



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

9.45 am
25 January 2026

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST



WELCOME

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

The dramatic change (conversion) of the anti-Christian zealot, Saul, to become Paul, the apostle of Christ, is related in the Acts of the Apostles and it has to be remembered that this was simply the beginning. Saul took some time to become Paul and some time to begin to understand that his call to preach the saving power of Jesus, the Son of God, to Jew and to Gentile was something that was a whole life's journey for him. Paul wrote in the letter to Galatians, 'God set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace ... three years after (*the Damascus Road conversion*), I went up to Jerusalem'. The preparation for the event from the Acts of the Apostles was his whole life. This feast has been celebrated in the Church since the sixth century but became universal in the twelfth century.

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.

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.

MASS SETTING

Mass in G (D 167) *Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

PRESIDENT AND PREACHER

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

THE GATHERING

HYMN



Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.

Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.

Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.

Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

Words: Sing Praise 117, Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)

Music: CP 558, Lobe den Herren, German 17th-century melody harmonised by Editors of 'The Chorale Book for England' (1863)

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

THE GREETING

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship.

**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.

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

Almighty God,
who caused the light of the gospel
to shine throughout the world
through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit **FIRST READING** Acts 9.1-22 read by Joy Allen

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but

saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.'

So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptised, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

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

PSALM 67

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



God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make his face to shine upon us.
That your way may be known upon earth :
your saving power among all nations. *Response*

Let the peoples praise you O God :
let all the peoples praise you.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :
for you will judge the peoples righteously;
and govern the nations upon earth. *Response*

Let the peoples praise you O God :
 let all the peoples praise you.
 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :
 and God our own God will bless us.
 God will bless us :
 and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. *Response*

Chant: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

SECOND READING Galatians 1.11-16a read by Harriet Foges

A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation

of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

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.



Many who are first will be last,
and the last will be first.

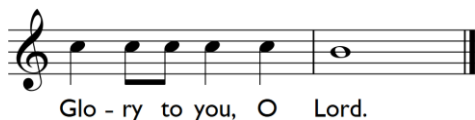
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL READING Matthew 19.27-30

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

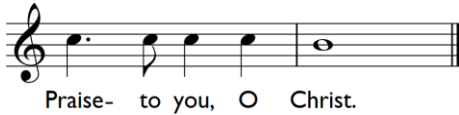
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Peter said in reply to Jesus, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his

glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit **SERMON** The Reverend Canon Chris Hollingshurst

Stand **THE CREED**

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ.

**We believe and declare that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the world;
**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
**The Word became flesh and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

from the Athanasian Creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION led by Suzi Bloomfield

The president invites everyone to pray, saying

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

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



O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be for ever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done':
O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.



For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed of old,
back to the church which still that faith doth keep;
soon may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
may we be one with all thy church above,
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:
more blessèd still, in peace and love to be
one with the Trinity in Unity.







Words: William Turton (1856-1938)

Music: CP 318, Song 1 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Almighty Father,
as we celebrate this holy sacrament of our redemption
may your Spirit fill us with the light of faith;
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

<i>President:</i>  The__ Lord__ be with you.	<i>All:</i>  And__ al - so with you.
<i>President:</i>  Lift up your__ hearts.__	<i>All:</i>  We lift them to__ the Lord.__
<i>President:</i>  Let us give thanks__ to__ the Lord__ our God.	
<i>All:</i>  It is right to give thanks__ and praise.__	

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For on this day he called to his service
the blasphemer and persecutor of your Church.
Saul, who had resisted your grace,
became Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.
Because he was faithful and true in his ministry,
you made him an example of patient service,
to instruct in the way of eternal life
all those who heard his preaching and believed your word.

Now, therefore, he who became your chosen instrument
for the salvation of the nations
has made us also eager to proclaim your mercy,
and sing in union with all the powers of heaven
the joyful hymn of your 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>

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

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.


Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,
 and with this bread and this cup
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon:



Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

All:



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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
 in the presence of your divine majesty,
 renew us by your Spirit,
 inspire us with your love
 and unite us in the body of your Son,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
 we worship you, Father almighty,
 in songs of everlasting praise:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and pow'r be



yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

*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

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 communicants 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,
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

O salutaris hostia,
quae caeli pandis ostium:
bella premunt hostilia,
da robur, fer auxilium.

*O loving Saviour, (save us all)
throw open wide the heavenly gate:
we are threatened by sin and hate:
give strength to help us lest we fall.*

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

Music: Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868)

Stand

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

A moment of silent prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Merciful God,
you have called us to your table
and fed us with the bread of life.
Draw us and all people to serve your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

THE SENDING OUT

THE BLESSING

May Christ who called Paul to his service,
and to preach the good news to the world,
strengthen you to witness to his grace and love.
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.



Glory to thee, O God,
for all thy saints in light,
who nobly strove and conquered in the well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life outpoured
by fire and sword for Christ their King.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord,
for saints thy Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live thy life and speak thy word.
Unnumbered they
whose candles shine
to lead our footsteps after thine.

Lord God of truth and love,
'thy kingdom come', we pray;
give us thy grace to know thy truth and walk thy way;
that here on earth
thy will be done,
till saints in earth and heaven are one.

Words: Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

Music: CP 217 Harewood, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C major (BWV 547) Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SERVICES TODAY

7.30am Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

9.45am Cathedral Eucharist

6.00pm Choral Evensong with Commissioning of Rev Jo Winn-Smith as Priest-Vicar and Minor Canon of this Cathedral

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

5.30pm Wednesday

4pm Saturday

Choral Evensong

5.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Taizé Prayer

8pm Wednesday *in the crossing at the front of the nave.*

A service of meditative prayer through singing with candles, icons and silence.

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY - CANDLEMAS

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 Cathedral Eucharist

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

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.”

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!

RED HOUSE RHYTHM AND BLUES DUO IN SEASONS

Canon Chris’ Blues Duo will be playing for the last time in Seasons Café in the evening of Thursday 26 February. Tickets will go on sale shortly, priced to include a single course meal. The café and the bar and will be open for any who wish to buy additional drinks or desserts. Previous evenings with Red House Rhythm and Blues Duo have, like the recent quiz nights, proved to be lovely community gatherings and Carla and her team would love to welcome as many of you as possible. More information will follow soon but do put the date in your diaries now if you would like to come!

CATHEDRAL FORUM: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INVITED

Under the new Cathedrals’ Measure, Guildford Cathedral is establishing a Cathedral Forum to act as a voice for the Cathedral community and a key channel of communication with Chapter as our Vision and Strategy develop. The Forum will comprise 8–12 members, including a Chair appointed by Chapter, and will meet at least termly. We are now looking to populate this committee, and the Nominations Committee is inviting expressions of interest from those who would like to be part of it.

Proposed Composition

- 2 staff
- 5 worshippers (from across Cathedral congregations)
- 2 volunteers
- 1 parent from the girls’ choir
- 1 parent from the boys’ choir

Who Can Apply

Expressions of interest are welcomed from staff, volunteers, worshippers, and choir parents who share our vision and strategy, support our commitment to safeguarding, inclusion, and equality, and wish to act as a link between Chapter and the Cathedral community.

How to Apply

Please send an email or letter outlining:

1. Your current involvement with the Cathedral
2. Any committee experience (helpful but not required)
3. Your reasons for wishing to join
4. Which membership group you would represent

Deadline: 31 January 2026

Applicants will be notified by mid-February, with the first meeting expected before Easter.

Email: communications@guildford-cathedral.org
(marked "For the attention of Major-General Roddy Porter")

Post:

Major-General Roddy Porter
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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

It was announced on Wednesday that 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 on 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 on Sunday first of February, please contact Yvette Wright (Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral) Tel. 07851 371590 or email friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk