



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

9.45am  
3 May 2026

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CATHEDRAL EUCHARIST



# WELCOME

## **EASTERTIDE**

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ.

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song and the gold and white vestments along with the decoration of churches and fresh flowers after the austerity of Lent emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has, from the late fourth century, been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

## **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.**

## **RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the sacrament. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left (north) side at the front.

## **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. A Sunday School for children aged 3-11 years will be held on the first Sunday of the 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.

## **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.



## **MUSIC SETTING**

Mass for three voices *William Byrd (c.1540-1623)*

## **PRESIDENT AND PREACHER**

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

Stand

# THE GATHERING

## HYMN



Christ is our corner-stone,  
on him alone we build;  
with his true saints alone  
the courts of heaven are filled:  
    on his great love  
    our hopes we place  
    of present grace  
    and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise  
these hallowed courts shall ring;  
our voices we will raise  
the Three in One to sing;  
    and thus proclaim  
    in joyful song,  
    both loud and long,  
    that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do thou  
for evermore draw nigh;  
accept each faithful vow,  
and mark each suppliant sigh;  
    in copious shower  
    on all who pray  
    each holy day  
    thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven  
the grace which we implore;  
and may that grace, once given,  
be with us evermore,  
    until that day  
    when all the blest  
    to endless rest  
    are called away.

*Words: Latin, eighth century; tr. John Chandler (1806-1876)*

*Music: CP 395 Harewood, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)*

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

*Deacon* In baptism we died with Christ,  
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,  
we might walk in newness of life.  
Let us receive new life in him  
as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu  
Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus

Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis  
peccata mundi, miserere  
nobis; qui tollis peccata  
mundi, suscipe deprecationem  
nostrum; qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris:  
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus;

tu solus Dominus;

tu solus Altissimus,

Jesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu,

in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.*

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.*

*We give thanks to you for your  
great glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King.*

*God the Father almighty.*

*Only Son of the Father, Jesus  
Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God,*

*Son of the Father: who takes  
away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us; who takes away  
the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer; who sits at  
the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy upon us.*

*For you alone are holy;*

*you alone are the Lord;*

*you alone are the Most High,*

*Jesus Christ,*

*with the Holy Spirit,*

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

*A moment of silent prayer.*

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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** Genesis 8.1-19 read by Ann Bourne

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and all the domestic animals that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided; the fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, and the waters gradually receded from the earth. At the end of one hundred and fifty days the waters had abated; and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains appeared. At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to

him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.

In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and saw that the face of the ground was drying. In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. Then God said to Noah, 'Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh - birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth - so that they may abound on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.' So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

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

## PSALM 31.1-5,15-16

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



In you O Lord have I taken refuge, let me never be put to shame :  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me :  
make haste to deliver me. *Response.*

Be my strong rock a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold :  
guide me and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me :  
for you are my strength.

Into your hands commend my spirit :  
for you have redeemed me O Lord God of truth. *Response.*

'My times are in your hand :  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies  
and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant :  
and save me for your mercy's sake. *Response.*

*Chant: George Cooper (1820-1876)*

## SECOND READING Acts 7.55-60 read by Marion Roberts

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.*



Choir Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.'  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL READING** John 14.1-14

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**



Sit **SERMON** The Very Reverend Bob Cooper.

Stand **THE CREED**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** led by The Reverend Phil Roche

*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.**

*Stand* **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**THE PEACE**

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

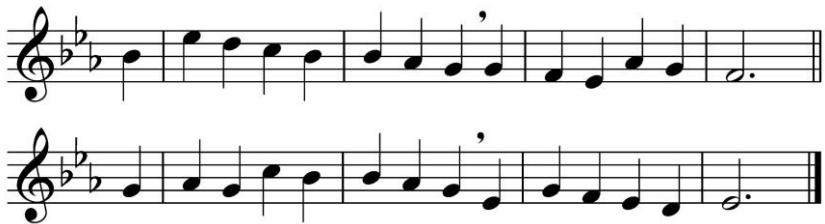
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

**HYMN**



How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807)*


*Music: CP 467 St. Peter, Alexander Reinagle (1799-1877)*

## **THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Creator of all,  
you wash away our sins,  
you give us new birth by the Spirit,  
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.  
As we celebrate the resurrection,  
renew your gift of life within us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
**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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in us the image of your glory.  
He has placed us once more in paradise  
and opened to us the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

