



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45am
1 February 2026

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE CATHEDRAL FESTAL EUCHARIST



WELCOME

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

This Principal Feast Day of the church is also known as Candlemas or - in the Book of Common Prayer - The Purification of Saint Mary the Virgin. It occurs on 2 February (and has been transferred to today, 1 Feb) and recalls the occasion when the 40-day old baby Jesus was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem so that Mary and Joseph could give thanksgiving for his safe delivery and Mary's recovery from childbirth. Two people who lived in Jerusalem and who had been waiting for God's Messiah discerned the Messiah in Jesus. In the midst of their joy there were also poignant words given to Joseph and Mary. Simeon foretells the opposition that Jesus' ministry will encounter and the suffering that this will cause his mother, saying to her, 'a sword will pierce through your own soul also'. Anna becomes the first evangelist, 'speaking of the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.' Candlemas has a pivotal nature as it marks the end of the celebration of the Incarnation (the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany), and we turn towards the weeks that approach Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

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 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

You have been given a candle which will be lit near the end of 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 right hand side corner. Parents/carers are asked to remain with their children at all times and to keep the toys in the baptistry. If you need any help please ask one of the stewards on duty. Unfortunately, there is no Sunday School today for children aged 3-11. We 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.

MASS SETTING

Missa Brevis *Jonathan Dove (b.1959)*

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

The president this morning is The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst and the visiting preacher is The Right Reverend Dr Chris Herbert, retired Bishop of St. Albans and visiting Professor in Christian Ethics at the University of Surrey.

THE GATHERING

Stand **HYMN**



When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and spring's on the way.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

The kings have departed, the shepherds have gone,
the child and his parents are left on their own.

They go to the temple, obeying the law,
and offer two pigeons, the gift of the poor.

But Anna and Simeon recognize there
the Christ-child who came at the turn of the year.

The old who have suffered and waited so long
see hope for the world as they welcome the young.

They gaze at God's wonderful answer to prayer,
the joy of the Jews and the Gentiles' desire.

They see before Mary a heart-piercing grief,
but trust is complete at the end of their life.

For Mary will follow, with tears in her eyes,
her Saviour and Son to the foot of the cross.

The candles invite us to praise and to pray
when Christmas greets Easter on Candlemas Day.

*A glory dawns in every dark place,
the light of Christ, the fullness of grace.*

Words: Elizabeth Cosnett (1936-2024)

Music: CP 80 Lourdes, French traditional melody.

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE GREETING

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

INTRODUCTION

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this Eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

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 that we may know and share the light of Christ.

A moment of silent prayer

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Malachi 3.1-5 read by Helen Roche

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the Lord God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight - indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

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

PSALM 24.7-10

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



Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is the King of glory?’ :

‘The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord who is mighty in battle’. *Response*

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up you everlasting doors :
and the King of glory shall come in.

‘Who is this King of glory?’ :

‘The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory’. *Response*

Chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

Refrain: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b. 1970)

SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-18 read by Ella, a chorister

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir and then sung by everybody.



A light to enlighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.22-40

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise- to you, O Christ.



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

Sit **SERMON** The Right Reverend Dr Chris Herbert

THE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Clare Chardin

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

Let us pray to the Father through Christ, who is our light and life.

Sit or

kneel

The bidding and response are

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In conclusion, the leader says

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:

'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness

but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light

and confess them in penitence and faith.

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.**

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.

Stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may offer one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN



Sing we of the blessed Mother
 who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
 bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
 at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
 and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
 of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
 she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
 reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
 paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary
 when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
 waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
 of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
 manifest through wind and flame.



Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

Words: CP 241 George Boorne Timms (1910-1997)

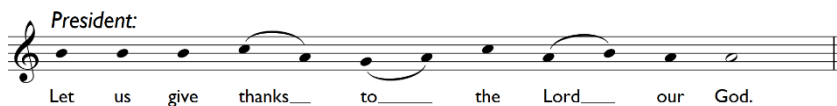
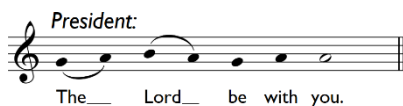
Music: CP 418 Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Taylor (1907-1991)

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right and good,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh
to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.
And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

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.

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.



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.



*Sit or
kneel*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**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.*

COMMUNION MOTET

Alleluia!

The old man carried the boy, but the boy ruled the old man,
alleluia.

Words: 'Alleluia' Feast of Candlemas

Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

Stand **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

THE CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

HYMN

As the hymn is sung, stewards light the congregation's candles. The servers and clergy process to the font at the west end of the nave; as the procession passes, the congregation turns to face west towards the font.



Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people,

light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
 Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
 shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
 walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
 making your kingdom come.

Words: Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)

Music: SP13 Christ Be Our Light, Bernadette Farrell (b 1957)

PRAYER

Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light,
pour into the hearts of your faithful people
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,
that we, who by these kindling flames
light up this temple to your glory,
may have the darkness of our souls dispelled,
and so be counted worthy to stand before you
in that eternal city where you live and reign,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Sung by the choir.

Antiphon:

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

Text: Luke 2. 29-32

Music: Short Service, William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Antiphon: Plainsong

FINAL RESPONSORY

Father, here we bring to an end our celebration
of the Saviour's birth.

**Help us, in whom he has been born,
to live his life that has no end.**

Here we have offered the Church's sacrifice of praise.

**Help us, who have received the bread of life,
to be thankful for your gift.**

Here we have rejoiced with faithful Simeon and Anna.

**Help us, who have found the Lord in his temple,
to trust in your eternal promises.**

Here we have greeted the light of the world.

**Help us, who extinguish these candles,
never to forsake the light of Christ.**

Here we stand near the place of baptism.

**Help us, who are marked with the cross,
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.

**Help us, for whom Lent is near,
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.

**Help us, who now go in peace,
to shine with your light in the world.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We remain standing whilst the crucifer leads the choir along the south aisle into the south ambulatory, after which there are refreshments at the west end. You are welcome to listen to the voluntary or make your way to the back of the Cathedral. Please extinguish your candle.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat (BWV 552) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Festal Cathedral Eucharist

6.00pm Festal Choral Evensong *including a Te Deum sung by the choir*

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

4pm Saturday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday *with Bradfield College Choir*,
Thursday, Friday

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 8 FEBRUARY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist *celebrating Racial Justice Sunday*

6.00pm Choral Evensong

ASH WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

8.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

9am Holy Communion *with ashing, in the Lady Chapel*

5.30pm Evening Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

7pm Choral Eucharist *with ashing*

CANON CHRIS HOLLINGSBURST – FURTHER UPDATE

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. Chris and Kathy's last service at Guildford Cathedral will be the Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday 22 March followed by a Reception at the west end of the nave.

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.

SAFEGUARDING AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral is committed to Safeguarding as an integral part of its ministry and mission, promoting a safer culture and the welfare of every child, young person and adult. As such, the Cathedral has robust policies, procedures and guidelines in place, to ensure good practice throughout the community. Chapter has overall responsibility for Safeguarding, and the Safeguarding Leadership Group reports to Chapter every month on the progress of our Safeguarding journey and any issues arising. The members of the Safeguarding Leadership Group are listed below and can be contacted at any time on any Safeguarding concern you may have about yourself or another member of the Cathedral Community.

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FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL LUNCH CLUB

The Friends of Guildford Cathedral organises lunches on the first Sunday of each month which are for both Friends and non-Friends. Our next Sunday lunch will be held TODAY Sunday 1 February 2026. We will be meeting at 12.15pm at Worplesdon Place, Perry Hill, Worplesdon GU3 3RY. If you would like to join the Friends for Lunch, please contact Yvette Wright (Secretary) Tel. 07851 371590 or email friends@guildfordcathedral.org.uk

