at 11.30am after the Eucharist in the Chapter House, for reflection and discussion until 12.15pm. 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 (Revd Jo Winn-Smith, Minor Canon)

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.

THE REVEREND CANON RACHEL YOUNG

Canon Rachel Young will be retiring this summer in July 2026. She and Nigel are planning to return to East Yorkshire where they have a home and used to live. She knows that this news will be a surprise to most people here, but it is something she's been considering for a while. Further details will be shared when they are known!

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.

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.

BBC RADIO 3 CHORAL EVENSONG – 9 MARCH

On Monday 9 March at 5.30pm we are delighted to host the recording of Evensong by the BBC ready for broadcasting on the radio on Wednesday 15 April. If you would like to be a member of the congregation, you are most welcome. Please be seated by 5pm.

FRIENDS' LUNCH CLUB – SUNDAY 1 MARCH

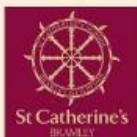
The Friends of Guildford Cathedral organise lunches once a month on the first Sunday of each month. These lunches are for Friends and non-friends. Our next Sunday lunch will be held on Sunday 1 March 2026. We will be meeting at 12.15pm at Horse and Groom, Merrow, GUI 2RG. Your food order will need to be placed a week before the day of the meal. Please come and join the Friends for lunch. A menu can be emailed to you by contacting Yvette Wright, Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral (tel 07851 371590 or email friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk)

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT – ART EXHIBITION

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.

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



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FREE ADMISSION

Girl Choristers' CONCERT

A concert celebrating a weekend of workshops by our girl choristers.

Regina Caeli - Charpentier | Missa Sanctae Annae
- Simon Beattie | Dreamland - Kristina Arakelyan |
Learsongs - William Mathias | The Oxen -
Benjamin Britten
Sweet was the Song - Britten | Three 2 part songs
- Britten | Corpus Christi carol - Britten | Songs
of Sion - Paul Bryan

SATURDAY

28 FEBRUARY

7.30pm

**AT The Anniversary Halls,
St Catherine's School, Bramley**

TICKETS - Free of charge, donations are welcome
from Cathedral Box Office:
[https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/
events/boxoffice](https://www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice)

DONATIONS are invited to cover the costs of music
being performed and to support the Choristers.

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