<i>Choir</i>	<p>Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,          Dominus Deus Sabaoth.          Pleni sunt caeli          et terra gloria tua.          Hosanna in excelsis.</p> <p>Benedictus qui venit          in nomine Domini.          Hosanna in excelsis.</p>	<p><i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,          God of power and might.          Heaven and earth are          full of your glory.          Hosanna in the highest.</i></p> <p><i>Blessed is he who comes          in the name of the Lord.          Hosanna in the highest.</i></p>
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We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 and as we obey his command,  
 send your Holy Spirit,  
 that broken bread and wine outpoured  
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
 and, taking bread, he praised you.  
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
 Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
 in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
 made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

*Deacon:*



Great is the mys - te ry of faith:

The musical notation for the Deacon's part is a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter rest.

*All:*



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

The musical notation for the All's part is a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter rest. The final note is a half note G4 with a fermata.

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

*All:*



A - - - men.

The musical notation for the All's part is a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4 and a quarter rest. The final note is a half note G4 with a fermata.

Sit **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

or kneel

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

**GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All who are baptized or confirmed are welcome to receive the sacrament.  
There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not  
intinct your wafer. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your  
hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available at the station on the left  
(north) side at the front.*

## **AGNUS DEI**

*Choir* 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 be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :  
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise :  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

*Words: Psalm 100*

*Music: Charles Macpherson (1870-1927)*

*Stand*     **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

*A moment of silent prayer.*

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**God of truth,  
we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life:  
strengthen our faith  
that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# THE SENDING OUT

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## THE BLESSING

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.  
**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's 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.*



Church of God, elect and glorious,  
holy nation, chosen race;  
called as God's own special people,  
royal priests and heirs of grace:  
know the purpose of your calling,  
show to all his mighty deeds;  
tell of love which knows no limits,  
grace which meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness  
into his most marvellous light;  
brought his truth to life within you,  
turned your blindness into sight.  
Let your light so shine around you  
that God's name is glorified;  
and all find fresh hope and purpose  
in Christ Jesus crucified.



Once you were an alien people,  
strangers to God's heart of love;  
but he brought you home in mercy,  
citizens of heaven above.  
Let his love flow out to others,  
let them feel a Father's care;  
that they too may know his welcome  
and his countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,  
be the people he intends;  
strong in faith and swift to answer  
each command your master sends:  
royal priests, fulfil your calling  
through your sacrifice and prayer;  
give your lives in joyful service -  
sing his praise, his love declare.

*Words: Sing Praise 152, James Seddon (1915-1983) from 1 Peter 2  
Music: CP 137 Lux Eoi, Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* With the power that raised Jesus from the dead at work within you,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*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 quietly make your way to the back of the Cathedral.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Paraphrase sur un chœur de Judas Maccabaeus *Alexandre Guilmant*

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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

**6pm** Choral Evensong

## SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Morning Prayer** *in the Lady Chapel*

**8am** Tuesday

**8.30am** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**9am** Monday (Bank Holiday), Saturday

**Holy Communion** *in the Lady Chapel*

**8.30am** Tuesday

**9am** Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

**9.30am** Monday (Bank Holiday), Saturday

**Evening Prayer**

**4.00pm** Monday (Bank Holiday), Saturday

**5.30pm** Wednesday

**Choral Evensong**

**5.30pm** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

## SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY 10 MAY

**7.30am** Morning Prayer *in the Lady Chapel*

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

**9.45am** Cathedral Eucharist *followed by an informal Instrumental Concert by boy choristers at the west end of the Cathedral*

**6pm** Choral Evensong

## **ASKING FOR PRAYER AND INTERCESSION**

Please contact the Dean's Virger and his team on 01483 547877 or via [virger@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:virger@guildford-cathedral.org) if you would like to add a name to the list of people prayed for in services. Please ensure that you have appropriate permission to do so. Canon Mavis continues to operate a confidential prayer group, and you can contact her to request confidential prayer on 01483 808097 or via [mavis.wilson@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:mavis.wilson@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, lay chalice assistants, intercessors or lesson readers. 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. Training will be held after the Sunday morning Eucharist, 11.15am-12.30pm, as follows:

TODAY Sunday 3 May – for intercessors

Sunday 10 May – for lay chalice assistants

Sunday 14 June – for lesson readers

For more information, speak to Canon Rachel Young or please email her ([Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:Rachel.young@guildford-cathedral.org)).

## **VISIT TO CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL INCLUDING THE FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS ON THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026**

We hope you would like to join The Friends of Guildford Cathedral on a coach trip to Chichester Cathedral, including The Festival of Flowers on Thursday 4 June. Itinerary: 9am meet at Guildford Cathedral; ETA time of arrival at Chichester Cathedral 10.15am; Depart Chichester Cathedral 5pm; Estimated time of coach arrival back at Guildford Cathedral 6pm. Price: £47.00 per person (Friends' discounted price £42). Booking Forms available at the information desk, or a Form can be emailed to you by contacting **Yvette Wright** Secretary to The Friends of Guildford Cathedral Tel: 07851 371590 [friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:friends@guildford-cathedral.org.uk) To join the Friends of Guildford Cathedral, pick up a form in the Cathedral or email Yvette Wright.

## **GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM AUGUST 2026**

We will once again be going on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in 2026. The pilgrimage will run from Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August, with the option of staying until after breakfast on Monday 31 August. We are very pleased that Dean Bob will be accompanying us. The pilgrimage provides opportunities to take part in the rich liturgies of the Shrine, Sunday Eucharist at St. Mary's Parish Church, a visit to the Slipper Chapel and Roman Catholic shrine, or quiet reflection in the grounds of the Shrine and walking in the lovely Norfolk countryside near the Shrine. Fellowship and deepening of faith is at the heart of the pilgrimage. The cost, full board including breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Shrine refectory will be approximately £290 or £200 per person, depending on whether you depart on the Monday or Sunday. We still have two places available. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, then please contact Donald Thompson, in person at the Cathedral, or via email, [don230224@gmail.com](mailto:don230224@gmail.com)

## **FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE CATHEDRAL Foreign Coins and Notes needed!**

The Cathedral raises vital funds from donations of foreign (and UK) coins and notes. Some of the currency is repatriated thanks to travellers on holiday or on business, as spending money or for exchange at banks abroad. Anything is welcome, from whole collections to the odd few coins. Age and obsolescence are not a problem. Increasingly we are receiving amounts of small current UK coinage - 1p, 2p and 5p which can accumulate at home and are a nuisance to take to the bank. Our total to date is £32,527. Please add your "penn'orth"! Donations can be left with the Sacristy of the Office, or I can collect. Many thanks to donors, new or old! John Mitchell (01483 715459).

## **CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY - STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE - FREE TOWER TOUR SATURDAY 9 MAY**

A reminder that students and young people in our community are invited to a free Tower Tour with a light lunch (sandwiches & cake!) on Saturday 9 May. Meet at 12 noon in the Chapter House and we should be finished by 2-2.30pm.

If you haven't already done, so please confirm if you would like to join this event by contacting Faith McCarthy BEFORE Friday 8 May. For safety reasons we do need to know numbers and names of those going up the tower. There may be room for you to bring a friend or two but check with Faith first. Please message or email Faith with your RSVP and details on 07962 063041  
savage.mccarthy@btopenworld.com

### **ABBOT'S HOSPITAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT VOLUNTEER**

Abbot's Hospital, Guildford's historic High Street Almshouse, is seeking a volunteer to help develop contacts with the people of Guildford and the area, and organisations and bodies interested in charities such as ours; to publicise activities and news relating to the Hospital through a newsletter and social media; to keep social media up to date; and to facilitate events in the Hospital involving the public. This role is initially for a volunteer but could develop over time. The volunteer would work closely with the Master and Governors. If you might be interested in helping, please contact Ian Bowler, the Master, at master@abbotshospital.org.

### **VACANCY FOR TRUSTEE MEMBER FOR THE FRIENDS OF GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL (FOGC)**

Mary Morris recently stepped down as a Trustee on the FOGC Board. We thank Mary for all the work she has contributed over the years. The Friends of Guildford Cathedral need new Trustees. Could this be for you? The Trustees administer the funds on behalf of the Charity and distribute them to the Cathedral in accordance with purposes of the Charity set out in its governing document which are to 'advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public, to provide furnishings, embellishments and equipment for the Cathedral and to advance the education of the public in religious fabric and assisting in the maintenance of the Cathedral'. We meet 3 times a year to consider proposals from Chapter as well as our annual general meeting. No specialised knowledge is required, and all applications will be considered. Anyone who is a member of the Friends and interested in supporting the Cathedral is welcome to apply. Please feel free to contact me by email or telephone, or see me at the Cathedral, for a discussion. Joy Allen, Chair of the Friends of Guildford Cathedral (email joy.allen@btinternet.com or phone 07768 476323).





